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## License Fee's (as of March 1, 2011)

Personal License (cosmetology, hairstylist, nail tech, esthetician, instructor)	\$96.00 (2 years)
Independent Contractor	\$75.00 (1 Year)
Salon License	\$75.00 (1 year)



## CHANGING OF THE GUARDS....

The Board members and staff would like to take this opportunity to thank Darci Kite for her years of service on the Wyoming Board of Cosmetology. We all wish Daci the very best in her future endeavors! The Governor appointed Dennis Schildhauer from Cheyenne to the Board in January. We would all like to welcome Dennis to the Wyoming Board of Cosmetology and wish him much success with his appointment.

## ATTENTION !

### INDEPENDENT CONTRACOR RENEWAL REMINDER

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR  
LICENSES ARE DUE

AUGUST 31, 2012

PLEASE REMEMBER THE NEW  
RENEWAL AMOUNT OF **\$75.00**

*Independent Contractor renewals  
must be postmarked by August  
31, 2012 to avoid late fees.*

## Things to consider when opening a new salon.....

There are many things to consider when opening a new salon. The following are just a few steps that you will want to keep in mind.

- Do your research and ensure that you will be able to manage all aspects of running your own business.
- Check with the Board prior to starting the process to make sure you are current on all the rules and regulation regarding a salon license.
- Check with your local city government on any city health codes, or business regulations.
- Strive to create and maintain a clean and safe atmosphere.
- Make sure all potential employees have all required licenses and that they are current.

The Board needs to receive new salon applications at least 15 day prior to opening. To receive a salon pack please send \$7.50 to the Board office along with your request.

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**EYELASH EXTENSIONS**

The trend for eyelash extensions is still growing and can be an added income source for your salon, however unlike false eyelashes where synthetic lashes are applied to the eyelid and then removed after usage, eyelash extensions are applied directly to the natural eyelash with a bonding agent and can last up to six weeks. These bonding agents and glues are irritants and can cause discomfort and potential eye damage in severe cases. Repeated use of eyelash extensions can cause Traction Alopecia, a condition where the hair falls out due to excessive tension placed on the hair shaft. As a result this can damage the hair follicle which can slow down and even cease production of hair. Dr Susan Blakeney, optometric advisor at the College of Optometrists said: "Our eyelashes play an extremely important role in keeping our eyes healthy and act as a natural defense against dust, dirt and sunlight. While many of us covet long lashes, it's important to remember that eyelashes are there to perform a function and we need to be careful we don't hamper this vital natural defense mechanism. As eyelash extensions are such a new trend, there is little clinical research into their impact on eye health so we are urging women to take extra care."

In Wyoming you must have a Cosmetology or Esthetics license to offer this service, however further training is highly advised.

~Excerpts of article from First Active Media Ltd

**WYOMING SCHOOLS**

**A Special Touch School of Beauty**

(307) 235-0845, Casper

**Abraxes School of Cosmetology**

(307) 382-5449, Rock Springs

**Academy of Hair Design**

(307) 577-0619, Casper

**Basics School of Beauty**

(307) 237-5577, Casper

**Cheeks International Academy**

(307) 637-8700, Cheyenne

**College of Cosmetology**

(307) 682-0242, Gillette

**Eastern Wyoming College**

(307) 532-8265, Torrington

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(307) 237-4247, Casper

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(307) 875-2126, Green River

**Styles School of Cosmetology**

(307) 856-7496, Riverton

**True Colors Training Center**

(307) 674-1711, Sheridan



**Board of Cosmetology  
On-Line**

Please visit on line at  
[www.cosmetology.wy.gov](http://www.cosmetology.wy.gov)

You will find Board Rules & Regulations,  
forms and other useful information.

**DATES FOR BOARD EXAMINATIONS & MEETINGS**



**ALL EXAMINATIONS ARE GIVEN ON SUNDAY**

Nail Tech sign in at: 7:45 a.m.  
Esthetics sign in at: 7:45 a.m.  
Cosmetology &  
Hair Styling sign in at: 8:00 a.m.

