

# PENNSYLVANIA STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING  
THEORY/PROCEDURAL EXAMINATIONS:  
COSMETOLOGY, NAIL TECHNICIAN, ESTHETICIAN, NATURAL HAIR BRAIDER,  
COSMETOLOGY TEACHER, ESTHETICS TEACHER, NAIL TECHNOLOGY TEACHER AND  
NATURAL HAIR BRAIDING TEACHER

Cosmetologists, Nail Technicians, Estheticians, Natural Hair Braider, Cosmetology Teacher, Esthetic Teachers, Nail Technology Teachers, and Natural Hair Braiding Teachers are required to take a new combined theory/procedural skill computer based examination.

If you would like to read more about this legislations, please follow the link listed below:

<http://www.legis.state.pa.us.cfdocs/billinfo/billinfo.cfm?year=2013&ind=0&body=H&type=B&bn=1558>

**1. Will the state be reviewing applications that have “yes” answers on the background questions?**

Yes, the state will carefully review all background questions.

**2. How many test items will pertain to Theory and how many items will pertain to Procedural skills?**

Theory and Procedural skills test will have an approximate 50/50 split between theoretical and procedural skills.

**3. Will the questions come from the Milady textbooks or the Salon Fundamentals textbook?**

We do not utilize any practice questions from textbooks on the examination. Exam items are written by a committee of Subject Matter Experts and are classified to the content outline. All items have references from both of these textbooks.

**4. How can candidates prepare for the Theory/Procedural Examination?**

Candidates should be familiar with the content outline for their examination, which is available in the candidate handbook and at the link below:

<http://www.pearsonvue.com/pa/cosmetology>

All items both theory and practical are classified to areas on that content outline.

**5. Once I pass the combined Theory and Procedural Skills Examination, will I receive my license?**

Candidates are eligible for licensure after a passing score is received and proof of 1250 hours (Cosmetologist) 500 hours (Teacher license), 300 hours (Esthetician), 300 hours (Natural Hair Braider), 200 hours (Nail Technician) are completed and submitted to the vendor.

Licenses will not be issued for candidates who apply as Early Testing, until the hours are completed and transcripts are received and processed by the vendor.