

State of Florida
Department of Business and Professional Regulation
Board of Cosmetology
Application for Initial License by Exam Based on Current Licensure in Another State or Country
Form # DBPR COSMO 2

APPLICATION CHECKLIST – IMPORTANT – Submit all items on the checklist below with your application to ensure faster processing.

APPLICATION	APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
Licensure by examination based on out-of-state or country licensure	<input type="checkbox"/> Pay \$63.50 fee (make check payable to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation). <input type="checkbox"/> Submit certificate of completion from a board-approved Initial HIV/AIDS course. <input type="checkbox"/> Submit a copy of current license or authorization from other state/country.

Please mail your completed application, documentation and required fee(s) to:
 Department of Business and Professional Regulation
 2601 Blair Stone Road
 Tallahassee, FL 32399-0783

Instructions

*If you have any questions or need assistance in completing this application, please contact the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Customer Contact Center, at **850.487.1395**.*

1. General Requirements for Cosmetology initial license by exam based on current licensure in another state or country.

- a. Applicant must be at least 16 years of age or have received a high school diploma.
- b. Applicant must possess a Social Security number to apply.
- c. Out-of-state or out-of-country Cosmetologists who are unable to endorse their licenses in Florida may be eligible for examination as a Cosmetologist in Florida if they have held their cosmetology license for at least one year. Applicants meeting this eligibility requirement must provide proof of licensure by submitting a current license copy that contains an issuance date of one year earlier or a certification from the applicable state or country verifying licensure or authority to practice with this application.
- d. Applicant must submit a course completion certificate from a board-approved Initial HIV/AIDS course provider with their application. Applicants who are unable to endorse their out-of-state licenses and are applying to take the Florida cosmetology examination should complete a board-approved Initial HIV/AIDS course, and submit the course completion certificate with their application. The board-approved Initial HIV/AIDS course must have been completed within two years prior to submitting an application and the course must be at least 4 hours long. Refer to the list of board-approved [Initial HIV/AIDS Courses](#).
- e. Applicant must pass both portions of the cosmetology examination within a two-year period from the date of the first attempt of either portion of the examination. If both portions of the examination are not passed within a two-year period, applicant is required to pass both portions of the examination again. If applicant fails either portion of the examination on the first attempt, applicant can submit a reexamination application without any additional signatures from the cosmetology school. Remedial hours may be required with verification by the cosmetology school.

2. Application Instructions (by section)

a. Section I

- i. Complete this application type based on the following:
 - (1) If you hold a current and active license from another state or country, have held such license for a minimum of one year, and do not meet the criteria for licensure by endorsement.

b. Section II

- i. Fill out each section completely.
- ii. In the Full Legal Name section, applicants must use the name as it appears on his or her Social Security card. Do not use nicknames or initials.
- iii. Applicants must furnish their current mailing address.
- iv. Applicant's addresses are used only for Department purposes and will not be printed on the license.

c. Section III

- i. If the applicant does not qualify for endorsement, but has held a license in another state or country for at least one year, he/she may be eligible to sit for the Florida examination. A copy of the out-of-state or out-of-country license or a certification from the applicable state or country verifying licensure or authority to practice must be submitted with this application.
- ii. Indicate the state or country in which the applicant has held a license for at least one year.
- iii. Indicate the date the license was issued.
- iv. Applicant must take a board-approved Initial HIV/AIDS course and submit a certificate of completion along with the application.

d. Section IV (a), (b), and (c)

- i. Question 1:
 - (1) If you answer "yes" to this question, you must complete Section IV (b) [*make additional copies as necessary*] of the application and provide a copy of the arrest report, copies of the disposition or final order(s), and documentation proving all sanctions have been served and satisfied. **You must supply this documentation for each occurrence.** If you are unable to supply this documentation, a certified statement from the clerk of court for the relevant jurisdiction stating the status of records is required.
 - (2) If you are still on probation, you must supply a letter from your probation officer, on official letterhead, stating the status of your probation.
- ii. Question 2:
 - (1) If you answer "yes" to this question, you must complete Section IV (b) [*make additional copies as necessary*] of the application and provide a copy of the judgment or decree. You must also supply documentation proving all sanctions have been served and satisfied, or if not, stating the current status of any proceedings.
- iii. Question 3:
 - (1) If you answer "yes" to this question, you must complete Section IV (c) [*make additional copies as necessary*] of the application and supply copies of documentation explaining the denial or pending action.
- iv. Question 4:
 - (1) If you answer "yes" to this question, you must complete Section IV (c) [*make additional copies as necessary*] of the application and supply copies of the order(s) showing the disciplinary action taken against the license, or documentation showing the status of the pending action.

e. Section V

- i. Please read and sign the affirmation by written declaration.
- ii. If the applicant fails to sign the affirmation statement, the Department will not process the application.

