

CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES
CHAPTER 387
HAIRDRESSERS AND COSMETICIANS

Section 20-250. Definitions. The following terms when used in this chapter shall have the following meanings unless the context otherwise indicates:

- (1) "Board" means the board of examiners established under section 20-235a;
- (2) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of public health;
- (3) "Department" means the department of public health;
- (4) "Hairdressing and cosmetology" means the art of dressing, arranging, curling, waving, weaving, cutting, singeing, bleaching and coloring the hair and treating the scalp of any person, and massaging, cleansing, stimulating, manipulating, exercising or beautifying with the use of the hands, appliances, cosmetic preparations, antiseptics, tonics, lotions, creams, powders, oils or clays and doing similar work on the face, neck and arms, and manicuring the fingernails of any person for compensation, provided nothing in this definition shall prohibit an unlicensed person from performing facials, eyebrow arching, shampooing or manicuring of the fingernails or, for cosmetic purposes only, trimming, filing and painting the healthy toenails, excluding cutting nail beds, corns and calluses or other medical treatment involving the foot or ankle, or braiding hair;
- (5) "Registered hairdresser and cosmetician" means any person (A) who has successfully completed the eighth grade or (B) who has passed an equivalency examination, evidencing such education, prepared by the commissioner of education and conducted by the department of public health and who holds a license to practice as a registered hairdresser and cosmetician;
- (6) "Student" means any person who is engaged in learning or acquiring a knowledge of hairdressing and cosmetology at a school approved in accordance with the provisions of this chapter who has successfully completed eighth grade or its equivalent. The provisions of this section shall not apply to schools conducted by the State Board of Education.

Section 20-252. Licenses. Examinations. No person shall engage in the occupation of registered hairdresser and cosmetician without having obtained a license from the department. Persons desiring such licenses shall apply in writing on forms furnished by the department. No license shall be issued, except a renewal of a license, to a registered hairdresser and cosmetician unless the applicant has shown to the satisfaction of the department that the applicant has complied with the laws and the regulations administered or adopted by the department. No applicant shall be licensed as a registered hairdresser and cosmetician, except by renewal of a license, until the applicant has made written application to the department, setting forth by affidavit that the applicant has successfully completed the ninth grade and that the applicant has completed a course of not less than fifteen hundred hours of study in a school approved in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, in a school teaching hairdressing and cosmetology under the supervision of the State Board of Education, or, if trained outside of Connecticut, in a school teaching hairdressing and cosmetology whose requirements are equivalent to those of a Connecticut school and until the applicant has passed a written examination satisfactory to the department. Examinations required for licensure under this chapter shall be prescribed by the department with the advice and assistance of the board. The department shall establish a passing score for examinations with the advice and assistance of the board which shall be the same as the passing score established in section 20-236.

Section 20-252a. Credit for out-of state training. Any applicant for a license required under the provisions of section 20-252 who has trained or studied in another state or country having licensure requirements which are substantially similar to, or higher than, those of this state shall, upon filing with the commissioner of public health an affidavit from the agency of such state or country charged with such licensing of the total number of study and training hours and licensed experience completed therein, be credited with such total number of hours toward the requirements for licensing under said section 20-252. No credit shall be granted under this section to any applicant who is the subject of a pending disciplinary proceeding or unresolved complaint.

Section 20-253. License and examination fees. Display of license. Renewal. License or examination fees shall be paid to the department at the time of application as follows: (1) For examination as a registered hairdresser and cosmetician,

the sum of one hundred dollars; and (2) for renewal of any hairdresser and cosmetician license, the sum of one hundred dollars. Each person engaged in the occupation of registered hairdresser and cosmetician shall, at all times, conspicuously display such person's license within the place where such occupation is being conducted. All hairdresser and cosmetician licenses, except as otherwise provided in this chapter, shall be renewed once every two years and shall expire in accordance with the provisions of section 19a-88, as amended by this act. No person shall carry on the occupation of hairdressing and cosmetology after the expiration of such person's license until such person has made application to the department for the renewal of such license. Such application shall be in writing, addressed to the department and signed by the person applying for such renewal. The department may renew any hairdresser and cosmetician license if application for such renewal is received by the department within ninety days after the expiration of such license.

Section 20-254. License without examination. (a) Any person who holds a license at the time of application as a registered hairdresser and cosmetician, or as a person entitled to perform similar services under different designations in any other state, in the District of Columbia, or in a commonwealth or territory of the United States, and who was issued such license on the basis of successful completion of a program of education and training in hairdressing and cosmetology and an examination shall be eligible for licensing in this state and entitled to a license without examination upon payment of a fee of one hundred dollars. No license shall be issued under this section to any applicant against whom professional disciplinary action is pending or who is the subject of an unresolved complaint.

(b) If the issuance of such license in any other state, in the District of Columbia, or in a commonwealth or territory of the United States did not require an examination, an applicant who has legally practiced cosmetology for at least five years in a state outside of Connecticut shall be eligible for licensure under this section if the applicant submits to the commissioner evidence of education and experience that is satisfactory to the commissioner and upon payment of a fee of one hundred dollars. Evidence of experience shall include, but not be limited to, (1) an original certification from the out-of-state licensing agency demonstrating at least five years of licensure, (2) correspondence from the applicant's former employers, coworkers or clients that describes the applicant's experience in the state for at least five years, and (3) a copy of tax returns that indicate cosmetology as the applicant's occupation. No license shall be issued under this section to any applicant against whom professional disciplinary action is pending or who is the subject of an unresolved complaint in the context of providing services as a cosmetician.

