The Department of State (the "Department") has adopted the following proposal to amend Title 19 of NYCRR.

Please refer to the July 29, 2026 edition of the State Register, available on the Department's website, for additional information relating to this rule.

These changes will become effective on September 1, 2026.

For questions or concerns regarding the amendments, call (518) 474-4429 or email beauty@dos.ny.gov.

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Section 162.3 of Title 19 is amended as follows: Underline indicates addition and [~~Brackets with strikethrough indicate deletion~~].

§ 162.3. Natural hair styling.

(a) Scope of curriculum. The educational requirements for natural hair styling shall include the following subjects and the hours assigned to each: Scope of Curriculum Hours

Scope of Curriculum	Hours
(1) Professional Requirements	10
(2) Safety and Health	20
(3) Anatomy and Physiology	5
(4) Hair ~~[Analysis]~~ and Scalp Properties	10
(5) Hair Loss and Scalp Disorders and Diseases	10
(6) Chemistry as Applied to Hair Care Products and Natural Hair Styling	5
(7) Hair Preparation, Shampoos, Rinses, Conditioners and Treatments	20
(8) Hair Braiding, Locking, Weaving and Styling	220
TOTAL	**300**

Subject 1
PROFESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS—10 HOURS

- New York State License Requirements
- State and Federal Payroll Requirements
- New York State Sales Tax Requirements
- Career Opportunities and Placement
- Professional Ethics, Conduct and Attitude
- Professional Organizations, Trade Shows and Publications
- View and discuss the mandatory Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Awareness online course
- Professional Business License and Professional Liability Insurance

Subject 2

SAFETY AND HEALTH—20 HOURS

- New York State Laws, Rules and Regulations
- OSHA Regulations Concerning Hazardous Materials Communications
- Types and Classification of Infectious Organisms – Bacteria – Viruses – Mold and Fungus
- Growth and Reproduction of Infectious Organisms
- Infections and Their Prevention
- Immunity and Body Defenses
- Decontamination and Infection Control
- Physical and Chemical Agent

Subject 3

ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY—5 HOURS

- Cells, Tissues, and Organs
- Body Systems
- Basic Principles of Nutrition and Beauty Wellness

Subject 4

HAIR ~~[ANALYSIS]~~ AND SCALP PROPERTIES—10 HOURS

- ~~[Structure]~~ Hair Structure and Components
- Types of Hair ~~[and Curl Structure]~~ – Fine, Medium, Thick and Combinations
- Growth Patterns
- Texture and Configuration – Curly, Coily, Kinky, Wavy, Wiry, Straight
- Scalp and Hair Analysis
- Hair Density
- Porosity
- Elasticity
- Dry and Oily Scalp

Subject 5

HAIR LOSS AND SCALP DISORDERS AND DISEASES—10 HOURS

- Dandruff – Seborrheic Dermatitis – Psoriasis – Eczema
- Types of Alopecia – Scarring and Non-Scarring
- Fungal Infections (Tinea) – Folliculis
- Infestations
- ~~[Infections]~~
- Bacterial Infections
- Parasitic Infections

Subject 6

CHEMISTRY AS APPLIED TO HAIR CARE PRODUCTS AND NATURAL HAIR STYLING—5 HOURS

- Forms and Properties of Hair
- Elements, Compounds and Mixtures
- Chemical Allergic Reactions of Hair Care Products and Solutions
- The pH Scale

- FDA Laws Governing Hair Care Products and Product Safety

Subject 7

HAIR PREPARATION, SHAMPOOS, RINSES, CONDITIONERS AND TREATMENTS—20 HOURS

- ~~[Client]~~ Hair Service Preparation, Analysis, Client Consultation, Beauty Wellness and Referrals
- ~~[Hair Analysis]~~ Proper Tools Instruments and Equipment
- Understanding Hair Products as it Relates to Natural Hair Care and Styling
- Shampooing Products, Composition and Procedures
- Rinsing Products, Composition and Procedures
- Conditioning Products, Composition and Procedures
- Hydration and Moisture Steam Treatment
- Procedures for Hair and Scalp Disorders

