**Section 1175.410 Examination Requirements**

a) Examinations shall be administered by the Division or its designated testing service and shall cover subject matter as set forth in Section 3-6 of the Act.

b) The passing grade on each examination is 75 or another state's passing grade.

c) Retakes

1) A cosmetology applicant who fails to pass a third examination must submit an official transcript from a licensed cosmetology school showing successful completion of a 100-hour refresher course, or the 250-hour cosmetology refresher course, from a school licensed by the Division as set forth in Section 1175.531, prior to taking the examination a fourth time.

2) A cosmetology teacher applicant who fails to pass a third examination must submit an official transcript from a licensed cosmetology school showing successful completion of 80 hours of additional study in teaching methodology and educational psychology prior to taking the examination a fourth time.

3) The requirement for remedial training set forth in this Section may be waived in whole or in part by the Division upon proof to the Division that the applicant has demonstrated competence to again sit for the examination. Pursuant to Section 3-6 of the Act, the Division shall consider the following factors when waiving remedial training, including but not be limited to: the percentage points by which the applicant failed the examination, the number of times the applicant failed the examination and extenuating circumstances that explain the applicant's failure to pass the examination.

4) For purposes of the examination retakes, the fourth attempt shall count as the first.

5) An applicant shall make a written request for an examination retake at least 45 days in advance of the examination date. The request must include the required examination fee and official transcripts when further study is required in accordance with subsections (c)(1), (2) and (3).

d) If an applicant has not submitted an application for licensure within 12 months after taking and passing the examination, the applicant must retake and pass the examination prior to being granted a license.

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