3. Other Information**a. Testing Information**

- i. The examination is administered via computer-based testing.
- ii. You must keep the Department informed of any change of address immediately to ensure receipt of all pertinent information. The post office will **NOT** automatically forward your exam package to a new address.
- iii. Once the examination application has been approved, you will receive written notification from the Department's examination vendor, Pearson VUE, to schedule a date and time for your written cosmetology examination. The website for Pearson VUE is www.pearsonvue.com.

b. Employment Eligibility

- i. **An applicant is eligible to begin working upon receipt of their Florida license.**
- ii. **Please see [Florida Board of Cosmetology FAQs](#) for additional information.**

c. Post-Licensure Procedures

- i. A Cosmetologist must renew his or her license on or before October 31 of every other year, according to the fee schedule as outlined in Rule 61G5-24.008, Florida Administrative Code.
- ii. Prior to the expiration of each licensure period, all licensed Cosmetologists shall complete a minimum of 16 hours of continuing education. Please see Rule 61G5-32.001, Florida Administrative Code, for details concerning what subjects areas must be completed for continuing education credit.

LIST OF STATES MEETING FLORIDA REQUIREMENTS – IMPORTANT – If you are applying from a state listed below you likely qualify for licensure by endorsement.

STATE LIST				
Alabama	Arkansas	Arizona	California	Colorado
Connecticut	District of Columbia	Georgia	Idaho	Iowa
Illinois	Indiana	Kansas	Kentucky	Louisiana
Maryland	Maine	Michigan	Minnesota	Missouri
Mississippi	Montana	North Carolina	Nebraska	New Hampshire
New Jersey	Nevada	Ohio	Oklahoma	Oregon
Pennsylvania	South Carolina	Tennessee	Texas	Utah
Virginia	Vermont	Washington	Wisconsin	West Virginia
Wyoming				

*****Your state requirements for licensure may have changed since this list was compiled. Holding a license from a state listed above does not guarantee eligibility for licensure by endorsement. The list is intended only to guide potential applicants to choose the proper course for licensure.**

*****If the state in which you are licensed is not included on the above list, yet you have completed at least 1,200 hours of schooling and passed a written exam prior to admittance as a Cosmetologist, you may still qualify for licensure by endorsement. Please submit a transcript from your school indicating the number of hours completed and documents verifying passage of a written exam, or a license certification verifying this information.**

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Section I - Application Type

CHECK ONE OF THE APPLICATION TYPES
<input type="checkbox"/> Licensure by Initial Examination Based on Current Licensure in Another State or Country [0501/1013]

Section II – Applicant Information

APPLICANT INFORMATION			
Social Security Number*			
FULL LEGAL NAME			
Last/Surname	First	Middle	Suffix
Birth Date (MM/DD/YYYY) / /	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		
MAILING ADDRESS			
Street Address or P.O. Box			
City	State	Zip Code (+4 optional)	
County (if Florida address)		Country	
CONTACT INFORMATION			
Primary Phone Number	Primary E-Mail Address		
RESIDENCE ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT THAN MAILING ADDRESS)			
Street Address			
City	State	Zip Code (+4 optional)	
County (if Florida address)		Country	
ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION (OPTIONAL)			
Alternate Phone Number		Fax Number	
Alternate E-Mail Address			

* The disclosure of your Social Security number is mandatory on all professional and occupational license applications, is solicited by the authority granted by 42 U.S.C. §§ 653 and 654, and will be used by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation pursuant to §§ 409.2577, 409.2598, 455.203(9), and 559.79(3), Florida Statutes, for the efficient screening of applicants and licensees by a Title IV-D child support agency to assure compliance with child support obligations. It is also required by § 559.79(1), Florida Statutes, for determining eligibility for licensure and mandated by the authority granted by 42 U.S.C. § 405(c)(2)(C)(i), to be used by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to identify licensees for tax administration purposes.

