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Revised Exam Content for the Barber Practical Examinations Effective Prov Administration States: September 1, 2024

This document describes the updates to the Barber Practical examinations. Please click the link in the Prov CIB for the updated NIC Candidate Information Bulletins.

Current Exam	New Exam	Description of Change
WORK AREA AND CLIENT PREPARATION, AND SET UP OF SUPPLIES		
1.1 Disinfects all work areas completely with product labeled in English as EPA- registered, hospital-grade disinfectant	1.1 Disinfects all work areas completely with product labeled with manufacturer's label in English as EPA-registered disinfectant that is bactericidal, virucidal, and fungicidal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Manufacturer's label - Not "hospital-grade" - Bactericidal, virucidal, fungicidal
1.2 Sanitizes hands with product labeled in English	1.2 Sanitizes hands with product with manufacturer's label in English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Manufacturer's label. This criteria checked once at initial set-up, not at subsequent set-ups
1.3 Universal supplies are labeled in English	1.3 Sets up supplies for Client 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Set up for client
1.4 Items to be disinfected, soiled linens, and trash are disposed of in a correct manner throughout section	1.4 Places items to be disinfected, soiled linens, and trash in correct containers throughout section	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New language used throughout for consistency
HAIRCUTTING		
	2. HAIRCUTTING (40 minutes) Proctor - Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates: <i>"You will prepare your client for services."</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New initial prompts - New expectation of length of hair to be cut

	<p><i>"You will perform a scalp analysis."</i></p> <p>.</p> <p>.</p> <p>.</p> <p><i>"You will cut at least ½ inch of hair throughout the haircut."</i></p>	
2.4 Demonstrates safe use of clippers and comb without guard or detachable blade		- No requirement to have cord on clippers, as candidates may not have this equipment
2.5 Demonstrates safe use of clippers with guard or detachable blade		- No requirement to have cord on clippers, as candidates may not have this equipment
2.9 Hair in front of ear is uniform in length (sideburns)	2.9 Sideburns are uniform in length	- Clearer language
WORK AREA AND NEW CLIENT PREPARATION, AND SET UP OF SUPPLIES		
3. WORK AREA AND NEW CLIENT PREPARATION, AND SET UP OF SUPPLIES (15 minutes)	3. WORK AREA AND NEW CLIENT PREPARATION, AND SET UP OF SUPPLIES (10 minutes)	- 15 minutes -> 10 minutes
	4.2 Demonstrates proper draping and client preparation	- New criteria to demonstrate proper draping
4.5 Removes steam towel and lather 4.6 Re-lathers beard and mustache		- Remove criteria
4.7 Demonstrates freehand stroke in areas 1, 3, and 4 safely	4.5 Demonstrates freehand stroke in areas 1, 3, and 11 safely	- New shaving areas to demonstrate proficiency across wider variety

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . . 4.9 Demonstrates reverse freehand stroke in area 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . . 4.7 Demonstrates reverse freehand stroke in area 13 and 14 safely	
PERMANENT WAVING		
6. CHEMICAL WAVING (20 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . . . <i>"You will wrap the entire center back section of the head, from crown to nape."</i>	6. PERMANENT WAVING (15 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . . . <i>"You will wrap six rods starting at the crown, working downward toward the nape. You must use either on-base or half-off base placement for all rods."</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chemical Waving -> Permanent Waving - 20 -> 15 minutes - Specify type of wrapping to perform
	6.6 Correct rod placement used throughout entire section	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Specifies number and placement of rods
PREDISPOSITION TEST AND STRAND TEST WITH SIMULATED COLOR PRODUCT		
	7. PREDISPOSITION TEST AND STRAND TEST WITH SIMULATED COLOR PRODUCT (10 minutes) Proctor - Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . . . <i>"_You will demonstrate the strand test on any single subsection of hair. There is no required wait time for results."</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Describes strand test in subsection of hair and wait time
Drape, chemical drape	Wet service drape, waterproof drape	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Drape terminology modified
HAIR COLOR - RETOUCH APPLICATION		
9. HAIR COLOR - RETOUCH APPLICATION (15 minutes)	9. HAIR COLOR - RETOUCH APPLICATION (10 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 15 -> 10 minutes
	BLOW DRY STYLING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . . 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updated specific instructions

	<p>· Proctor - Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates:</p> <p><i>"You will perform Blow Dry Styling."</i></p> <p><i>"You will prepare your client for the service."</i></p> <p><i>"The hair must be wet."</i></p> <p><i>"You will blow dry only one front quadrant/section using a brush."</i></p>	
BLOW DRY STYLING		
BLOW DRY STYLING 12.3 Demonstrates safe use of blow dryer		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remove requirement for cord