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ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

The Administrative History following each Rule gives the date on which the Rule was originally filed and its effective date, as well as the date on which any amendment or repeal was filed and its effective date. Principal abbreviations used in the Administrative History are as follows:

f. - filed eff. - effective

R. - Rule (Abbreviated only at the beginning of the control number)

Ch. - Chapter (Abbreviated only at the beginning of the control number)

ER. - Emergency Rule

Rev. - Revised

Note: Emergency Rules are listed in each Rule's Administrative History by Emergency Rule number, date filed and effective date. The Emergency Rule will be in effect for 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding this Emergency Rule is adopted, as specified by the Agency.

Chapters 70-1 entitled "Organization", 70-2 entitled "Registration", 70-3 entitled "Requirements", 70-4 entitled "Sanitation", 70-5 entitled "Decorum", and 70-6 entitled "License" have been adopted. Filed and effective June 30, 1965.

Rule 70-2-02 has been adopted. Filed June 2, 1966; effective June 21, 1966.

Chapters 70-2, 70-3, and 70-4 have been repealed and new Chapters adopted. Rules 70-6-.02 and .03 have been adopted. Filed June 21, 1968; effective July 10, 1968.

Rules 70-6-.02 and .03 have been repealed. Filed October 7, 1969; effective November 8, 1969, as specified by the Agency.

Emergency Rule Chapter 70-7-0.1 adopted. Filed and effective July 9, 1970, the date of adopted, to be in effect for 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding this Emergency Rule is adopted, as specified by the Agency. This Emergency Rule is adopted to prescribe fees and designate renewal dates for issuance of barber licenses. (This Emergency Rule will not be published; copies may be obtained from the Agency.)

Chapter 70-7 entitled "Fees and Renewal Dates" has been adopted superseding Emergency Rule Chapter 70-7-0.1. Chapters 70-8 entitled "Restoration of Licenses" and 70-9 entitled "Shop Trainee License" have been adopted. Filed September 2, 1971; effective September 22, 1971.
Chapter 70-7 has been repealed and a new Chapter adopted.

Chapters 70-8 and 70-9 have been repealed. Filed January 8, 1974; effective January 28, 1974.

Rule 70-7-.01 has been amended. Filed August 14, 1975; effective September 3, 1975.

Chapters 70-8 entitled "Procedural Rules" and 70-10 entitled "Definitions" have been adopted. Filed June 16, 1976; effective July 6, 1976.

Rule 70-2-.02 has been adopted. Filed December 1, 1977; effective December 21, 1977.

Rule 70-7-.03 has been repealed and a new Rule adopted. Filed July 28, 1978; effective August 17, 1978.

Rule 70-7-.01 has been amended. Filed September 17, 1979; effective October 7, 1979.

Rules 70-1-.01 and 70-3-.02 have been repealed and new Rules adopted. Chapter 70-2 has been repealed. Rules 70-3-.03, 70-4-.02, and 70-7-.01 have been amended. Rules 70-5-.01 and 70-6-.01 have been repealed. Filed May 20, 1980; effective June 9, 1980.

Rule 70-3-.04 has been adopted. Rule 70-7-.02 has been amended. Filed June 19, 1980; effective July 9, 1980.

Chapter 70-7 has been repealed and a new Chapter adopted. Filed March 18, 1982; effective April 7, 1982.

Rule 70-3-.04 has been amended. Filed December 29, 1982; effective January 18, 1983.

Rule 70-3-.05 has been adopted. Filed May 27, 1983; effective June 16, 1983.

Rule 70-4-.01 has been repealed and a new Rule adopted. Filed December 14, 1983; effective January 3, 1984.

Chapters 70-1 to 70-7 have been repealed and new Chapters adopted. Chapter 70-8 has been repealed. Filed February 25, 1991; effective March 17, 1991.

Rule 70-6-.04 has been amended. Filed October 20, 1992; effective November 9, 1992.