Section 20-255a. Guest permit to operate at educational show. Any person who is licensed to perform hairdressing or cosmetology services under similar or different designations in any other state or territory or in the District of Columbia or any foreign country may be granted a temporary guest permit by the department of public health to operate at a hairdressing or cosmetology educational show or demonstration limited to hairdressers and cosmetologists licensed by the state of Connecticut. Such permit shall be for the duration of such educational show or demonstration and shall not exceed a period of one week. Each such person shall pay a permit fee of twenty-five dollars therefore and an admission fee to such show or demonstration may be charged.

Section 20-256. Renewal of licenses of persons in armed forces. Any person who held a license to practice hairdressing and cosmetology in this state in October, 1940, or who has obtained a license since that time, and who has not renewed his license to practice hairdressing and cosmetology because of service in the armed forces, shall notify the department of public health in writing of his intention to resume practice, shall set forth by affidavit such information as the department requires and shall be issued the same type of license he last held in this state and may resume practice. In such cases the renewal fee of five dollars shall be waived for the first license issued following discharge from the armed forces.

Section 20-257. License not to be loaned. Aiding unlicensed practitioner. Each operator or registered hairdresser and cosmetician licensed under the provisions of this chapter, who rents, loans or allows the use of his license to any person or who aids or abets the practice of hairdressing and cosmetology by an unlicensed person, shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars and shall forfeit his license.

Section 20-258. Inspection of shops. Requirement for operation of shop. All hairdressing shops shall be inspected regarding their sanitary condition by the department of public health whenever the department deems it necessary, and any authorized representative of the department shall have full power to enter and inspect any such shop during usual business hours. If any shop, upon such inspection, is found to be in an unsanitary condition, the commissioner or his designee shall make written order that such shop be placed in a sanitary condition. No person, other than a person

operating a hairdressing shop on May 17, 1982, may operate any hairdressing shop unless such person has been licensed as a registered hairdresser and cosmetician for not less than two years.

Section 20-259. Management of establishments. Each such registered shop, store or place shall be under the management of a registered hairdresser and cosmetician.

Section 20-260. Practice by unlicensed person. No person who is not licensed under the provisions of this chapter shall engage in the cutting, styling or arranging of hair in any shop, store or place registered under the provisions of section 20-258.

Section 20-262. Schools for instruction. Approval. Change of location or ownership. (a) Schools for instruction in hairdressing and cosmetology may be established in this state. All applicants for a license as a registered hairdresser shall have graduated from a school of hairdressing approved by the board with the consent of the Commissioner of Public Health. All hairdressing schools may be inspected regarding their sanitary conditions by the Department of Public Health whenever the department deems it necessary and any authorized representative of the department shall have full power to enter and inspect the school during usual business hours. If any school, upon inspection, is found to be in an unsanitary condition, the commissioner or his designee shall make written order that such school be placed in a sanitary condition. (b) (1) Schools for instruction in hairdressing and cosmetology shall obtain approval pursuant to this section prior to commencing operation. In the event that an approved school undergoes a change of ownership or location, such approval shall become void and the school shall apply for a new approval pursuant to this section. Applications for such approval shall be on forms prescribed by the commissioner. In the event that a school fails to comply with the provisions of this subsection, no credit toward the fifteen hundred hours of study required pursuant to section 20-252 shall be granted to any student for instruction received prior to the effective date of school approval. (2) The Commissioner of Public Health, in consultation with the Connecticut Examining Board for Barbers, Hairdressers and Cosmeticians, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to prescribe minimum curriculum requirements for hairdressing and cosmetology schools. The commissioner, in consultation with said board, may adopt a curriculum and procedures for the approval of hairdressing and cosmetology schools, provided the commissioner prints notice of intent to adopt regulations concerning the adoption of a curriculum and procedures for the approval of hairdressing and cosmetology schools in the Connecticut Law Journal not later than thirty days after the date of implementation of such curriculum and such procedures. The curriculum and procedures implemented pursuant to this section shall be valid until such time final regulations are adopted.

Section 20-263. Disciplinary action; grounds. The commissioner of public health or his representative designated by him may investigate any alleged violation of the provisions of this chapter and, if there appears to be reasonable cause therefore, on reasonable notice to any person accused of any such violation, may refer the matter to the board for hearing; may make complaint to the prosecuting authority having jurisdiction of any such complaint or may examine into all acts of alleged abuse, fraud, or incompetence. The board may suspend the license of any operator, registered hairdresser and cosmetician or any shop registration or school license, and may revoke the license or shop registration of any person convicted of violating any provision of this chapter or any regulation adopted there under or take any of the actions set forth in section 19a-17 for any of the following reasons: The employment of fraud or deception in obtaining a license; abuse or excessive use of drugs, including alcohol, narcotics or chemicals; engaging in fraud or material deception in the course of professional services or activities; physical or mental illness, emotional disorder or loss of motor skill, including but not limited to, deterioration through the aging process, or illegal, incompetent or negligent conduct in the course of professional activities. The commissioner of public health may order a license holder to submit to a reasonable physical or mental examination if his physical or mental capacity to practice safely is the subject of an investigation. Said commissioner may petition the superior court for the judicial district of Hartford to enforce such order or any action taken pursuant to section 19a-17. No license or shop registration shall be revoked or suspended under this section until the licensee or registrant has been given notice and opportunity for hearing as provided in the regulations adopted by the commissioner of public health.

Section 20-265. Penalty. Any person who violates any provision of sections 20-252 to 20-263, inclusive, for the violation of which no other penalty is provided, shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars and, upon a second conviction, shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than sixty days or both.