There is a break scheduled between practical & written exams

**2012 Exam Dates**

**September 9, 2012**

Deadline: August 20, 2012

**Open Board Meeting**

Monday, Sept. 10, 2012  
at 9:00 a.m.

**November 11, 2012**

Deadline: October 22, 2012

**No Board Meeting**

The exams listed will be held at:

The Parkway Plaza Hotel  
123 W. 'E' Street  
Casper, WY

(There are special room rates for the Board exams. Call: 1(800)270-7829 if you wish to make a reservation.)

All final papers, including application and fees are required to be in the Board office 15 working days prior to the exam date. This 15 days are important so the admission letter and candidate information bulletin can reach the examinees in time to prepare for the exam.

## DISCIPLINARY ACTION

**During the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2011**, Thao (Tammy ) Do of Sheridan Nail Salon located in Sheridan, Wyoming, formally disciplined by the Wyoming Board of Cosmetology pursuant to settlement for, on a number of occasions, failure to use proper sanitary disinfection procedures and allowed the rendering of cosmetology services to the public by those who are not properly licensed. Do received a six (6) month suspension of her license, issued in favor of Sheridan Nail Salon, suspended and stayed, and was issued a letter of reprimand. Do was also required to hold, at her expense a mandatory seminar at Sheridan Nail Salon presented by the Board staff regarding the requirements of the Board's Practice Act and The Board's Rules and Regulations governing the cosmetology profession. Finally, Do agreed that in the event that it was proven she violated any term, restriction or condition of the settlement agreement or violated the Board's Practice Act or Rules and Regulations during the following six (6) months, the stayed suspension issued in favor of Sheridan Nail Salon, may be lifted completely prohibiting Thao (Tammy) Do from providing any professional cosmetology services at Sheridan Nail Salon.

**During the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2012**, Bradley McCoy of Bamboo Salon located in Casper, Wyoming, was formally disciplined by the Wyoming Board of Cosmetology pursuant to settlement for, on a number of occasions, allowed rendering of cosmetology services to the public by those who are not properly licensed. McCoy received a one (1) year suspension of his license, issued in favor of Bamboo Salon, suspended and stayed, and was issued a letter of reprimand. McCoy was also required to hold, at his expense a mandatory seminar at Bamboo Salon, presented by the Board staff regarding the requirements of the Board's Practice Act and The Board's Rules and Regulations governing the cosmetology profession. Finally, McCoy agreed that in the event that it was proven he violated any term, restriction or condition of the settlement agreement or violated the Board's Practice Act or Rules and Regulations during the following year, the stayed suspension issued in favor of Bamboo Salon, may be lifted completely prohibiting Bradley McCoy from providing any professional cosmetology services at Bamboo Salon.



### Health and Safety in the Salon

When we talk about health and safety in the salon we are talking about the safety and well being of clients as well as yourself and other employees. It's about creating a healthy and safe working environment for all. Some hazards in the salon are less obvious and seem less important than others but can be potentially very dangerous. For example, hair waste, during and after clients hair is cut, the area around the chair is covered with wet hair which is easy for clients or staff to slip on. Also, chemicals in the salon should be treated as hazardous. A mixing bowl of pink looking hair color left lying around may not seem like much of a health risk until a child attempts to eat it. Chemicals should never be left unattended. The practice of health and safety awareness should become naturally a part of your everyday working life.

~Excerpts of article from Hair Heads Resources

### A note from the Director.....

The Wyoming Board of Cosmetology and the Board office are always looking for better ways to communicate with our licensees. In the past we have published the newsletter twice a year and were only able to mail hard copies to Independent Contractors and Salons. Budget cuts are a reality to all of us and so are the increased costs of paper, printing, and postage. In an effort to continue the news letter, we will no longer mail the entire newsletter, but it will be posted on our web site for everyone to have access to. We will generate a mail version that we will insert initially with Independent Contractor and Salon renewals this year. As we get this system in place and working we will then start placing them in all renewals. This will be information that will change from time to time as needed. With our new Data system we have the potential to use E-mail for this purpose in the future. Within the next year we plan to revise renewal forms to include e-mail so that renewal reminders and information will get to you sooner and in a more cost effective way. I hope you are all having a great summer and be safe.

