

SUBCHAPTER 14H - SANITATION

SECTION .0100 - SANITATION

21 NCAC 14H .0101 COPY OF RULES TO COSMETOLOGY STUDENTS

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21 NCAC 14H .0102 COPY OF RULES TO BEAUTY ESTABLISHMENTS

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21 NCAC 14H .0103 FAILURE TO ADHERE TO RULES

21 NCAC 14H .0104 BUILDING

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21 NCAC 14H .0105 SANITARY RATINGS AND POSTING OF RATINGS

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21 NCAC 14H .0106 RESIDENTIAL BEAUTY SHOPS

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21 NCAC 14H .0115 FIRST AID

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21 NCAC 14H .0116 HEALTH OF OPERATORS

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21 NCAC 14H .0117 ANIMALS

21 NCAC 14H .0118 SYSTEMS OF GRADING BEAUTY ESTABLISHMENTS

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21 NCAC 14H .0119 NOTICE TO BOARD

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21 NCAC 14H .0120 WHIRLPOOL, FOOTSPA AND FACIAL STEAMER SANITATION

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21 NCAC 14H .0121 PROHIBITED PRACTICES

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SECTION .0200 - SHOP LICENSING AND PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS

21 NCAC 14H .0201 APPLICATION FOR SHOP LICENSE

- (a) Rules in this Subchapter apply to all cosmetic art shops making initial application to operate a cosmetic art shop.
- (b) Shops licensed prior to March 1, 2012 are not required to comply with Rules .0202, .0203(c), .0204 and .0301 of this Subchapter.
- (c) Shops licensed prior to March 1, 2012 shall comply with Rules .0201, .0203(a)-(b), .0302-.0304 and Sections .0400 and .0500 of this Subchapter.
- (d) Shops licensed prior to March 1, 2012 that make any structural changes that change the physical layout or square footage shall comply with all rules in this Subchapter notwithstanding Paragraph (b) of this Rule.

(e) Persons desiring to open a cosmetic art shop, to change ownership of a cosmetic art shop, relocate or reopen a shop shall make application to the North Carolina State Board of Cosmetic Art Examiner on the Board's application form.

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21 NCAC 14H .0202 RESERVED FOR FUTURE CODIFICATION

21 NCAC 14H .0203 NEWLY ESTABLISHED SHOPS

- (a) All cosmetic art shops shall be separate and apart from any building or room used for any other business or purpose, separated by a solid wall of at least seven feet in height and shall have a separate outside entrance.
- (b) A newly established cosmetic art shop, shall be separate and apart from any building or room used for living, dining or sleeping and shall be separate and apart from any other room used for any other purpose by a solid wall of ceiling height, making separate and apart rooms used for a cosmetic art shop. All entrances to the cosmetic art shop shall be through solid, full length doors installed in solid walls of ceiling height.
- (c) A residential cosmetic art shop shall furnish bathroom facilities separate and apart from the residence.
- (d) An entrance to a cosmetic art shop from a passageway, walkway, or mall area used only for access to the shop, or to the shop and other businesses, may be open.

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21 NCAC 14H .0204 DIMENSIONS WITHIN COSMETIC ART SHOPS

Within the clinic area each shop shall maintain no less than the following working distances:

- (1) 48 inches of space from the center to the center of each styling chair, esthetics table or manicuring table;
- (2) 24 inches from the center of the chair forward;
- (3) 48 inches from the backrest behind the chair to any other styling chair, esthetics table or manicuring table; and
- (4) at least 30 inches of space from the back of each styling chair, esthetics table or manicuring table to the wall of the shop.

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SECTION .0300 - COSMETIC ART SHOP AND EQUIPMENT

21 NCAC 14H .0301 WATER

Cosmetic art shops shall have a sink with hot and cold running water in the shop, separate from restrooms.

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21 NCAC 14H .0302 VENTILATION AND LIGHT

- (a) Ventilation shall be provided at all times in the clinic areas when patrons are serviced in all cosmetic art shops and there shall be a continuous exchange of air.
- (b) Light shall be provided in the service area of a cosmetic art shop.
- (c) All cosmetic art shops shall adhere to any federal, State and local government regulation or ordinance regarding fire safety codes, plumbing and electrical work.

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21 NCAC 14H .0303 BATHROOM FACILITIES

- (a) Toilet and hand washing facilities consisting of at least one toilet and one hand washing sink with running water, liquid soap and individual clean towels or hand air dryer shall be accessible to each cosmetic art shop.
- (b) Shops with an initial licensure date prior to March 1, 2012, are not required to comply with Paragraph (a) of this Rule.

