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## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO BARBER EXAM APPLICANTS August 26, 2009

The Department of Business and Professional Regulation is sending you this Notice because our records indicate that you have not passed both parts of the licensing examination.

**Effective October 1, 2009, there will be a change in the Barber examination requirements and the current written and practical examinations will no longer be valid. If you have already passed the current practical examination, but you still need to take the current written examination, please immediately contact Pearson VUE, the department's authorized computer-based testing vendor, to schedule your examination so that you can complete and pass the examination before the new examination requirement becomes effective on October 1, 2009.**

If you have a complete application on file with the department, and you have not already contacted Pearson VUE and scheduled a date and time to take the written exam, and you have not taken the practical examination before the October 1, 2009 deadline, the department will automatically submit your authorization to take the **new written** exam to Pearson VUE. After October 1, 2009, you will need to contact Pearson VUE yourself by calling 1.888.204.6230 or by logging on to their site at [www.pearsonvue.com](http://www.pearsonvue.com) to schedule a date and time to take the new written examination. You will be required to take and pass the new written exam if you did not pass **both the written and the practical examinations** before October 1, 2009.

**Note: Please contact Pearson VUE after October 1, 2009 to schedule date and time to take the exam. They will not be able to accept scheduling calls for the new written barber examination before October 1, 2009.**

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**Why was the practical examination eliminated?** During the 2009 legislative session, Chapter 476, Florida Statutes, was amended to delete the requirement for a practical examination for barbers and restricted barbers. This change allows applicants to pass a new one-part written examination instead of having to wait for a practical examination that was only offered once a month at limited locations. The new written examination includes questions designed to measure an applicant's knowledge of practical theory that was once covered on the practical exam.

**Fee Requirements:** For barbers, a \$228 (includes a \$123 new written examination fee, a \$100 licensure fee, and a \$5 unlicensed activity fee) must be submitted with the application, and \$27 must be paid to the testing vendor when scheduling the written examination. For restricted barbers, \$246 (includes a \$141 new written examination fee, a \$100 licensure fee, and a \$5 unlicensed activity fee) must be submitted with the application, and \$9 must be paid to the testing vendor when scheduling the written examination.

**Application:** If you do not have a current and valid application\* with the department, but are interested in applying for a barber or restricted barber license, the new application is available on-line at [www.MyFloridalicense.com](http://www.MyFloridalicense.com) > "Apply for a License" > "Click here to Apply for an additional license using a paper application" > Click on "Barbers" > Click on "Barbers License by Examination."

\*Please note: A current and valid application has a "2009 August" date printed on the bottom left hand corner of the application.

**Where can I get more information:** Please contact our Customer Contact Center at 850.487.1395.