Rules 70-2-.03, .07, 70-6-.04 have been amended. Rules 70-2-.11 and 70-6-.05 have been adopted. Rules 70-4-.08 and 70-5-.03 have been repealed and new Rules adopted. Rule 70-7-.01 has been repealed. Filed September 7, 1993; effective September 27, 1993.

Rules 70-6-.03 and .04 have been amended. Filed October 4, 2002; effective October 24, 2002.

Rule 70-6-.05 has been repealed and a new Rule adopted. Filed February 23, 2004; effective March 14, 2004.
Chapter 70-1. ORGANIZATION.

Rule 70-1-.01. Organization of Board.

The members of the Georgia State Board of Barbers shall be appointed by the Governor, approved by the Secretary of State, and confirmed by the Senate. A chairman shall be elected from among the members annually. The board shall meet as necessary each year for the purpose of holding examinations, adopting rules and regulations, and handling other matters pertaining to duties of the board. The public may obtain information and submit requests at the office of the Joint Secretary, State Examining Boards.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 70-1-.01
History. Original Rule entitled "Organization of Board" was filed and effective June 30, 1965.

Chapter 70-2. REQUIREMENTS.

Rule 70-2-.01. Application for School License.
Any person desiring to operate a barber school or college in the State of Georgia is required to make application for a license to operate the school, using the form furnished by the Georgia State Board of Barbers, and show by such application that applicant has met all the requirements of the law and requirements of the Board. When such application is properly filled out and returned to the Board it must be accompanied by the following:

(a) Three (3) character references for the persons interested in operating such school;

(b) A floor plan of the proposed premises drawn to approximate scale showing the arrangement of classrooms, locker spaces, separate restroom facilities for male and female students, approximate placing of equipment, the entrances and exits, ventilation and lighting and adequacy of floor spaces;

(c) List of various items of equipment to be used;

(d) Satisfactory evidence of proper provisions for duly licensed teachers;

(e) Required fee.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 70-2-.01
Authority: O.C.G.A. Sec. 43-7-14.

Rule 70-2-.02. Required Inspections and Licensing.

(1) Upon receipt of a complete barber school application, a preliminary inspection of the proposed facility shall be conducted by an inspector for the board and/or a board member.

(2) After applicant has met all Board requirements for facility, equipment, and consumable supplies, a final inspection shall be conducted by an inspector for the Board and/or a Board member. Upon approval by the Board, the license shall be issued to operate a school of barbering. The license shall be retained and renewed only as long as the school continues to meet all of the requirements of the current laws and Board rules. Such licenses are not transferable from person to person.

(3) The Board shall have a reasonable period of time to process any application in order to carry out an investigation for verification of any or all facts stated therein and conduct inspections.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 70-2-.02
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-7-9, 43-7-13, 43-7-14.
(1) A license to operate a school carries with it the approval of the Georgia State Board of Barbers and is valid only for the owner or owners specified on the application for school license. Any request for expansion, change of school's owner, or re-location must comply with statutory and regulatory provisions applicable to new schools.

(2) Any person, firm, corporation or establishment which accepts, directly or indirectly, compensation for teaching more than one person will be classified as a school and will be required to comply with all the provisions of the Georgia law and Board rules.

(3) Any person, firm, corporation or establishment licensed hereunder shall furnish to the Georgia State Board of Barbers a copy of the school policies and procedures at the time of application for a school license, and in the event any such policies and procedures are thereafter changed, a copy of same shall be filed with the Board.

(4) Each school is required to notify the Board within ten (10) days in writing of any change in its supervising instructor or instructors.

(5) Schools shall be required to supply each student with a basic kit containing sufficient implements for the learning of barbering, as listed below. Schools are required to comply with all sanitation rules adopted by this Board and shall instruct the students in the importance of complying with all sanitation/disinfection rules of this Board.

