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**NOTICE: Board Consolidation and the Establishment of the Board of Registration of  
Cosmetology and Barbering**

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Effective May 4, 2015, the following boards of registration will be consolidated into a new Board of Registration of Cosmetology and Barbering:

- Board of Registration of Cosmetology;
- Board of Registration of Barbers; and
- Board of Registration of Electrologists.

Individuals, businesses, and schools holding a license issued by one of the aforementioned boards of registration **do not** need to take any action at this time. Renewal applications will continue to be sent to licensees at the address of record on file with the board of registration that currently issues their license. Existing fees and renewal schedules will also remain in effect until further notice.

Individuals, businesses, and schools seeking initial licensure prior to May 4<sup>th</sup> should follow the existing application process. Following the establishment of the Board of Registration of Cosmetology and Barbering on May 4<sup>th</sup>, the new Board will provide updated application forms and information regarding any changes to the application process. All regulations and policies previously issued by one of the aforementioned boards of registration will continue to remain in effect until they are superseded, revised, rescinded or cancelled.

These changes are the result of statutory changes made by [Chapter 236 of the Acts of 2014](#), which sought to streamline and improve the operations and business processes of boards registration under the supervision of the Division of Professional Licensure (DPL). Although the majority of the law's provisions took effect on November 4, 2014, the enacting legislation provided DPL with an additional six months to complete the consolidation process and establish the Board of Registration of Cosmetology and Barbering.

Qualified individuals interested in serving on the new Board of Registration of Cosmetology and Barbering are encouraged to apply for a position by e-mailing a resume and letter of interest to Cheryl Yebba at [Cheryl.A.Yebba@state.ma.us](mailto:Cheryl.A.Yebba@state.ma.us). To qualify for a position, applicants must satisfy one of the following criteria:

- A licensed cosmetologist who has owned a licensed cosmetology school or post-secondary institution for at least five (5) years;
- A licensed cosmetologist with at least five (5) years of experience;
- A licensed cosmetologist who has owned a licensed shop for at least five (5) years;



- A licensed vocational educator from the public sector who has taught cosmetology or barbering for at least five (5) years;
- A licensed master barber with at least five (5) years of experience (two positions available);
- A licensed electrologist with at least five (5) years of experience;
- A licensed aesthetician with at least five (5) years of experience; and
- A member of the general public, with no direct affiliation with the practice of cosmetology, barbering or electrology.

All board members are appointed by the Governor and serve on a voluntary basis. Board members serve for a fixed term of three to five years, and some may be limited in the number of terms they may serve.

Additional notices containing updates on the establishment of the Board of Registration of Cosmetology and Barbering may be posted as needed. Please continue to monitor both DPL's website, as well as the individual board of registration pages, for updates. To learn more about the changes made by [Chapter 236 of the Acts of 2014](#), please consult DPL's official [Notice](#) announcing the implementation of the majority of the law's provisions.

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