KENTUCKY BOARD OF BARBERING

APPRENTICE AND BARBER EXAM EXPECTATIONS

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DON’T BE LATE!

- ARRIVE AT LEAST 15 MINUTES BEFORE EXAM TIME
  - If your exam is scheduled for 7:30 a.m. you should arrive no later than 7:15 a.m. in order to have time to complete necessary paperwork and set up your station before the exam begins.
  - Bring the exam notification letter you receive in the mail and your drivers license or picture ID for identification purposes.

- You will be graded on professionalism, your skills and sanitation.
  - Apprentice Exam: You will be allowed thirty (30 minutes) to complete the written exam consisting of 50 multiple choice questions. You will be allowed one (1) hour and twenty (20) minutes to complete the practical examination.
  - Barber Exam: You will be allowed one (1) hour and ten (10) minutes to complete the practical examination.
BRING ALL OF YOUR TOOLS

- When you receive your exam notification in the mail you will also receive a Tools Checklist.
  - Bring everything indicated on the Tools Checklist. During the exam you may be requested to show specific items on that list to the examiners.

- Your exam notification will also include a waiver for you to read and sign and a waiver for your model to read and sign. Please have these signed and ready to turn in when you arrive.
BRING A MODEL

- You MUST bring a model that is in need of a haircut and shave.
  - Your model must be in need of both a haircut and shave and have sufficient hair on top (not less than one (1) inch) to demonstrate shear and clipper techniques. If your model does not meet these requirements you will be asked to leave and not take the exam and your fee will not be refunded.
  - IF TAKING THE APPRENTICE EXAM, PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR MODEL UNDERSTANDS THAT ALL FACIAL HAIR WILL BE REMOVED (BEARD AND MUSTACHE). THIS IS NOT OPTIONAL.
  - THOSE TAKING THE BARBER EXAM WILL REMOVE THE MODEL’S BEARD BUT MAY LEAVE THE MUSTACHE ON THE MODEL.

- If you show up without a model, you will not be able to take the exam that day and will forfeit the exam application fee.

- You will be required to perform one (1) of the following: a permanent wave, apply straightener, or apply color on a mannequin furnished by the Board. These procedures will be done in sections and not over the entire head.
  - You must bring a full set of tools, haircloth, linens, rods, wrapping paper and cotton to use on the mannequin.
PROFESSIONALISM

- Leave your phone turned off and out of sight.
  - NO CELLULAR PHONES OR ANY OTHER COMMUNICATION DEVICES ARE ALLOWED IN TESTING CENTER AT ANY TIME.

- Dress professionally and wear a clean smock.
  - NO JEANS ALLOWED.

- Again...don’t be late!
  - Arrive at least 15 minutes before your scheduled exam time.

- Treat this exam like a job interview. Arrive early, professionally dressed, and ready to work.
If you are taking the apprentice examination, you will be called back to take the written exam before you take the practical exam.

- You will need your exam notification form and your picture ID with you in the written exam room.
- You will be given a test booklet, answer sheet to mark you answers on, and a pencil.
- NO CELL PHONES ALLOWED IN THE EXAM ROOM.
- You will be allowed 30 minutes to complete the 50-question exam.
- When you finish, turn in your exam materials and exit back to the waiting area until you are called into the practical exam room.
LISTEN AND FOLLOW DIRECTIONS

- The examiners will do the following before the practical examination begins:
  - Call you into the testing room without your model so you may set up your tools;
  - Explain how the exam room barber chairs operate;
  - Explain how much time you have to complete the examination and how to call for checks;
  - Give you a chance to ask any questions;
  - Call your models back so you can get them prepared;
  - Take a photo of you at your assigned station with your model.

- You will begin when the examiners tell you and they will periodically tell you how much time you have left to work.
RESULTS

- Apprentice exam results will be mailed to the address on your exam application. The letter you receive will explain your next steps depending on your results.
  - WE DO NOT GIVE RESULTS OVER THE PHONE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE

- Barber exam results will be given out on the day you take the exam. Those who pass will be able to purchase their license that day.

GOOD LUCK!