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21 NCAC 14H .0304 EQUIPMENT

Cosmetic art shops shall maintain equipment and supplies to safely perform any cosmetic art service offered in the shop. Safely is the safe and effective completion of the systematic steps for a cosmetic art service following infection control regulations, manufacturer's instructions, and equipment handling.

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SECTION .0400 - INFECTION CONTROL PROCEDURES AND PRACTICES

21 NCAC 14H .0401 LICENSEES AND STUDENTS

- (a) For purposes of this Section, sanitation, as described in G.S. 88B, is defined as "infection control."
- (b) Notwithstanding Rule .0201 in this Subchapter, this Rule applies to licensees and students in practice in cosmetic art schools and shops.
- (c) Each licensee and student shall wash his or her hands with soap and water immediately after using the restroom. Each licensee and student shall wash his or her hands with soap and water or use of a 62 percent to 70 percent alcohol-based hand sanitizer immediately before and after serving each client and at any point that the student or licensee's hands become contaminated.
- (d) Each licensee and student shall wear clean garments and shoes while serving patrons.
- (e) Licensees or students shall not use or possess in a cosmetic art school or shop any of the following:
 - (1) Methyl Methacrylate Liquid Monomer, a.k.a. MMA;

- (2) razor-type callus shavers, hollow needles, or blades;
 - (3) carbolic acid (phenol) over two percent strength;
 - (4) animals including insects, fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, or non-human mammals to perform any service; or
 - (5) a variable speed electrical nail file unless it has been designed for use on a natural nail.
- (f) A licensee or student shall not:
- (1) use any product, implement, or piece of equipment in any manner other than the product's, implement's, or equipment's intended use as described or detailed by the manufacturer;
 - (2) treat any medical condition unless referred by a physician;
 - (3) provide any service unless it falls within the license definition listed in G.S. 88B-2 and unless trained prior to performing the service;
 - (4) perform services on a client if the licensee has reason to believe the client has any of the following:
 - (A) fungus, lice, or nits;
 - (B) an inflamed, infected, broken, raised, or swollen skin or nail tissue in the area to be worked on; or
 - (C) an open wound or sore in the area to be worked on;
 - (5) alter or duplicate a license issued by the Board;
 - (6) advertise or solicit clients in any form of communication in a manner that is false or misleading. A violation of this prohibition is considered practicing or attempting to practice by fraudulent misrepresentation is set forth in 21 NCAC 14P .0108;
 - (7) cut or remove growths of skin including freckles, moles, warts, skin tags, corns, and calluses;
 - (8) use any product or device that will penetrate the dermis;
 - (9) make any statement to a member of the public, either verbally or in writing, stating or implying any action is required or forbidden by Board rules when such action is not required or forbidden by Board rules. A violation of this prohibition is considered practicing or attempting to practice by fraudulent misrepresentation is set forth in 21 NCAC 14P .0108;
 - (10) Make any statement to a member of the public either verbally or in writing, stating or implying the licensee or student has completed training, licensure, or certification that the licensee/student does not hold or has not completed or not recognized by the Board or NC General Statutes. A violation of this prohibition is considered practicing or attempting to practice by fraudulent misrepresentation as set forth in 21 NCAC 14P .0108;
 - (11) use or possess any product banned by the FDA. A list of banned products is available at www.fda.gov; or
 - (12) use or possess any machine for a cosmetic art service that is not classified by the FDA. Machines that do not require classification by the FDA are exempt from this regulation.
- (g) In using a disinfectant, the user shall wear any personal protective equipment, such as gloves, recommended by the manufacturer in the Safety Data Sheet.
- (h) Licensees may only perform services specifically designated within their licensure field as defined by G.S. 88B-2.

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21 NCAC 14H .0402 COSMETIC ART SHOPS AND SCHOOLS

- (a) A cosmetic art school or shop shall be kept clean.
- (b) Waste material shall be kept in receptacles with a disposable liner. The area surrounding the waste receptacles shall be maintained in a sanitary manner.
- (c) All doors and windows shall be kept clean.
- (d) Furniture, equipment, floors, walls, ceilings, and fixtures must be clean and in good repair.

