

Updated Testing Policy

Effective December 1, 2021, the Kansas Board of Barbering is implementing a change regarding testing.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.

1. Candidates who are eligible for testing according to K.S.A. 65-1812(a) must submit a complete "Application for Barbers Examination" and include all necessary fees and documentation. When the application is received at the Board office, the Board staff will pre-register the applicant for the SMT computer-based test. The candidate will then be notified by SMT via email with instructions on how to complete the registration and scheduling of the NIC Barber-Styling test.
 2. **Candidates must achieve a score of 80% or higher on this test BEFORE they will be scheduled for the hands-on practical examination and the Kansas Barber Rules and Regulations written test.**
- NOTE:** Exam scores are not official until verified by SMT and sent to the Kansas Board of Barbering.
3. Candidates who submit an "Application for Temporary License" and receive a temporary license should be aware that temporary license becomes null and void if they fail the NIC Barber-Styling written examination (score below 80%).
 4. If a candidate wishes to continue to practice barbering while waiting to re-take the NIC Barber-Styling written examination, a NEW Application for Barbers Examination must be submitted including all required fees and documents to the Kansas Board of Barbering office and a NEW completed Application for Temporary License must be also included. **A candidate may not receive more than 3 Temporary Licenses.**
 5. Any candidate who fails the Practical hands-on portion of the examination will not be issued any subsequent temporary licenses but will be allowed to re-test on the Practical Hands-on Examination (and the Kansas Barber Rules and Regulations Written Test, if necessary), upon submitting a NEW Application for Barbers Examination, including all required fees and documents, to the Kansas Board of Barbering Office.

Statute

65-1812. Qualifications for licensure as a barber; temporary license. (a) Any person shall be qualified to receive a license to practice barbering if such person: (1) Is at least 16 years of age and of good moral character and temperate habits; (2) has graduated from a high school accredited by the appropriate accrediting agency or has otherwise obtained the equivalent of a high school education; (3) is a graduate of a barber school or barber college approved by the board or has satisfactorily completed the barber course at an institution under the control of the secretary of corrections or the disciplinary barracks at Fort Leavenworth or has been certified in a related industry, such as barbering in any branch of the United States military service, and has completed a course of study in a licensed Kansas barber college or barber school as prescribed by the board under K.S.A. 65-1810(e), and amendments thereto, or has

been a cosmetologist licensed by the Kansas board of cosmetology and has completed a course of study in a licensed Kansas barber college or barber school as prescribed by the board under K.S.A. 65-1810(e), and amendments thereto; and (4) has paid an examination fee and has passed the examination conducted by the board to determine the fitness of such person to practice barbering. (b) Any person who fails to pass an examination conducted by the board to determine such person's fitness to practice barbering shall be entitled to take the next examination conducted by the board. (c) The board may issue a temporary license to practice barbering to any person who has graduated from an approved barber school or barber college and who makes application to take the next examination for licensure to practice barbering. Such license shall be effective only until the results of the examination are announced. No more than three temporary licenses shall be issued to any one person. History: L. 1939, ch. 241, § 5; L. 1965, ch. 380, § 2; L. 1970, ch. 255, § 4; L. 1976, ch. 272, § 3; L. 1978, ch. 244, § 1; L. 1980, ch. 190, § 3; L. 1981, ch. 248, § 2; L. 1982, ch. 265, § 2; L. 1990, ch. 225, § 4; L. 1990, ch. 309, § 36; L. 2016, ch. 91, § 4; July 1.