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PROUD TO BE A COSMETOLOGIST

Mae Lynette Ohlsen went to school in 1944 and worked as a Cosmetologist in Wyoming for many years. She passed away at the age of 95 in Torrington.

She was very proud that she was able to keep her license all these years. She was probably one of the oldest persons holding a license.

We are aware that there are many Cosmetologists who have had their license for some time and are sure you are proud of that fact too. We are proud of you all!

A Life Filled With Pride

I know now what is meant by pride.

A feeling of well-being that comes from inside.

Not living in doubt, feeling self-worth.

For life is a gift we are granted at birth.

Not a simple toy which we should throw away.

But a gift to hold precious each and every day.

Smiles are like the
sunshine, they freshen up
our day, they tip the pearls
of life with light and drive
our cares away.

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CRITICAL INFORMATION INCLUDED IN THIS

ATTENTION !!! **Salon Owners**

If you are the single owner of a Salon and go into partnership with someone else, the Wyoming Law states that it constitutes a new ownership and is considered a new salon.

At the time of change, you have to request a salon packet and re-apply.

ATTENTION !!! **All Independent Contractors**

REMEMBER TO RENEW INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS LICENSE

If you get a license before June of 2007, remember you will need to renew your license again in August of 2007. You also need to notify the Board if you discontinue working as an independent contractor and don't need to renew your license next year.

It isn't necessary to have an Independent Contractor's license if you are no longer working as one but you will need to re-apply if you become an Independent Contractor again.

***ALL INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR LICENSES MUST BE
RENEWED BY AUGUST 31 ANNUALLY***

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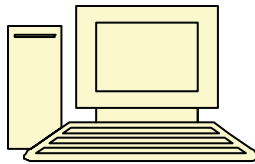


LICENSEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

You as a licensee are responsible to know the laws in Wyoming. Ignorance is not an excuse.

You need to keep track of your license due date. The Board will send a reminder post card as long as the budget allows, as a courtesy, to remind you when your personal licenses are due. allows, but you need to make sure: **We have your correct mailing address.**

We are not able to send out reminders for salons or independent contractor's licenses so we make sure there is a reminder in the spring and fall newsletters. We send out newsletters to all salons and independent contractors. If you don't receive one please call the office and help us determine why.



Wyoming Cosmetology Schools

- Academy of Hair Design**
577-0619, Casper
- Cheeks International Academy**
(307) 634-2144, Cheyenne
- College of Cosmetology**
(307) 682-0242, Gillette
- Rocky Mountain Academy**
(307) 234-9181, Casper
- Eastern Wyoming College**
(307) 532-8265, Torrington
- International Academy**
(307) 742-4477, Laramie
- Southwestern Beauty Academy**
(307)875-2126, Green River
- Styles Cosmetology School**
(307) 856-7498, Riverton

FIND IT ONLINE!

Reach us 24/7 for Board news, online change of address forms and an expanding number of new services at www.cosmetology.wy.gov

Don't forget to visit our web site. If you are unable to attend the Board meeting, the minutes will be posted on the web site once they have been approved. The site also has updated information on the Board members, complaint forms, access to the Rules and Regulations, testing information and much, much more. Take time to take a look!

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BOARD EXAMINATIONS & MEETING DATES

May 7, 2007 Open Meeting 12:30 p.m.

May 6, Exam 11:00 p.m.

May 7, Exam 8:00 a.m.

(Deadline for paperwork, April 16, 2007)

July 16, 2007 Open Meeting 12:30 p.m.

July 15, Exam 11:00 a.m.

July 16, Exam 8:00 a.m.

(Deadline for paperwork, June 25, 2007)

Sept. 10, 2007 Open Meeting 12:30 p.m.

Sept. 9, Exam 11:00 a.m.

Sept. 10, Exam 8:00 a.m.

(Deadline for paperwork, August 20, 2007)

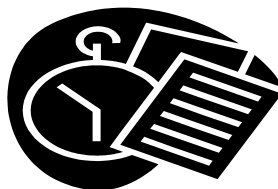
The exams listed will be held at: The Parkway Plaza Hotel; 123 W. 'E' Street; Casper, WY.

There are special rates for rooms set aside for the Board exams. If you wish to stay at the hotel, call: 1-800-270-7829.

All Final papers, application and Fees are required to be in this office 15 Working days prior to exam date

(effective July 1, 2005)

The 15 days are important so Admission letter and brochures can get to examinees in time to prepare for exam



N I C Standardized Exam

Many people have wanted to take the NIC exam because they were told that it would give them a "National License". There is no such thing as a "National License". We have a "National Exam".

