



Ohio Revised Code

Section 4713.28 License qualifications.

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(A) Except as provided in division (C) of this section, the state cosmetology and barber board shall issue a practicing license to an applicant who satisfies all of the following applicable conditions:

(1) Is at least sixteen years of age;

(2) Has the equivalent of an Ohio public school tenth grade education;

(3) Has submitted a written application on a form furnished by the board that contains all of the following:

(a) The name of the individual and any other identifying information required by the board;

(b) A photocopy of the individual's current driver's license or other proof of legal residence;

(c) Proof that the individual is qualified to take the applicable examination as required by section 4713.20 of the Revised Code;

(d) An oath verifying that the information in the application is true;

(e) The applicable application fee.

(4) Notwithstanding section 4798.05 of the Revised Code, submits to having a photograph taken by the board;

(5) Passes an examination conducted under division (A) of section 4713.24 of the Revised Code for the branch of cosmetology the applicant seeks to practice;

(6) Pays to the board the applicable license fee;



(7) In the case of an applicant for an initial cosmetologist license, has successfully completed at least one thousand five hundred hours of board-approved cosmetology training in a school, except that only one thousand hours of board-approved cosmetology training in a school is required of an individual licensed as a barber under Chapter 4709. of the Revised Code;

(8) In the case of an applicant for an initial esthetician license, has successfully completed at least six hundred hours of board-approved esthetics training in a school;

(9) In the case of an applicant for an initial hair designer license, has successfully completed at least one thousand hours of board-approved hair designer training in a school, except that only one thousand hours of board-approved hair designer training in a school is required of an individual licensed as a barber under Chapter 4709. of the Revised Code;

(10) In the case of an applicant for an initial manicurist license, has successfully completed at least two hundred hours of board-approved manicurist training in a school;

(11) In the case of an applicant for an initial natural hair stylist license, has successfully completed at least four hundred fifty hours of instruction in subjects relating to infection control, scalp care, anatomy, hair styling, communication skills, and laws and rules governing the practice of cosmetology.

(B) The board shall not deny a license to any applicant based on prior incarceration or conviction for any crime. If the board denies an individual a license or license renewal, the reasons for such denial shall be put in writing.

(C) The board shall issue a practicing license in a branch of cosmetology in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant holds a license in that branch of cosmetology in another state.

(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter in that branch of cosmetology in a state that does not issue



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