



Ohio Revised Code

Section 4713.01 Cosmetologist definitions.

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As used in this chapter:

- (A) "Apprentice instructor" means an individual holding a practicing license issued by the state cosmetology and barber board who is engaged in learning or acquiring knowledge of the occupation of an instructor of a branch of cosmetology at a school.
- (B) "Barber," "barber instructor," "barber shop," and "practice of barbering" have the same meanings as in section 4709.01 of the Revised Code.
- (C) "Beauty salon" means a salon in which an individual is authorized to engage in all branches of cosmetology.
- (D) "Biennial licensing period" means the two-year period beginning on the first day of February of an odd-numbered year and ending on the last day of January of the next odd-numbered year.
- (E) "Boutique salon" means a salon in which an individual engages in the practice of boutique services and no other branch of cosmetology.
- (F) "Braiding" means intertwining the hair in a systematic motion to create patterns in a three-dimensional form, including patterns that are inverted, upright, or singled against the scalp that follow along straight or curved partings. "Braiding" may include twisting, locking, beading, crocheting, wrapping, or similarly manipulating the hair while adding bulk or length with human hair, synthetic hair, or both, and using simple devices such as clips, combs, crochet hooks, blunt-tipped needles, and hairpins. "Braiding" does not include the use of chemical hair-joining agents such as synthetic tape, keratin bonds, or fusion bonds to weave or fuse individual strands or wefts; applications of dyes, reactive chemicals, or other preparations to alter the color or straighten, curl, or alter the structure of hair; or embellishing or beautifying hair by cutting or singeing, except as needed to finish the ends of synthetic hair used to add bulk to or lengthen hair.



(G) "Branch of cosmetology" means the practice of esthetics, practice of hair design, practice of manicuring, practice of natural hair styling, or practice of boutique services.

(H) "Cosmetic therapy" means the permanent removal of hair from the human body through the use of electric modalities and may include the systematic friction, stroking, slapping, and kneading or tapping of the face, neck, scalp, or shoulders.

(I) "Cosmetologist" means an individual authorized to engage in all branches of cosmetology in a licensed facility.

(J) "Cosmetology instructor" means an individual authorized to teach the theory and practice of all branches of cosmetology at a school.

(K) "Esthetician" means an individual who engages in the practice of esthetics but no other branch of cosmetology in a licensed facility.

(L) "Esthetics instructor" means an individual who teaches the theory and practice of esthetics, but no other branch of cosmetology, at a school.

(M) "Esthetics salon" means a salon in which an individual engages in the practice of esthetics but no other branch of cosmetology.

(N) "Eye lash extensions" include temporary and semi-permanent enhancements designed to add length, thickness, and fullness to natural eyelashes.

(O) "Hair designer" means an individual who engages in the practice of hair design but no other branch of cosmetology in a licensed facility.

(P) "Hair design instructor" means an individual who teaches the theory and practice of hair design, but no other branch of cosmetology, at a school.

(Q) "Hair design salon" means a salon in which an individual engages in the practice of hair design



but no other branch of cosmetology.

(R) "Hair removal" includes tweezing, waxing, sugaring, and threading. "Hair removal" does not include electrolysis.

(S) "Independent contractor" means an individual who is not an employee of a salon but practices a branch of cosmetology within a salon in a licensed facility.

(T) "Infection control" means the practice of preventing the spread of infections and disease by ensuring that a salon, school, or tanning facility, including all equipment and implements in the salon, school, or tanning facility, are maintained by doing all of the following, as applicable:

(1) Removing surface or visible dirt or debris by cleaning with soap, detergent, or a chemical cleaner, followed by rinsing with clean water;

(2) Using a chemical disinfectant to kill or denature bacteria, fungi, and viruses;

(3) Applying heat or using other procedures to eliminate, remove, or kill all forms of microbial life present on a surface or contained in a fluid.

(U) "Instructor license" means a license to teach the theory and practice of a branch of cosmetology at a school.

(V) "Licensed facility" means any premises, building, or part of a building licensed under section 4713.41 of the Revised Code in which the practice of one or more branches of cosmetology are authorized by the state cosmetology and barber board to be performed.

(W) "Advanced license" means a license issued under section 4713.30 of the Revised Code to work in a salon and practice the branch of cosmetology practiced at the salon.

