



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
**DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING**  
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**Washington Administrative Code  
 Notice of Permanent Rules for  
 Chapter 308-20-080 WAC – Minimum instruction guidelines for  
 cosmetology, hair design, barbering, manicuring, esthetics and master  
 esthetics training; and  
 Chapter 308-20-105 WAC – Minimum instruction requirements for  
 instructor-trainees.**

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**Effective date:** These rule changes will become effective 31 days after filing or on August 25, 2023.

**What are the agency’s reasons for adopting this rule?**

The Department is removing the requirement for applicants to complete training before taking the license examination in accordance with HB 1017, passed during the 2023 legislative session, which allows applicants to register for or take their exam if they are within 100 hours of completing the required coursework.

**Summary of all public comments received on this rule proposal and the agency’s response to those comments:**

<b>Comments</b>	
<b>Paraphrased Comment</b>	<b>Department Response</b>
<b>How has DOL coordinated with cosmetology schools to navigate new examination requirements? We are concerned that the quick implementation could lead to confusion for students.</b>	Communication to schools and apprenticeship programs were sent via email on June 13 <sup>th</sup> , July 12 <sup>th</sup> , and July 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2023. These notices included information on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Process changes;</li> <li>• Impacts to cosmetology schools and students;</li> <li>• Step-by-step instructions on how to navigate changes in the system;</li> <li>• Frequently asked questions; and</li> </ul>

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The Department of Licensing appreciates your involvement in this rulemaking process. If you have any questions, please contact Ellis Starrett, Agency Rules Coordinator, at (360) 902-3846 or email [rulescoordinator@dol.wa.gov](mailto:rulescoordinator@dol.wa.gov).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommendations for schools and apprenticeship programs to help prepare their students.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Has there been communication with the testing provider D.L. Roope on whether they'll be able to accommodate the increased influx of students? We are concerned that the quick implementation may exacerbate the existing backlog in the testing system.</b></p>	<p>Several communications were sent to D.L. Roope (June 14<sup>th</sup> and July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023) making them aware of the potential increase, and they are working diligently to be prepared. While there may be a transition period, we and the testing vendor expect this to be temporary.</p>

One written comment was submitted regarding this rule change, and there was no oral testimony as it was an expedited rulemaking effort. All the questions or comments received by the department are included in the summary above.

**Changes made to the proposed WAC as a result of public comment:**

No changes were made to the proposed WACs.

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