

FINES RELATED TO UNLICENSED ACTIVITY IN BARBERSHOPS

The Florida Barbers' Board has designated the following first violations related to unlicensed activity as citation violations:

Violations by Licensees and Barbershop owners:

- >> Operating with the license of a previously licensed shop in a new or moved location - up to \$500.
- >> Opening or operating a barbershop without a license - up to \$500.
- >> Permitting an unlicensed employee to practice barbering - \$250-\$400.
- >> Engaging in the practice of barbering with an inactive license - up to \$500.
- >> Using or attempting to use a suspended license - \$500.
- >> Failure to laminate and display current license or picture on license - \$50 for the first offense, and \$100 for each subsequent offense.

Violations by Unlicensed Persons:

- >> Holding oneself out as a barber while not being licensed - \$500.
- >> Presenting as one's own the license of another - \$500.
- >> Impersonating any other license holder - \$500.
- >> Using or attempting to use a revoked license - \$500.

Note: *Unlicensed barbering is a second degree misdemeanor. The department is required by law to report any criminal violation of any statute relating to the practice of a profession regulated by the department or appropriate board to the proper prosecuting authority for prompt prosecution.*

HELPFUL RESOURCES:

Chapter 476, Florida Statutes: www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes

Chapter 61G3, Florida Administrative Code: www.flrules.org

Barbers' Board Web page: www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/pro/barb/index.html

Frequently Asked Questions: www.myfloridalicense.com

National Association of Credential Evaluation Services: www.naces.org

HOW TO APPLY FOR A LICENSE:

Please visit **www.MyFloridaLicense.com** to apply online or download a printable application.

Mail printed applications to:

Department of Business and Professional Regulation
Central Intake Unit
2601 Blair Stone Road
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0783

For questions or assistance with the application process, please call the Customer Contact Center at 850-487-1395.

Report Unlicensed Activity:

1(866) 532-1440 or ULA@myfloridalicense.com

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Chapter 476, Florida Statutes, requires barbershops and individuals practicing barbering in the State of Florida to be licensed by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

In the interest of public health, safety and welfare, important sanitation and safety standards are required of Florida's barbershops. DBPR monitors compliance with these requirements through routine inspections of licensed establishments.

Licensed barbers in Florida are skilled and knowledgeable individuals who have passed thorough training, testing and continuing education requirements that help maintain high standards in the profession.

This brochure was created by DBPR to provide barbershop owners and future owners with basic tips on opening a new barbershop and hiring licensed professionals.



Common questions

Can I open a barbershop before my license is issued?

No. The shop license must be issued and available for posting before you open your shop.

My barbershop has moved. Do I need a new license?

Yes. If the location changes, the owner must submit a new barbershop application.

Can a cosmetology salon and a barbershop share the same location?

No. Only one business license can be issued per location.

Who can work in my licensed barbershop?

- >> An individual who has been issued a valid **barber license** by DBPR.
- >> An individual who has been issued a **restricted barber license** by the department is authorized to the terms, conditions and restrictions imposed on their license such as: hair cutting, shave, shampoo, blow dry hair, and apply hair tonics and hair sprays.
- >> **Licensed cosmetologists**, as long as a licensed barber is also employed.

Can someone who just passed the licensing exam the first time work in a licensed barbershop before they are licensed?

Yes. The applicant can work under the supervision of a licensed barber, and they must post the exam results with a recent photo at the work station.

Can someone still work if he or she fails the examination?

If a Florida barbering student fails the exam, he or she may not work until:

- >> He or she applies for reexamination.
- >> He or she provides the shop owner a copy of his or her re-exam application and the exam authorization letter from the testing vendor; and
- >> He or she posts exam results and a recent photo at their station.

In order to continue working, a barbering student has 180 days from the date of his or her first failed exam to complete the exams. Should the student fail the exam a second time, the student cannot work until he or she successfully passes the exam and receives a barber license from DBPR.

How does someone who failed an exam apply for reexamination?

An application for reexamination must be submitted to DBPR along with the appropriate fee.

Can someone who has a license in another state and/or country obtain a Florida license without additional schooling or testing? Can they work before a Florida license is issued?

An applicant licensed in another state or country may be eligible for licensure in Florida, without any additional schooling or examination, as an "endorsement" applicant. A Florida barber license must be issued prior to practicing in Florida.

To learn more, please refer to the **Frequently Asked Questions** located at www.MyFloridaLicense.com or call the department's Customer Contact Center at (850) 487-1395.

Steps to Open a new Barbershop

- >> File an application with the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.
- >> Pay the appropriate fee.
- >> Meet the safety and sanitary requirements for barbershops.
- >> Be issued a new barbershop license.
- >> Post the shop license within view of the front entrance or in the waiting area.
- >> Verify the individuals practicing barbering in the shop are currently licensed in the State of Florida.
- >> Require each licensed barber to post their laminated license with a current photo at their workstations.
- >> Receive an unannounced, initial inspection after your license has been issued.