



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 4713-7-09 Out of state license holder applications for Ohio licenses.

Effective: January 1, 2026

(A) Upon application to the board to practice cosmetology, or any branch of cosmetology, as provided for in section 4713.34 of the Revised Code, and submission of required application fee(s), a person who is licensed or registered as a cosmetologist, or in any branch of cosmetology, under the laws of another country, shall be granted licensure in the state of Ohio upon taking and passing Ohio's practical and theoretical examinations provided the total amount of hours required to complete their program were at least eighty percent of the program hours required in the state of Ohio and the licensing jurisdiction requires that testing occur at a facility managed by a centralized governing licensing body. Persons from other jurisdictions must provide certified proof of holding an equivalent license issued by their country of origin, and certified proof of training hours.

(1) The board may waive the requirement to take and pass Ohio's practical examination, and theoretical examinations examination, or both, for any individual who holds a valid license to practice cosmetology, or a branch of cosmetology other than manicuring, from another jurisdiction if all of the following are met:

- (a) The individual has held an active license or equivalent in cosmetology, or a branch of cosmetology;
- (b) The licensing authority required at least eighty percent of the program hours required in the state of Ohio at the time the license was granted;
- (c) The licensing jurisdiction required a practical examination at the time the license was granted;
- (d) The licensing jurisdiction required a theory examination at the time the license was granted; and
- (e) The licensing jurisdiction extends similar reciprocity opportunities to individuals licensed in Ohio.



(2) If an individual licensed by another jurisdiction meets all of the requirements listed in paragraph (A) of this rule, with the exception of paragraph (A)(1)(c) or (A)(1)(d) of this rule, the board may waive the respective examination requirement that was previously completed in the original licensing jurisdiction.

(B) Upon application to the board to practice barbering, as provided for in section 4709.08 of the Revised Code, and submission of required application fee(s), a person who is licensed or registered as a barber, under the laws of another country, shall be granted licensure in the state of Ohio upon taking and passing Ohio's practical and theoretical examinations provided the total amount of hours required to complete their program were at least eighty percent of the program hours required in the state of Ohio and the licensing jurisdiction requires that testing occur at a facility managed by a centralized governing licensing body. Persons from other jurisdictions must provide certified proof of holding an equivalent license issued by their country of origin, and certified proof of training hours.

(1) The board may waive the requirement to take and pass Ohio's practical examination, and theoretical examination, or both, for any individual who holds a valid license to practice barbering from another jurisdiction if all of the following are met:

- (a) Is at least eighteen years of age;
- (b) The licensing jurisdiction required at least eighty percent of the program hours required in the state of Ohio at the time the license was granted;
- (c) The licensing jurisdiction required a practical examination at the time the license was granted;
- (d) The licensing jurisdiction required a theory examination at the time the license was granted; and
- (e) The licensing jurisdiction of the applicant extends similar reciprocity opportunities to individuals licensed in Ohio.

(2) If an individual licensed by another jurisdiction meets all the requirements listed in paragraph (B)(1) of this rule, with the exception of paragraph (B)(1)(c) or (B)(1)(d) of this rule, the board may



waive the respective examination requirement that was previously completed in the original licensing jurisdiction.

(C) After issuance of a license to practice cosmetology, any branch of cosmetology, or barbering in accordance with this rule, section 4709.07 of the Revised Code, section 4713.28 of the Revised Code, or title 4796 of the Revised Code, the board shall not provide certified verification of licensure to any other state, territory of the United States, District of Columbia, or other country until one year after the date of issuance. The restriction on certification and transferability of licensure under this division do not apply to any of the following:

- (1) A person who is an active duty military member or spouse of an active duty military member who provides proof of military orders transferring them or their spouse to another state, territory of the United States, District of Columbia, or another country; or
- (2) A person who presents valid proof of the necessity to move to another state, territory of the United States, District of Columbia, or another country due to acceptance of a spouse's employment or illness of an immediate family member.