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To: All Barber Schools
From: Florida Barbers' Board
Subject: Elimination of the Practical Examination
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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 effective date of this legislation is October 1, 2009, at which time applicants will be required to take a new written examination.

The department and the board are working together to ensure a smooth transition to the new written examination. At their August meeting, the board reviewed and amended their rules to strike all references to the practical examination and to adjust their all-inclusive written examination. Please stay tuned to the department's website for rule updates and further information: www.MyFloridaLicense.com > Click on "Doing Business With Us" > Apply for a License" > Select the first radio button > Click on "Barbers."

To accommodate those candidates whose applications are in-process and who still need to take the practical examination, the department has scheduled several more practical examination dates. The additional examination dates/locations are posted on the department's website at: www.MyFloridaLicense.com > Click on "Doing Business With Us" > Apply for a License" > Select the first radio button > Click on "Barbers."

The department is amending its applications to eliminate all references to a practical examination. Within the next few days, the new applications should be posted on the department's application center at: www.MyFloridaLicense.com > Click on "Doing Business With Us" > Apply for a License" > Select the first radio button > Click on "Barbers" > Click on "Barbers License by Examination." The date on the lower left-hand portion of the application should reflect 2009 August. **Please destroy any existing applications you may have downloaded previously and begin using the new application on August 28, 2009. The new written examination will be required for those Barber and Restricted Barber applicants who apply after August 28, 2009.**

We hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions, you may contact the department's Customer Contact Center at 850.487.1395.