(a) The basic kit for barber students shall contain

1. Basic combs;
2. Brushes;
3. Shears and thinning shears;
4. Straight razor;
5. Hone, strap;
6. Mug and brush or shaving cream;
7. Clippers, guards, trimmers;
8. Dusting brush;
9. Neck strips;
10. Hair cloth and clip;
11. Standard textbook;
12. One (1) workbook;
13. Blow dryer and styling brush;
14. Tweezers;
15. Fumigant for each kit; and

(6) All schools of barbering shall maintain a library which includes at least one copy of each of the following: medical dictionary, book on first aid, history book on hair styles, book on basic nutrition and basic hormones, book on theory and practices of barbering, book on theory and practice of esthetics, book on personality and charm, book on primary art, sketching, etc. and at least one book on business management.

(7) All schools must be properly lighted and well ventilated.

(8) All schools must maintain a supply of clean sanitary drinking water, and must provide separate dressing rooms and toilet facilities for male and female students, and provide sufficient barber equipment for the number of students enrolled.

(9) All schools must post the Georgia State Board of Barbers laws and rules in a public place in each school.

(10) When and if the school's enrollment increases beyond the capacity of properly caring for the original sixteen (16) students as to classroom, lockers, equipment and floor space, the school shall, for the purpose of good student training, public protection and safety, enlarge such school and increase the number of instructors to meet the need of the number of students enrolled.

(11) A weekly work sheet signed in black ink and/or electronic signature by the student and the instructor shall be kept for each student indicating the number of hours of training each subject and shall be subject to inspection by the Board at all times.

(12) Progress Reports on students' attendance and grades shall be maintained on school premises by the school as part of the permanent record for each student for a period of five (5) years. Student progress and attendance reports shall be current at all times.
available for review by the Board and submitted by the school to the Georgia State Board of Barbers each January 1, April 1 and September 1. Upon a student's completion/termination of student training or withdrawal from school, the school shall provide to the student and the Board a notarized transcript of the total compilation of hours obtained to date.

(13) When closing a barbering school, the Board shall be notified in writing of the closure and notarized transcripts of all student records shall be released to the Board and the student no later than 30 days prior to the closure date.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 70-2-.03
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-7-9, 43-7-13 to 43-7-15.

Rule 70-2-.04. Application for Instructor License.

(1) Except as provided in Paragraph (2), any person desiring to instruct in a barber school is required to make application for a license using the form furnished by the Georgia State Board of Barbers and show by such application that the applicant has met all the requirements of law and the requirements of the Board. When such application is properly made to the Board, it must be accompanied by the following:

(a) Proof of high school graduation or its equivalent;

(b) An official transcript of 750 hours of instructor training from a Board approved school of barbering;

(c) Evidence of satisfactory passage of a written and practical examination approved by the Board; and

(d) Required fee.

(2) Any person certified by the Department of Education to teach barbering in the public schools may obtain a license to teach barbering without meeting the requirements of Paragraph (1) if that person makes application for a license using the form furnished by the Georgia State Board of Barbers and shows by such application that the applicant has met all the applicable requirements of law and the requirements of the Board. When such application is properly filled out and returned to the Board, it must be accompanied by the following:

(a) Certification from the Georgia State Department of Education of completion of the three-year teacher's training program;
(b) Certification indicating completion of 1500 credit hours from a Board approved school of barbering;

(c) Evidence of a current Georgia barber license;

(d) Evidence of satisfactory passage of an examination prepared or approved by the Board; and

(e) Required fee.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 70-2-.04
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-7-9, 43-7-13, 43-7-13.1.

Rule 70-2-.05. Application for Barber License.

Any person desiring to practice barbering as a barber in the State of Georgia is required to make application for a license, using the forms furnished by the Georgia State Board of Barbers and show by such application that applicant has met all the requirements of the law and Board rules. When such application is properly filled out and returned to the Board, it shall be accompanied by the following:

(a) Proof of passing a written and practical examination from Board's designated agent;

(b) Applicants desiring assistance due to reading disabilities shall submit the following:
   1. Medical documentation or educational documentation from the appropriate educational counselor or advisor if reading assistance is requested. The request for reading assistance must accompany the original application. No foreign language translators will be allowed or furnished.