Subject 8

HAIR BRAIDING, LOCKING, WEAVING AND STYLING—220 HOURS TOTAL

- History and theory of methods and techniques traditionally used past and present – 2 hours
- Tools – Including but not limited to: Crochet Needle, Latch Hook Tool, Interlocking Tool, Sewing - Blunt and Curved Needle, Beading Pliers, and Bead Threader – 5 HOURS
- Materials for Extensions – Including but not limited to: Synthetic Fiber, Human Hair Fiber, and Yarn Fiber – 5 HOURS
- Braid Extensions and Hair Extension Removal Techniques – 105 HOURS
    - Single Braids With and Without Extensions
    - Cornrows With and Without Extensions
    - Double Strand Twisting With and Without Extensions
    - Flat-twist With and Without Extensions
    - Knotless/Feed-In Braids
    - Yarn Braids
    - Thread Wrapping
    - Hair Extension Removal
- Lock Theory – 20 HOURS
    - Palm Roll
    - ~~[Comb Twisting]~~
    - Two-Strand Twisting
    - Nubian Comb Coils
    - Interlocking and Instant Loc Methods
- Traditional Weaving and Styling – 20 HOURS
    - Afro Twist Hair Extensions
    - Traditional and Mixed Texture Sew in Weave
    - Crochet Weave
- Textured Sets – 20 HOURS
    - Twist, Twist Out Sets
    - Bantu Knot Sets
    - Finger Coiling
    - Roller, and Flexi Rod Styling
- Textured Hair Styling Services – 18 HOURS
    - Curl and Coil Defining Textured Hairstyles, Enhancing Natural Curls – Spiral Technique
    - Blow-dry Preparation for Braid Styling and Natural Hair
    - Thermal Curling and Flat Ironing Natural Hair
    - Preventing Heat Damage Using Mechanical and Electrical Equipment
- ~~[Roller Styling]~~
- Finishing Techniques – 15 HOURS

    - Product Knowledge and Distribution
    - Tools and Implements
    - Heat Damage Prevention
- ~~[Hair Styling Services — Tools and Implements — Blowdrying — Thermal Curling — Hair- Pressing]~~
- Hair Pieces – 10 HOURS
    - Fundamental of Wig Making
    - Blocking and Measuring

Section 162.4 of Title 19 is amended as follows: Underline indicates addition and [~~Brackets with strikethrough indicate deletion~~].

§162.4. Cosmetology.

(a) Scope of curriculum. The educational requirements for cosmetologists shall include the following subjects and the hours assigned to each:

Scope of Curriculum	Hours
(1) Professional Requirements	24
(2) Safety and Health	26
(3) Anatomy and Physiology	15
(4) Hair Analysis	10
(5) Hair and Scalp Disorders and Diseases	10
(6) Chemistry as Applied to Cosmetology	5
(7) Shampoos, Rinses, Conditioners and Treatments	30
(8) Hair Cutting and Shaping	175
(9) Hair Styling	245
(10) Chemical Restructuring	180
(11) Hair Coloring and Lightening	180
(12) Nail Care and Procedures	40
(13) Skin Care and Procedures	60
Total	1000

(b) Subject matter. Each subject shall include a treatment of the topics as set forth herein:

Subject 1

PROFESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS—24 HOURS

- New York State License Requirements
- State and Federal Payroll Requirements
- New York State Sales Tax Requirements
- Career Opportunities and Placement
- Professional Ethics, Conduct and Attitude
- Professional Organizations, Trade Shows and Publications
- View and discuss the mandatory Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Awareness online course

Subject 2

SAFETY AND HEALTH—26 HOURS

- New York State Laws, Rules and Regulations
- OSHA Regulations Concerning Hazardous Materials Communications
- Types and Classification of Infectious Organisms
    - Bacteria
    - Viruses
    - Molds
    - Fungus

- Growth and Reproduction of Infectious Organisms
- Infections and Their Prevention
- Immunity and Body Defenses
- Decontamination and Infection Control
- Physical and Chemical Agents

Subject 3
ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY—15 HOURS

- Cells, Tissues and Organs
- Body Systems
- Basic Principles of Nutrition
- Overview of Bones and Muscles of the Head, Arms, Hands, Legs and Feet

Subject 4
HAIR ANALYSIS—10 HOURS

- Structure
- Growth Patterns
- ~~[Texture]~~
- Hair Types and Textures
    - Hair Types – Fine, Medium, Thick
    - Hair Textures – Straight, Wavy, Curly, Wiry, Coily and Afro Textures
- Porosity
- Elasticity
- Density

Subject 5
HAIR AND SCALP DISORDERS AND DISEASES—10 HOURS

- Dandruff
- Alopecia
- Fungal Infections
- Infestations
- Infections

Subject 6
CHEMISTRY AS APPLIED TO COSMETOLOGY—5 HOURS

- Forms and Properties of Matter
- Elements, Compounds and Mixtures
- Chemical Reactions and Solutions
- The pH Scale
- FDA Laws Governing Hair Care Products and Product Safety