- (e) Work surfaces used for resting dirty implements during service performances must be disinfected, before and after each service or be protected by a discardable or disinfectable barrier. Any barrier used for this purpose must be discarded, disinfected or laundered before and after each service.
- (f) Animals or birds shall not be in a cosmetic art shop or school. Fish in an enclosure and animals trained for the purpose of accompanying disabled persons are exempt from the prohibition in this Paragraph.
- (g) Cosmetic art shops and schools shall display the name of the shop or school and the suite number at the entrance by a sign or lettering.
- (h) The owner of a cosmetic art shop or school shall not post any sign that states or implies that some action is required or forbidden by Board rules when such action is not required or forbidden by Board rules. A violation of this prohibition is considered practicing or attempting to practice by fraudulent misrepresentation.

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21 NCAC 14H .0403 DISINFECTION PROCEDURES

- (a) Disinfectant, as applicable in this Subchapter, is defined as a disinfectant that is EPA registered as effective against:
 - (1) bacteria including *Staphylococcus aureus*, MRSA, and *pseudomonas aeruginosa*;
 - (2) viruses including HIV, Hepatitis B and C;
 - (3) fungi including *Trichophyton mentagrophytes*; and
 - (4) human Coronavirus or SARS-CoV-2.
- (b) Infection Control rules that apply to towels and cloths are as follows:
 - (1) clean protective capes, drapes, linens, and towels shall be used for each patron;
 - (2) after a protective cape has been in contact with a patron's neck it shall be placed in a clean, closed container until laundered with soap and hot water and dried in a heated dryer. Capes that cannot be laundered and dried in a heater dryer may be disinfected in accordance with the manufacturer directions; and
 - (3) after a drape, linen, or towel has been in contact with a patron's skin it shall be placed in a clean, container until laundered with soap and hot water and dried in a heated dryer.
- (c) Any paper or nonwoven protective drape or covering shall be discarded after one use.
- (d) There shall be a supply of clean protective drapes, linens, and towels at all times. Wet towels used in services shall be prepared fresh each day. Unused, prepared wet towels shall be laundered daily.
- (e) Clean drapes, capes, linens, towels and all other supplies shall be stored in a clean area.
- (f) Bathroom facilities shall be kept clean.
- (g) All implements shall be cleaned and disinfected after each use in the following manner:
 - (1) They shall be washed with warm water and a cleaning solution and scrubbed to remove debris and dried.
 - (2) They shall be disinfected with disinfectant that is mixed and used according to the manufacturer's directions and manufacturer's contact time. They shall be rinsed with hot tap water and dried with a clean towel before their next use. They shall be stored in a clean, closed cabinet or container until they are needed.
 - (3) If the implement is shears, a razor, or not immersible, it shall be cleaned by wiping it with a clean cloth moistened or sprayed with a disinfectant used in accordance with the manufacturer's directions.
- (h) All disinfected non-electrical implements shall be stored in a clean, closed cabinet or clean, closed container.
- (i) All disinfected electrical implements shall be stored in a clean area separate from other clean implements.
- (j) Disposable and porous implements and supplies shall be discarded after use or upon completion of the service.
- (k) Product that comes into contact with the patron shall be discarded upon completion of the service.
- (l) Containers with open faces may be covered or closed with plastic wrapping. Disinfected implements shall not be stored with any implement or item that has not been disinfected. Implements that have not been disinfected shall be stored in a container and labeled as soiled.