Each state has their own laws and rules regarding a license. Be aware, even if you have taken the NIC exam it may not fulfill their state requirements.

Why it is called a "National Exam" is because NIC will not develop a state specific exam. NIC exams are available to all state regulatory entities for licensure into Cosmetology and related fields. NIC follows testing industry standards for examination development. That's why it's called a "National Exam."

LEVELS OF INFECTION CONTROL

Antiseptic—chemicals used to inhibit or prevent growth of microbes on living tissue.

Disinfectant—chemicals used to inhibit or prevent the growth of microbes on inanimate objects (hospital level is needed in salons)

Sanitize—reduce the number of microbes to a safe level (low level destruction of surface bacteria)

Sterilize—eliminate all microbes (inactivates or kills) this is required for high risk instruments in the medical, dental and electrolysis procedures.

FINAL DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Letters of reprimand, license suspensions, and license revocations, whether done by settlement agreement or determined by the board following a hearing, are public records. Disciplinary action as follows:

No Action Pending

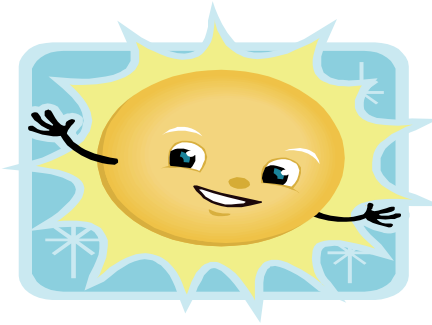
NOTES FROM BETTY

Springtime in Wyoming is when we have our wettest snows, high winds, the pastures turn green and we see new life everywhere.

With spring and summer, our snowbirds return home and it time to be on guard for mold and fungi on nail extentions. Many of our citizens travel south for the winter and the difference in products that are used, as well as the changes in humidity, can bring about these conditions.

Remember consumer safety is a priority, as well as your safety.

Take a little extra time for infection control, hand washing, etc. and stay healthy to enjoy your summer. If you have questions, just give us a call and we will do our best to answer



them.

Have a Great Summer!

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Our Inspectors Report

Esthetic Procedures?

The first laser to gain FDA marketing clearance was in 1995. There were no established Laws or guidelines to seek guidance on this issue. Mistakes were made by many practioners. There was and still is confusion regarding Laser (or other light based) hair removal. This continues to be the situation today more than ten years later. The best way to view your options is to view the situation in a four-step process.

1. Recognize your professional license within your state.
2. Type of facility in which you are performing services.
3. Analyze the actual service being rendered and consider the device being utilized.
4. Analyze arrangements with any other entity or business (such as a physician)

Any one of these four steps may indicate that you should not be operating a laser. It is important to note that "training" beyond your licensure or certification will not enable you to perform services beyond the scope of your professional license or certification.

An example would be CLT, Certified Laser Technician training, is always beneficial but it rarely allows you to perform service beyond the scope of your license. CLT is not any different than a member of the public with no training when it comes to the ability to operate a laser. No state enables a provider to perform a service beyond his or her licensure.

It is important to note that if you are performing services beyond the scope of your license, you are absolutely in jeopardy of losing the privilege of maintaining that license. Any medical laser procedure should be performed preferably at a medical center.



The State of Wyoming does not recognize the term Medical Esthetician.

It is your responsibility to ensure compliance. There are health and safety issues as well as occupational hazards. If it is a medical procedure, it should be performed by a physician or allied health professional operating under a physician.

If you are an esthetician or cosmetologist performing laser for a medical procedure/treatment, you must be under the delegation of a board certified physician.

The classification of the device also helps determine who can operate and who can own the device. Relying upon the advice of an equipment representative is a sure recipe for disaster.

THIS MEANS: Services performed with a laser are beyond the scope of practice for cosmetology and related fields.

SURVEY RESULTS

Thanks for sending back the survey, it will help the Board in following the direction of the industry and adapt rules accordingly to comply with their responsibilities to ensuring the health, safety and welfare of the consumer.

Out of the 379 salons that responded 280 perform waxing services.

Out of the 1300 Surveys 379 salons responded. They stated that the following services are performed in their salons.

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| Permanent make-up, 12; | Tattooing, 4; |
| Ear-piercing, 108; | Body piercing, 4; |
| Body branding, 0; | Reflexology, 34; |
| Laser 2; | Tanning, 78 |
| Airbrush tanning, 24; | Body wraps, 35; |
| Fillers and Injections, 2; | Electrology, 3; |
| Massage therapy, 52; | |



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