

**FAQs for New Cosmetology Rule Effective August 1, 2005,
Requiring Prelicensure HIV/AIDS Courses
be Approved for a Minimum of Four Hours**

Providers:

- Q.** I am a Board of Cosmetology provider of an HIV/AIDS course approved for compliance with initial licensure requirements. When does this new rule become effective?
- A.** The new rule is effective August 1, 2005.
- Q.** My course is currently not approved for at least four hours. What do I need to do?
- A.** If your course is not currently approved for at least four hours, you should submit an application for Initial HIV/AIDS course for initial licensure. Your application will need to be reviewed and approved by the members of the Board of Cosmetology at a general business before you may offer a four hour course. You will receive notification from the department's Bureau of Education and Testing once your course has been reviewed by the Board of Cosmetology. Please remember that all course applications must be received by the department at least 30 days prior to a board meeting for consideration.
- Q.** What does the four hour course need to include?
- A.** The course must include education on the modes of transmission, infection control procedures, clinical management and prevention of HIV and AIDS. In addition, the course should include discussion of attitudes towards HIV and AIDS, as well as appropriate behavior when dealing with persons who may have the virus or syndrome.

Applicants

- Q.** I took an initial HIV/AIDS course six months ago and my course completion certificate references two hours of credit. What should I do?
- A.** Any course completed prior to August 1, 2005, for less than four hours is acceptable for initial licensure purposes. Courses completed August 1, 2005, or later must reference four hours of credit. Please remember that all courses must be taken from a board approved provider within two years of applying for licensure.