Nevada State Board of Cosmetology

October 2025 Quarterly Newsletter

This quarterly newsletter will contain information for students, instructors, schools, and licensees. Check out each edition to see what is new and receive updates on important information.

Executive Director's Corner

Welcome to our 6 th Quarterly Newsletter, covering the period July 2025 to September 2025. After getting some well-deserved respite after the busy legislative season, we are getting ready for a busy holiday season. In honor of this holiday season, this newsletter spells out timely cosmetology industry observations with holiday cheer for students, licensees, schools, and establishments. WE, together, can ensure that the public and cosmetology industry stays healthy and safe. Happy holidays! Cheers!



Steven McDonald Executive Director

General Public Communication

The purpose of the Board is to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of cosmetology-related services. The Board does not have jurisdiction over topics such as refunds, quality of services, poor services, harassment, discrimination, or criminal activity.

Are you unsure if the individual doing your hair, lashes, nails, and facial is licensed? You can verify individual licenses and salon licenses on our website. Go to nvcosmo.com/licensee-lookup.

We updated our website! Visit the website for important announcements, online services, up-to-date information, and any closures. The website is easier to read and find what you are looking for!

Working without a license is against the law. Complaints about unlicensed activity can be submitted on our website under "File a Complaint" on our main page.





Licensee Communication

Is your license expired? Do not be frightened by the late fee! There is a \$20 late fee each month it is late!

Don't Ghost Us! Update your home address and email. You can update your information by selecting "Update contact information" under "Popular Links" on our website.

If you share a workspace, you and the other licensee are responsible for that space. If it is not easy to identify whose supplies belong to whom, you both could be cited. You will be thankful to each other for keeping it clean.

Spread holiday cheer, not germs, this holiday season. Follow the law and regulations for sanitation standards. We want you to sleigh your sanitation!

You may travel this holiday season, but your Advanced Esthetic collaboration agreement does not! If you are an advanced esthetician and require medical supervision for services, there needs to be a collaboration at EACH location where you work. Don't leave any baggage behind, and make sure you submit a termination agreement when you are no longer working at that location or with the medical professional.

Student, Instructor and School Information

Students- Have you reviewed the social media guidelines to ensure you comply with the requirements for your accounts and posts? Ask your school for the guidelines or reach out to the Board to ensure your account complies!

Instructors- Unsure if the information being provided to students is accurate? Reach out to the Board for help! We want to ensure that students are being provided accurate information regarding licensing.

Schools- Make sure to review your curriculum for each program. There is now a maximum number of theory hours a student can do! Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have questions about your curriculum.

Schools- If you are allowing a student to use hours from a previous school, the letter of credit MUST be included on the enrollment. If it is not included, the student may have to complete additional hours.



Establishment Information

Don't send Staph, an Infection, this holiday season! Ensure sanitation products and EPA-registered disinfectants are readily available!

There should not be any turkeys in your salon this holiday season, as pets or animals are NOT allowed in a salon at any time, as per NRS 644A.940. Aquarium and service animals are the only exceptions. If someone comes into your establishment with an animal, the questions you may ask are:

Is the dog a service animal required because of a disability? What work or task has the dog been trained to perform?

Establishment license renewal coming up? Please ensure that any citations or fines are paid before submitting the license renewal; otherwise, the license renewal will be refunded and the license is not issued.

Board Highlights:

The Nevada State Board of Cosmetology is pleased to announce its newly developed Language Access Plan, a significant step towards ensuring accessibility for all constituents. This plan aims to enhance communication and service delivery, reflecting our commitment to meeting the diverse needs of the community we serve. Interested individuals can access the comprehensive Language Access Plan on our website at nvcosmo.com/language-access-plan. We encourage our constituents to explore this resource and to familiarize themselves with the Board's upcoming initiatives.

This newsletter is available on our website in the following languages:

English
Spanish
Vietnamese
Simplified Chinese
Korean

The Nevada State Board of Cosmetology is a proud partner of the LVMPD Southern Nevada Human Trafficking Task Force. We work with various law enforcement and victim advocates to foster effective community education and support investigative efforts to deter future victimization. If you are interested in learning more about the Southern Nevada Human Trafficking Task Force and how you can help, visit their website at lvmpd.com/services/southern-nevada-human-trafficking-task-force.

The next Southern Nevada Human Trafficking Task Force Quarterly Collaboration Discussion will be held in November. Visit their Facebook (LVMPDhumantrafficking) or Instagram (snhttf) for date and location.

The Nevada State Board of Cosmetology compliance certificates are issued to salon and spa establishments and schools that have had two or more consecutive inspections without any individual or establishment violations. This achievement demonstrates a high level of commitment to sanitation, safety and regulatory compliance from both the establishment and the individual licensees working within it. Thank you for helping protect the public! The following salons have received the compliance certificates this past quarter:

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One 17 Hair Studios S-18323 Color Theory S-709278

The Nevada State Board of Cosmetology does not endorse or promote any establishment. This is solely for information purposes.

Did you know...

- The \$20 late fee has been a part of the law since 1987 (38 years). Since it is part of the law, the Board has no authority or discretion to waive late fees.
- The purpose of the Board is to ensure laws and regulations are being followed. If you do not comply with the laws or regulations, citations are issued.
- Sterilizers like the ones pictured below are not acceptable equipment for sterilizing. Any steam or dry sterilizer must be registered and listed with the FDA. Remember to properly clean and disinfect all implements before they are put in sterilizers.











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