Section II – Applicant Information – continued

CURRENT/PRIOR LICENSE INFORMATION			
If you currently hold or have previously held a business or professional license/registration in Florida or elsewhere, please list each one below (attach additional copies of this page as necessary):			
1. License/Registration Type	State	Date (From) / /	Date (To) / /
License Number		Name Used	
2. License/Registration Type	State	Date (From) / /	Date (To) / /
License Number		Name Used	
3. License/Registration Type	State	Date (From) / /	Date (To) / /
License Number		Name Used	
PRIOR NAME INFORMATION			
Have you used, been known as, or are currently known by another name (e.g., maiden name or nickname) or alias other than the name signed to the application? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
If your answer is yes, state name or names used below:			
Last/Surname	First	Middle	Suffix
Last/Surname	First	Middle	Suffix
Last/Surname	First	Middle	Suffix

Section III – Licensure by Initial Examination based on Out of State Licensure.

EXAMINATION ELIGIBILITY BASED ON CURRENT OUT OF STATE LICENSURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> I hold a current and active license to practice cosmetology in the state or country indicated below and have held that license or been authorized to practice for a minimum of one year. (Proof must be attached).	
State or Country _____	Date License Acquired ___ / ___ / _____

Section IV (a) – Background Questions

BACKGROUND QUESTIONS			
1.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (If yes, please complete Section IV (b))	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Have you ever been convicted or found guilty of, or entered a plea of nolo contendere or guilty to, regardless of adjudication, a crime in any jurisdiction, or are you currently under criminal investigation? This question applies to any criminal violation of the laws of any municipality, county, state or nation, including felony, misdemeanor and traffic offenses (but not parking, speeding, inspection, or traffic signal violations), without regard to whether you were placed on probation, had adjudication withheld, were paroled, or pardoned. If you intend to answer "NO" because you believe those records have been expunged or sealed by court order pursuant to Section 943.0585 or 943.059, Florida Statutes, or applicable law of another state, you are responsible for verifying the expungement or sealing prior to answering "NO." YOUR ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION MAY BE CHECKED AGAINST LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL RECORDS. FAILURE TO ANSWER THIS QUESTION ACCURATELY MAY RESULT IN THE DENIAL OR REVOCATION OF YOUR LICENSE. IF YOU DO NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND THIS QUESTION, CONSULT WITH AN ATTORNEY OR CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT.
2.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (If yes, please complete Section IV (b))	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Has any judgment or decree of a court been entered against you in this or any other state, province, district, territory, possession or nation, related to the practice or profession for which you are applying, or is there any such case or investigation pending?
3.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (If yes, please complete Section IV (c))	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Have you ever had an application for registration, certification, or licensure in Florida or in any other jurisdiction denied, or is there now pending a proceeding or investigation to deny such an application?
4.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (If yes, please complete Section IV (c))	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Has any license, registration, or permit to practice any regulated profession, occupation, vocation, or business been revoked, annulled, suspended, relinquished, surrendered, or otherwise disciplined in Florida or in any other jurisdiction, or is any such proceeding or investigation now pending?

If you answered "YES" to any question in questions 1-4 above, please refer to Section 2(d) of Instructions for detailed instructions for providing complete explanations, including requirements for submitting supporting legal documents. Please complete Section IV (b) for your response to questions 1 and 2, and complete Section IV (c) for your response to questions 3 and 4. If you have more than two offenses to document in Section IV (b), or more than one offense to document in Section IV(c), attach additional pages as necessary.

Section IV (b) – Explanation(s) for Background Questions 1 and 2

EXPLANATION	
Offense	
County	State
Penalty/Disposition	
Date of Offense (MM/DD/YYYY) / /	Have all sanctions been satisfied? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Description	

Section V – Affirmation By Written Declaration

AFFIRMATION BY WRITTEN DECLARATION	
<p>I certify that I am empowered to execute this application as required by Section 559.79, Florida Statutes. I understand that my signature on this written declaration has the same legal effect as an oath or affirmation. Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing application and the facts stated in it are true. I understand that falsification of any material information on this application may result in criminal penalty or administrative action, including a fine, suspension or revocation of the license.</p>	
Signature:	Date:
Print Name:	