- (m) Lancets, disposable razors, and other sharp objects shall be disposed in puncture-resistant containers.
- (n) All creams, lotions, wax, cosmetics, and other products dispensed to come in contact with patron's skin shall be kept in clean, closed containers and shall conform in all respects to the requirements of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act as set forth in 21 U.S.C. 9 accessible at <https://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?path=/prelim@title21/chapter9/subchapter6&edition=prelim>. Any product apportioned for use and removed from original containers shall be distributed in a sanitary manner that prevents contamination of product or container. Any product dispensed in portions into another container shall be dispensed into a clean container and applied to patrons by means of a disinfected or disposable implement or other clean methods. Any product dispensed in portions not dispensed into another container shall be used immediately and applied to patrons by means of a disinfected or disposable implement or other clean methods. No product dispensed in portions may be returned to the original container.
- (o) As used in this Rule, "whirlpool" or "footspa" means any basin using circulating water.
- (p) After use by each patron each whirlpool or footspa shall be cleaned and disinfected as follows:
- (1) all water shall be drained and all debris removed from the basin;
 - (2) the basin shall be disinfected by filling the basin with water and circulating a surfactant or enzymatic soap with a disinfectant used according to manufacturer's instructions through the unit for 10 minutes;
 - (3) the basin shall be drained and rinsed with clean water; and
 - (4) the basin shall be wiped dry with a clean towel.
- (q) At the end of the day each whirlpool or footspa shall be cleaned and disinfected as follows:
- (1) the screen shall be removed and all debris trapped behind the screen removed;
 - (2) the screen and the inlet must be washed with surfactant, enzymatic soap, or detergent and rinsed with clean water;
 - (3) before replacing the screen it shall be totally immersed in disinfectant in accordance to the manufacturer's instructions;
 - (4) the inlet and area behind the screen shall be cleaned with a brush and surfactant soap and water to remove all visible debris and residue; and
 - (5) the spa system shall be flushed with low sudsing surfactant, enzymatic soap, and warm water for at least 10 minutes and then rinsed and drained.
- (r) A record shall be made of the date and time of each cleaning and disinfecting as required by this Rule including the date, time, reason, and name of the staff member who performed the cleaning. This record shall be made for each whirlpool or footspa and shall be kept and made available for at least 90 days upon request by either a patron or inspector.
- (s) The water in a vaporizer machine shall be emptied daily and the unit disinfected daily after emptying.
- (t) The area where services are performed that come in contact with the patron's skin including treatment chairs, treatment tables, and beds shall be disinfected between patrons.
- (u) A manufacturers label for all products, cleaners, and disinfectant concentrate shall be available at all times. If a concentrate bottle is emptied, it shall remain available until a new bottle is available.
- (v) When mixed disinfectant concentrate is placed in a secondary container such as a spray bottle, tub, or jar, that container shall be labeled to indicate what chemical is in the container. SDS sheets shall be available for all disinfectants in use at all times.
- (w) Disinfectants shall be stored and disposed of in accordance with all local, State, and federal requirements.
- (x) The cabinet and supplies of a towel warmer machine shall be emptied daily and the unit dried daily after emptying.

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21 NCAC 14H .0404 FIRST AID

- (a) Each cosmetic art shop and school shall have individually packaged antibiotic ointment, gloves or finger guards, sterile adhesive bandages, and other necessary supplies available to provide first aid.

(b) If the skin of the licensee or student is punctured, the licensee or student shall upon knowledge of the injury do the following in this order:

- (1) wash and dry the punctured area with soap and running water and a disposable towel;
- (2) if the cut is still bleeding apply pressure over the wound with a disposable towel;
- (3) remove materials from first aid kit;
- (4) apply antibiotic ointment or a sterile adhesive bandage;
- (5) disinfect any implement or work area exposed to blood per Rule .0403 in this Section;
- (6) dispose of all contaminated supplies in the trash;
- (7) wash hands with soap and running water; and
- (8) if the injured area is on the hands, fingers, or thumb apply disposable, protective glove(s) or a finger guard.

(c) If the skin of the patron is punctured, the licensee or student shall upon knowledge of the injury do the following in this order:

- (1) wash and dry hands with soap and running water and a disposable towel and remove materials from first aid kit;
- (2) make first aid supplies available to the patron or assist the patron with:
 - (A) cleansing injured area with soap and water; and
 - (B) applying antibiotic ointment or a sterile adhesive bandage;
- (3) disinfect any implement or work area exposed to blood per Rule .0403 in this Section;
- (4) dispose of all contaminated supplies in the trash;
- (5) wash hands with soap and running water; and
- (6) put on disposable, protective gloves.

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SECTION .0500 - ENFORCEMENT, MAINTENANCE OF LICENSURE

21 NCAC 14H .0501 INSPECTION OF COSMETIC ART SHOPS

(a) A newly established cosmetic art shop, or a shop which has changed ownership must file an application for licensure with the Board prior to opening. A newly established cosmetic art shop, a shop which has changed ownership or a shop which has been operating without a license shall be inspected before a license will be issued. A new shop license application shall include the following:

- (1) Shop name;
- (2) Owner name and social security number or tax id number;
- (3) Shop location and mailing addresses;
- (4) Number of booths;
- (5) Date of opening or ownership change;
- (6) Shop phone number and email address; and
- (7) Work days and hours.

(b) Each cosmetic art shop must pass inspection by an agent of the Board pursuant to this Subchapter. Inspections shall be conducted annually and may be conducted without notice.

(c) Mobile cosmetic art shops and schools are prohibited.

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21 NCAC 14H .0502 FAILURE TO PERMIT INSPECTION

A salon shall allow an inspector access to inspect a salon after the inspector makes an appointment. If a salon fails to meet this requirement twice, the Board may initiate proceedings to revoke or suspend the salon license or may refuse to renew the shop license.