*Betty*



## ARTICLE OF INTEREST FROM THE INSPECTOR.....

### ZOONOTIC DISEASE PATHOGENS (AND ANIMAL DISEASE THAT CAN BE TRANSMITTED TO HUMANS) IN FISH USED FOR PEDICURE

Doctor fish (*Garra rufa*) are freshwater cyprinid fish that naturally inhabit river basins in central Eurasia. They are widely used in the health and beauty industries in foot spas for ichthyotherapy (Kangal fish therapy or doctor fish therapy). A survey during the spring of 2011 identified 279 fish spas in the United Kingdom, and the number has probably increased since then. The Fish Health Inspectorate of the Centre for Environment, Fisheries & Aquaculture Science estimates that each week 15,000–20,000 *G. rufa* fish are imported from Indonesia and other countries in Asia into the United Kingdom through London Heathrow Airport (the main border inspection post for the import of live fish). However, ichthyotherapy has now reportedly been banned in several US states and Canada provinces because of sanitary concerns. In the United Kingdom, a limited number of infections after fish pedicures have been reported. Unfortunately, little is known about the types of bacteria and other potential pathogens that might be carried by these fish and the potential risks that they might pose to customers or to ornamental and native fish. On April 12, 2011, the Fish Health Inspectorate investigated a report of a disease outbreak among 6,000 *G. rufa* fish from Indonesia that had been supplied to UK pedicure spas. Affected fish showed clinical signs of exophthalmia (skin ulcers) and of hemorrhage (bleeding) around the gills, mouth, and abdomen. More than 95% of the fish died before the remaining fish were euthanized. Histopathologic (study of manifestations of disease) examinations identified systemic bacterial infections with small gram-positive cocci, mostly in the kidneys, spleen, and liver. Bacterial isolates cultured from affected fish were identified as *Streptococcus agalactiae* (group B *Streptococcus*) according to a combination of biochemical test results (API Strep; Lancefield grouping with serotype B. To determine whether *S. agalactiae* (bacterial infection) and other bacterial pathogens might be carried more widely by these fish, from May 5, 2011, through June 30, 2011, the Fish Health Inspectorate of the Centre for Environment, Fisheries & Aquaculture Science visited Heathrow Airport 5 times to intercept and sample consignments of *G. rufa* from Indonesia. A taxonomically diverse range of bacteria were identified including a variety of human pathogens capable of causing invasive soft tissue infections. These pathogens included *Aeromonas* spp. (bacterial infection) 38 Isolates were resistant to a variety of antimicrobial drugs, including tetracyclines, fluoroquinolones, and aminoglycosides. Other studies have also reported high levels of multidrug resistance in bacteria associated with imported ornamental fish. Water is a well-recognized source of bacterial skin infections in humans. *V. vulnificus* can cause wound infections and primary septicemia, resulting in high mortality rates, especially among persons with predisposing risk conditions (e.g., liver disease, diabetes, or impaired immune function). *S. Agalactiae* (strep infection) is a common cause of skin and soft tissue infections, especially in older adults and those with chronic diseases such as diabetes mellitus (8). Although *S. agalactiae* is not considered to be one of the genotypes typically associated with invasive disease in humans, a fish-adapted strain could eventually take advantage of the opportunity afforded by repeated exposure and thereby also affect humans. Additionally, *Mycobacteria* spp. can occasionally cause disease in humans through contact with fish (*M. marinum*), and pedicure treatments have previously been associated with *M. fortuitum* infections.

Reference: CDC

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\* REMEMBER TO RENEW SALON LICENSES BY DECEMBER 31 AND INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS BY AUGUST 31 OF EACH YEAR\*