

Barbering Profession Fact Sheet

WHAT POSITIONS WILL I BE QUALIFIED FOR?

- Barber
- Stylist
- Hair care Product Salesperson
- Demonstration Specialist for Hair care Products
- Barber/Stylist Shop Manager
- Barber/Stylist Shop Owner

WHERE CAN I WORK?

The barbering profession allows you the opportunity to work almost anywhere you'd like. From small town barbershops to big city styling salons; from the barber stylist on a cruise ship to the stylist shop in a resort hotel, you will have the tools to master your own destiny.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT TO EARN, AND WHAT KIND OF HOURS WILL I WORK?

The amount of money you will earn is based upon where you will work, how much you work, whether you are working on a percentage, or hourly, or are salaried. It will also depend upon whether you are self-employed (shop owner), or if you are working for someone else. Annual wages vary anywhere from \$12,000 to \$40,000+ for someone who works full-time. Opportunities are good for both full-time and part-time positions. You will in most cases, decide the hours you work. Some barbers work 6 days a week, 8 hours or more a day, while others may work as little as one day a week. In most cases, barbering allows you the luxury of having a position that will permit you to earn as little or as much as you want.

WHAT ARE THE PHYSICAL DEMANDS OF THE JOB?

You should be in fairly good physical condition, as most positions require an extensive amount of time on your feet. Positions such as shop manager or hair care product representative may not require as much physical stamina.

WHAT ARE THE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS OF THE JOB?

Safety requirements for the barber profession are thoroughly explained in the Rules Governing Barbers and Sanitary Conditions of Barber Shops in Ohio. Some general safety requirements are as follows: Safe work practices include the maintenance of sanitation standards and the application of safety precautions in the workplace environment. Be observant and recognize safety hazards, especially in areas where electricity and water are in close proximity to one another or where chemicals are stored. Handle tools and implements with care to avoid unnecessary injuries. Assist clients who need help. In general, by using common sense and being alert, you can avoid many accidents. Always lower and lock your chair so that it does not spin before inviting the client to be seated or leave the chair. Do not allow children to play, climb, or spin on hydraulic chairs. Read and follow the directions of all products as determined by the manufacturer. Keep your area free of water and oil to prevent slipping and electrical hazards. Always test the water temperature on the inside of your wrist before applying to a client's hair or scalp. Never subject yourself or your client to the risks of faulty or broken equipment. Clothing should be comfortable and professional. Shoes should have non-skid rubber soles with good support.

4709.07 Application for License and Examination

- (A) Each person who desires to obtain an initial license to practice barbering shall apply to the Barber Board, on forms provided by the Board. The application form shall include the name of the person applying for the license and evidence that the applicant meets all of the requirements of division (B) of this section. The application shall be accompanied by two signed current photographs of the applicant, in the size determined by the Board, that show only the head and shoulders of the applicant, and the examination application fee.
- (B) In order to take the required barber examination and to qualify for licensure as a barber, an applicant must demonstrate that he meets all of the following:
- (1) Is of good moral character;
 - (2) Is at least eighteen years of age;
 - (3) Has an eighth grade education or an equivalent education as determined by the State Board of Education in the state where the applicant resides;
 - (4) Has graduated with at least eighteen-hundred hours of training from a Board-approved barber school or has graduated with at least one thousand hours of training from a Board-approved barber school in this state and has a current cosmetology license or hair designer issued pursuant to Chapter 4713. of the Revised Code. No hours of instruction earned by an applicant five or more years prior to the examination apply to the hours of study required by this division.
- (C) Any applicant who meets all of the requirements of division (A) and (B) of this section may take the barber examination at the time and place specified by the Board. If the applicant fails to attain at least a seventy-five percent pass rate on each part of the examination, the applicant is ineligible for licensure; however, the applicant may reapply for examination within ninety days after the date of the release of the examination scores by paying the required re-examination fee. An applicant is only required to take that part or parts of the examination on which the applicant did not receive a score of seventy-five percent or higher. If the applicant fails to reapply for examination within ninety days or fails the second examination, in order to reapply for examination for licensure the applicant shall complete an additional course of study of not less than two hundred hours, in a Board-approved barber school. The Board shall provide to an applicant, upon request, a report which explains the reasons for the applicant's failure to pass the examination.
- (D) The Board shall issue a license to practice barbering to any applicant who, to the satisfaction of the Board, meets the requirements of divisions (A) and (B) of this section, who passes the required examination, and pays the initial licensure fee. Every licensed barber shall display the certificate of licensure in a conspicuous place adjacent to or near the licensed barber's work chair, along with a signed current photograph, in the size determined by the Board, showing head and shoulders only.

General Information for Obtaining a Barber License

The Ohio State Barber Board was created and receives its authority pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 4709. While the Board is the licensing authority of those in the profession, it does not have statutory authority to deny an individual from entering barber school. The Barber Board does not give advice on who should or should not be enrolled in school. However, the Board does have general policy concerning who will be able to obtain a license.

It should be first noted that O.A.C. 4709-5-08 states the Barber Board shall refuse to issue or renew, or shall revoke a license of anyone who has been adjudicated a sexual offender under Ohio Revised Code 2950. This rule is not subject to debate, the Board does not license known sexual offenders.

Aside from the above paragraph the Board has a general policy it follows in determining whether or not to issue a license in cases where the applicant has criminal conviction.

The current policy is to deny a license application and/or revoke the license of individuals who have been convicted of drug trafficking (or related offenses), sexual offenses, and murder/aggravated murder. All applicants which have had their license application denied or revoked may be reconsidered five years from the date of conviction.

For more information please refer to the Ohio State Barber Board's website: www.barber.ohio.gov