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21 NCAC 14H .0503 SANITARY RATINGS AND POSTING OF RATINGS

- (a) The sanitary rating of a beauty establishment shall be based on a system of grading outlined in this Subchapter. The Board's agent or inspector shall rate all beauty establishments based on the following grading scale:
- (1) all establishments receiving a rating of at least 90 percent or more shall be awarded a grade A;
 - (2) all establishments receiving a rating of at least 80 percent, and less than 90 percent, shall be awarded grade B;
 - (3) all establishments receiving a rating of at least 70 percent and less than 80 percent shall be awarded grade C; and
 - (4) any cosmetic art shop or school with a sanitation grade of below 70 percent shall be awarded a failed inspection notice.
- (b) Every beauty establishment shall be inspected and graded by the Board's agent or inspector and given a sanitary rating. A cosmetic art school shall be graded no less than three times a year, and a cosmetic art shop shall be graded once a year.
- (c) The sanitary rating or failed inspection notice given to a beauty establishment by the Board's agent or inspector shall be posted by the owner in plain sight near the front entryway at all times.
- (d) All new establishments shall be graded by the Board's agent or inspector and receive a rating of at least 90 percent before a license will be issued.
- (e) The operation of a cosmetic art shop or school which fails to receive a sanitary rating of at least 70 percent (grade C) shall be sufficient cause for revoking or suspending the license.
- (f) A re-inspection by the Board's agent or inspector for the purpose of raising the sanitary rating of a beauty establishment shall not be given within 30 days of the last inspection unless the rating at the last inspection was less than 80 percent.
- (g) All cosmetic art shops and schools with a failed inspection report shall be sufficient cause for the immediate suspension of licensure. All cosmetic art shops and schools with a failed inspection report shall close until the Board's agent or inspector has reinspected and the sanitation conditions have improved to be awarded a passing grade.
- (h) A copy of the itemized and graded inspection report shall be provided to the operator at the time of the inspection.

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21 NCAC 14H .0504 SYSTEMS OF GRADING BEAUTY ESTABLISHMENTS

The system of grading the sanitary rating of cosmetic art schools and shops based on the rules set out in this Subchapter shall be as follows, setting out areas to be inspected and considered, and the maximum points given for compliance:

Sanitation	Point Value
Each licensee and student shall wash his or her hands with soap and water or hand sanitizer with the active ingredient of 70 percent alcohol or higher before and after serving each client.	2
Each licensee and student shall wear clean garments and shoes while serving patrons.	2

The cosmetic art facility shall be kept clean.	3
Waste material shall be kept in receptacles with a disposable liner.	4
All doors and windows shall be kept clean.	2
Furniture, equipment, floors, walls, ceilings and fixtures shall be clean and in good repair.	3
Clean protective capes, drapes, linens, and towels shall be used for each patron.	3
After a cape, drape, linen, or towel has been in contact with a patron's skin, it shall be placed in a clean container until laundered with soap and hot water and dried in a heated dryer.	5
Any paper or nonwoven protective drape or covering shall be discarded after one use.	2
There shall be a supply of clean protective drapes, linens and towels at all times.	2
Clean drapes, capes, linens, and towels shall be stored in a clean area.	5
Bathroom facilities shall be kept clean.	3
All implements shall be washed with warm water and a cleaning solution and scrubbed to remove debris and dried.	2
All implements shall be disinfected per Rule .0403 of this Subchapter.	10
All disinfected electrical implements shall be stored in a clean area.	2
Disposable and porous implements and supplies shall be discarded after use or upon completion of the service.	10
Any product that comes into contact with the patron shall be discarded upon completion of the service.	3
Disinfected implements shall be kept in a clean closed cabinet or clean closed container and shall not be stored with any implement or item that has not been disinfected.	10
Lancets, disposable razors, and other sharp objects shall be disposed in puncture-resistant containers.	1
The presence of animals or birds shall be prohibited as set forth in Rule .0402 of this Subchapter. Fish in an enclosure and animals trained for the purpose of accompanying disabled persons are exempt.	1
All creams, lotions, wax, cosmetics, and other products dispensed to come in contact with patron's skin shall be kept in clean, closed containers and dispensed with a clean implement. No product dispensed in portions shall be returned to the container.	10
After each patron's use each whirlpool or footspa shall be cleaned and disinfected.	10
The water in a vaporizer machine shall be emptied daily and the unit disinfected daily.	2
The area where services are performed that come in contact with the patron's skin including chairs, tables, and beds shall be disinfected between patrons.	3

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