



OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

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Rulemaking Notice Form

Notice Number: 2026-233

Rule Number: Bar 301, Bar 302

1. **Agency:** Board of Barbering, Cosmetology and Esthetics
Agency Address: Board of Barbering, Cosmetology and Esthetics
Office of Professional Licensure and Certification
7 Eagle Square
Concord, NH 03301
2. **RSA Authority:** RSA 313-A:8, I, VIII, XI
3. **Federal Authority:** N/A
4. **Action(s):** Adoption, Repeal
5. **Short Title:** Applications and Qualifications
6. **(a) Summary of what the rule says and of any proposed amendments including whether the rule implements a state statute for the first time:**

The Board of Barbering, Cosmetology, and Esthetics (board) proposes to adopt new Bar 301.01 through Bar 301.04 rules on applications for initial licensure, and repeal existing Bar 301.07 on applications. Bar 301.01 through Bar 301.06, and Bar 301.08 through Bar 301.10 were previously effective and are now expired.

The board proposes to repeal existing Bar 302.02 through Bar 302.07, Bar 302.01 was previously effective and now expired, and adopt new Bar 302.01 through Bar 302.09 rules on qualifications to implement RSA 313-A:16, (effective July 1, 2024) to transfer application processing authority from the board to the office of professional licensure and certification (office).

Bar 302.04 on qualifications for cosmetologists implements RSA 313-A:10, effective August 9, 2025, and reduces the number of school training hours from 1,500 to 1,200.

Bar 302.05 rule on qualifications for manicurists implements RSA 313-A:12, as effective July 1, 2025, to transfer manicurist licensing authority from the board to the office. Bar 302.06 on qualifications for estheticians implements RSA 313-A:13, effective July 1, 2025, to transfer estheticians licensing authority from the board to the office.

Bar 302.09 on apprentice eligibility implements RSA 313-A:24, effective July 1, 2025, and transfers apprentice registration and certification authority from the board to the office while maintaining the board's role in establishing criteria for professional character determinations. The board's exclusive regulatory authority over apprentices has been eliminated, and the social security number exemption provision has been repealed.

☒ **Does this rule implement a state statute for the first time?**

If yes, please explain:

Laws of 2021, 197:34, effective July 1, 2021

Laws of 2021, 205:2, Part VIII, Section 3, effective October 9, 2021

Laws of 2023, 235:8, effective July 15, 2023

Laws of 2024, 327:19-22, 24, and 27 effective July 1, 2024

Laws of 2025, 141:150-153, and 157 effective July 1, 2025

Laws of 2025, 91:1, effective August 9, 2025

6. (b) Brief description of the groups affected:

Applicants for licensure are impacted by these proposed rules.

6. (c) Specific section or sections of state statute or federal statute or regulation which the rule is intended to implement:

Rule(s)	State Statute(s) Implemented
Bar 301.01	RSA 313-A:8, I; RSA 313-A:16
Bar 301.02	RSA 313-A:8, I; RSA 313-A:10; RSA 313-A:11; RSA 313-A:12; RSA 313-A:13; RSA 313-A:16
Bar 301.03	RSA 313-A:8, I; RSA 313-A:10; RSA 313-A:11; RSA 313-A:12; RSA 313-A:13
Bar 301.04	RSA 313-A:8; RSA 313-A:16
Bar 301.07 (repeal)	

Bar 302.01	RSA 313-A:8, I; RSA 313-A:8, XI; RSA 313-A:22
Bar 302.02(repeal)	
Bar 302.02	RSA 313-A:10, I
Bar 302.03 (repeal)	
Bar 302.03	RSA 313-A:10, III
Bar 302.04 (repeal)	
Bar 302.04	RSA 313-A:11
Bar 302.05 (repeal)	
Bar 302.05	RSA 313-A:12
Bar 302.06 (repeal)	
Bar 302.06	RSA 313-A:13
Bar 302.07 (repeal)	
Bar 302.07	RSA 313-A:8, VIII; RSA 313-A:7, II
Bar 302.08	RSA 313-A:24
Bar 302.09	RSA 313-A:24

7. **Contact person for copies and questions including requests to accommodate persons with disabilities:**

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8. **Deadline for submission of materials in writing or, if practicable for the agency, in the electronic format specified:**

Monday, December 21, 2026

☐ **Fax**

☒ **Email** OPLC-Rules@oplc.nh.gov

☐ **Other**

9. **Public hearing scheduled for:**

Date: Monday, December 14, 2026

Time: 9:10 AM

Place: Office of Professional Licensure and Certification,

7 Eagle Square,

Concord, NH 03301

Electronic Access, if applicable: N/A

10. **Fiscal Impact Statement (Prepared by Legislative Budget Assistant):**

FIS #: 26:230, dated: Friday, October 16, 2026

1. **Comparison of the costs of the proposed rule(s) to the existing rule(s):**

Not applicable as the previous rules expired on various dates. Not applicable to the several rules being repealed.

2. **Cite the Federal mandate. Identify the impact on state funds:**

No Federal mandate, no impact on state funds.

3. **Cost and benefits of the proposed rule(s):**

There is no cost or benefit attributable to the proposed rules or the expired rules. The fee referenced in new Bar 301.01(b)(3) is applicable to Plc 1002.07, relative to application processing and licensing fees for the professions regulated by the Board of Barbering, Cosmetology, and Esthetics.

Any other potential costs or benefits relative to the proposed rules or the expired rules are attributable to RSA 313-A.

- A. To State general or State special funds:**

None.

- B. To State citizens and political subdivisions:**

None.

- C. To independently owned businesses:**

None.

11. Statement Relative to Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution:

The proposed rules do not violate Part I, Article 28-a of the New Hampshire Constitution because they do not impose new or expanded duties or costs on political subdivisions of the state and are administered at the state level under existing statutory authority in RSA 313-A.