Subject 7
SHAMPOOS, RINSES, CONDITIONERS AND TREATMENTS—30 HOURS

- Client Preparation, Analysis and Consultation for all hair types and textures
- Hair Analysis Instruments and Equipment
- Shampooing Products, Composition and Procedures for all hair types and textures
- Detangling and Treating for Coily and Curly Textures
- Rinsing Products, Composition and Procedures for all hair types and textures
- Conditioning Products, Composition and Procedures for all hair types and textures
- Procedures for Hair and Scalp Disorders

- Scalp Manipulations

Subject 8

HAIR CUTTING AND SHAPING—175 HOURS

- Fundamentals, Principles and Concepts of Design
- Scissor Haircutting
  - Nomenclature and Care of Scissors
  - Techniques and Procedures
- Razor Haircutting
  - Nomenclature and Care of Razor
  - Techniques and Procedures
- Clipper Haircutting
  - Nomenclature and Care of Tools
  - Techniques and Procedures
- Removal/Trim of Superfluous Hair
- Contemporary and Specialized Haircutting
  - Curly and Coily Styles
  - Female Styles
  - Male Styles
  - Children Styles
- Mustache and Beard Shaping
- Shaving
  - Dexterity of the Hands and Razor
  - Preparation and Procedures

Subject 9

HAIR STYLING—245 HOURS

- Fingerwaving
- Pincurling
- Skipwaving
- Roller Styling
- Curly and Coily Styling
- Patterns in Hairstyling
  - Waves, Pin Curls, Rollers and Combinations
- Finishing Techniques
  - Twisting, Wrapping, Weaving, Extending, Locking and Braiding
- Traditional Weaving and Styling
- Services in Hairstyling
  - Tools and Implements
  - Blowdrying/Diffusing
    - Blowdrying with Controlled Tension
    - Diffusing Curly and Coily Hair
  - Flatiron and Thermal Iron
    - Preventing Heat Damage
  - Thermal Curling
  - Hair Pressing and Silk Press on Natural Hair
- Hair Pieces

Subject 10

CHEMICAL RESTRUCTURING—180 HOURS

- Chemistry

- Chemical Restructuring Products
- Client Consultation and Texture Hair Integrity
- Hair Loss and Potential Health Risks Associated with Chemical Restructuring
- Preliminary Procedure of Chemical Restructuring
- Procedure of Chemical Restructuring
- Corrective Chemical Restructuring

Subject 11

HAIR COLORING AND LIGHTENING—180 HOURS

- Color Theory
- Chemistry
- Preliminary Procedures of Hair Coloring
- Client Consultation
- Hair Coloring Procedures
- Hair Lightening and Texture Hair Integrity
- Special Effects
- Corrective Procedures

Subject 12

NAIL CARE AND PROCEDURES—40 HOURS

- Nail Structure
- Nail Disorders and Diseases
- Nail Shape and Color Analysis
- Basic Manicuring and Pedicuring
- Manipulations of the Hand, Arm, Leg and Foot
- Nail Tip Application
  - Adhesives
  - Fitting, Design and Application
- Nail Wrap Application
  - Silk, Fiberglass and Linen Procedures
  - Surface Wrapping Natural Nail and Mending
  - Tip Overlay Wrapping
  - Repair, Maintenance and Removal
- Liquid and Powder Nail Extensions
  - Application Procedures for Tips with Overlays, Natural Nails and Sculptured Nails
  - Repair, Maintenance and Removal
  - Chemical Reactions to Liquid and Powder

Subject 13

SKIN CARE AND PROCEDURES—60 HOURS

- Structure and Function of the Skin
- Skin Conditions and Disorders
- Facial and Body Procedures
  - Client Preparation
  - Skin Analysis and Consultation
- Wet and Dry Exfoliations and Applications
- Use of Various Products to Enhance the Appearance of the Skin:

- Seaweed, salt, paraffin, mud, ampules, creams, etc.
- Discussion for Further Training Required for Advanced Techniques Such as Aromatherapy and Water Therapies
- Temporary Methods of Hair Removal
  - Manual Tweezing
  - Depilatory Lotion
  - Waxing
  - Bleaching
- Make-Up Application
  - Color Analysis
  - Morphology of the Face
  - Product Knowledge, Chemistry and Related Composition
  - Eyebrow Contouring
  - Corrections and Contouring
  - False Eyelashes
  - Further Training Required for Advanced Techniques