



## Ohio Administrative Code

### Rule 4713-8-03 Standards relating to competent practice as a cosmetologist.

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(A) A cosmetologist shall provide cosmetology services within a salon where the license is current, active, and appropriate to the scope of practice of cosmetology for a cosmetologist as set forth in section 4713.01 of the Revised Code and the rules of the board.

(B) A cosmetologist shall maintain knowledge of the duties, responsibilities, and accountabilities of practice and shall practice in accordance with the following:

(1) The laws regulating the practice of cosmetology;

(2) The rules of the board;

(3) Any other applicable federal, state, and local laws and rules; and

(4) Position statements, standards for practice, or guidelines for practice from nationally recognized professional cosmetology entities; provided these statements, standards, or guidelines are consistent with existing laws or rules.

(C) A cosmetologist shall demonstrate competence and accountability in all areas of practice in which the cosmetologist is engaged which includes, but is not limited to, the following:

(1) Consistent performance of all aspects of cosmetology services according to acceptable and prevailing standards,

(2) Appropriate recognition, referral or consultation, and intervention, when a complication arises during or after the performance of a specific service or procedure;

(3) The cosmetologist demonstrates appropriate knowledge, skills, and abilities to provide the cosmetology service, and



(4) The cosmetology service does not involve a function or procedure, which is prohibited by any other law or rule and does not exceed the definition of the practice of cosmetology in section 4713.01 of the Revised Code.

(D) Cosmetologists shall not provide any service that claims to have a medical or healing benefit. The scope of practice is limited to beautification, relaxation, and non-invasive services only. The term "therapy" shall only be used for services described in subsection (PP) of rule 4713-1-01 of the Administrative Code.

(E) Cosmetologists may exfoliate stratum corneum cells only. With proper training, cosmetologists may use any chemical, mechanical or electrical service to exfoliate cells of the stratum corneum.

(F) Cosmetologists may use a sterile, single-use, disposable lancet to enhance the opening in a comedo or to create a small opening in the dead surface corneum to facilitate extraction of a milia. Cosmetologists shall not pierce the stratum corneum or use a lancet for any other purpose. Used lancets shall be immediately disposed of in a sharps disposal container.

(G) Licensees using a device, equipment, chemical, or a product shall comply with the manufacturers' directions when using the device, equipment, chemical, or product;

(H) Cosmetologists working under the direct supervision of a licensed physician shall provide only services within their scope of practice as set forth in Chapter 4713. of the Revised Code and the rules promulgated thereunder.

(I) Chemical peels performed by a cosmetologist shall be mixed and used at an ingredient concentration of thirty per cent solution or less at final formulation with a pH value not less than three, unless all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The chemical peel preparation is a commercially available product approved for use by cosmetologists and/or estheticians;

(2) The licensee can provide documentation from the manufacturer that the specific product does not



penetrate below the stratum corneum when used as directed;

- (3) The licensee can provide documentation of training and/or certification in the use of the product;
- (4) The licensee follows all manufacturer's directions in the use of the chemical peel preparation; and
- (5) The preparation is stored according to the manufacturer's specifications and is discarded after its expiration date.
  
- (J) Cosmetologists shall not provide services using any device that produces or amplifies electromagnetic radiation at wavelengths equal to or greater than one hundred eighty nanometers.
  
- (K) Cosmetologists shall not provide services that ablate, damage, or alter any living cells.
  
- (L) A license in cosmetology supersedes the licenses of any branch of cosmetology, and an individual shall surrender all branch licenses to the board when the board issues the individual a cosmetology license, with the exception of an esthetician license, which may be held simultaneously with the cosmetology license.