(X) "Makeup artistry" means the application of cosmetics for the purpose of skin beautification. "Makeup artistry" does not include any other services described in the practice of any other branch of cosmetology.



(Y) "Manicurist" means an individual who engages in the practice of manicuring but no other branch of cosmetology in a licensed facility.

(Z) "Manicurist instructor" means an individual who teaches the theory and practice of manicuring, but no other branch of cosmetology, at a school.

(AA) "Nail salon" means a salon in which an individual engages in the practice of manicuring but no other branch of cosmetology.

(BB) "Natural hair stylist" means an individual who engages in the practice of natural hair styling but no other branch of cosmetology in a licensed facility.

(CC) "Natural hair style instructor" means an individual who teaches the theory and practice of natural hair styling, but no other branch of cosmetology, at a school.

(DD) "Natural hair style salon" means a salon in which an individual engages in the practice of natural hair styling but no other branch of cosmetology.

(EE) "Practice of boutique services" means braiding, threading, shampooing, and makeup artistry.

(FF) "Practice of cosmetology" means the practice of all branches of cosmetology.

(GG) "Practice of esthetics" means the application of cosmetics, tonics, antiseptics, creams, lotions, or other preparations for the purpose of skin beautification and includes preparation of the skin by manual massage techniques or by use of electrical, mechanical, or other apparatus; enhancement of the skin by skin care, facials, body treatments, hair removal, and other treatments; and eye lash extension services.

(HH) "Practice of hair design" means embellishing or beautifying hair, wigs, or hairpieces by arranging, dressing, pressing, curling, waving, permanent waving, cleansing, cutting, singeing, bleaching, coloring, braiding, weaving, bonding and fusion of individual strands or wefts, or similar work. "Practice of hair design" includes utilizing techniques performed by hand that result in tension



on hair roots such as twisting, wrapping, weaving, extending, locking, or braiding of the hair.

(II) "Practice of manicuring" means cleaning, trimming, shaping the free edge of, or applying polish to the nails of any individual; applying nail enhancements and embellishments to any individual; massaging the hands and lower arms up to the elbow of any individual; massaging the feet and lower legs up to the knee of any individual; using lotions or softeners on the hands and feet of any individual; or any combination of these types of services.

(JJ) "Practice of natural hair styling" means embellishing or beautifying hair, wigs, or hairpieces by arranging, dressing, pressing, curling, cleansing, cutting, singeing, braiding, weaving, bonding and fusion of individual strands or wefts, or similar work. "Practice of natural hair styling" includes utilizing techniques performed by hand that result in tension on hair roots such as twisting, wrapping, weaving, extending, locking, or braiding of the hair. "Practice of natural hair styling" does not include the application of dyes, reactive chemicals, or other preparations to alter the color or to straighten, curl, or alter the structure of the hair.

(KK) "Practicing license" means a license to practice a branch of cosmetology in a licensed facility.

(LL) "Salon" means a licensed facility on any premises, building, or part of a building in which an individual engages in the practice of one or more branches of cosmetology. "Salon" does not include a barber shop licensed under Chapter 4709. of the Revised Code. "Salon" does not mean a tanning facility, although a tanning facility may be located in a salon.

(MM) "School" means any premises, building, or part of a building in which students are instructed in the theories and practices of one or more branches of cosmetology or barbering.

(NN) "Shampooing" means the act of cleansing, rinsing, or conditioning an individual's hair.

(OO) "Student" means both of the following:

(1) An individual, other than an apprentice instructor, who is engaged in learning or acquiring knowledge of the practice of a branch of cosmetology at a school;



(2) An individual engaged in learning or acquiring knowledge of the practice of barbering at a school.

(PP) "Tanning facility" means any premises, building, or part of a building that contains one or more rooms or booths with any of the following:

(1) Equipment or beds used for tanning human skin by the use of fluorescent sun lamps using ultraviolet or other artificial radiation;

(2) Equipment or booths that use chemicals applied to human skin, including chemical applications commonly referred to as spray-on, mist-on, or sunless tans;

(3) Equipment or beds that use visible light for cosmetic purposes.

(QQ) "Threading" includes a service that results in the removal of hair from its follicle from around the eyebrows and from other parts of the face with the use of a single strand of thread and an astringent, if the service does not use chemicals of any kind, wax, or any implements, instruments, or tools to remove hair.