(c) Required fee.

(d) Any other information requested by the Board required for licensure by law or rule.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 70-2-.05
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-7-9, 43-7-11.

Rule 70-2-.06. Reserved.
Rule 70-2-.07. Application for Apprentice License.

(1) Any person desiring to train as an apprentice in a barber shop must make application with the Georgia State Board of Barbers, and must be under the direct supervision of a licensed barber who holds a current Georgia license and has been licensed at least 18 months.

(2) Apprentice hours are accumulated according to the actual number of hours of performance and training in the shop after being registered with the Board as an apprentice. It is the responsibility of the supervising barber, to keep an accurate record of the apprentice hours. The supervising barber shall submit to the Board quarterly reports of hours accumulated by the apprentice. Credit WILL NOT be allowed for any hours received prior to registering with the Board.

(3) Apprentice training must be a minimum of 18 months and 3,000 clock hours.

(4) Each time the apprentice changes his/her master barber (supervisor) or shop, a new application must be filed with the Board office. Ex-supervising barber must notify Board that this apprentice is not training under them, and submit a notarized transcript of total hours accumulated by apprentice to the Board and the apprentice within thirty (3) days of termination of the apprenticeship. Master barbers must maintain apprentice records for a period of at least five (5) years.

(5) The maximum time for holding an apprentice license is four (4) years.

(6) Apprentices must be provided with textbook and necessary equipment by the supervising barber to study the occupation of barbering. Such equipment shall include ten (10) towels per apprentice.

(7) Apprentice training shall include the curriculum required for students of barber schools. The hours required for students will be doubled for apprentices.

(8) Student and apprentice hours under no circumstances can be combined.

(9) A weekly work sheet signed in black ink and/or electronic signature by the apprentice and supervising licensee shall be kept for the apprentice indicating the number of hours of training in each subject and shall be subject to review by the Board and/or its representatives at all times.
(10) Progress reports on apprentices' hours of performance and training in the shop shall be submitted to the Board by the supervising licensee on January 1, April 1, and September 1.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 70-2-.07
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-7-9, 43-7-16.

Rule 70-2-.08. Application for Barber Shop License.

(1) Any person or persons desiring to operate a barber shop must make application for a license using the form furnished by the Georgia State Board of Barbers and must meet all the requirements of the law and Board rules.

(2) All shops must be registered with the Board prior to its opening. Business names of shops may not contain terms which would tend to mislead the public as to operation of barber establishment.

(3) Shop license must be displayed in a public place in the registered shop.

(4) Shops must comply with sanitation rules, health and disinfectants in Chapter 70-6 of the Rules of Georgia State Board of Barbers.

(5) Sanitation/disinfection rules and regulations governing barber shops in the State of Georgia must be posted in a public place in the shop so as to be easily read by customers.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 70-2-.08
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-7-9, 43-7-10, 43-7-12, 43-7-21.

Rule 70-2-.09. Application for Licensure by Endorsement/Reciprocity.

Any person desiring to register to engage in the occupation of barbering may be issued a license to practice barbering under this chapter by endorsement without examination, where persons have been licensed under similar laws of another state, if in the opinion of the Board, the standards and qualifications for licensure are comparable to those in this state for the barber license. Applicant must furnish the following:

Any person holding a current Georgia Master cosmetologist license desiring to make application for a barber license, may do so by using the form furnished by the Georgia State Board of Barbers. When such application is properly filled out and returned to the Board, it must be accompanied by the following:

(a) Copy of current master cosmetology license;

(b) Certification of the completion of the required 300 hour cross-over curriculum from a Board approved Barber school;

(c) Required fee; and

(d) Evidence of satisfactory passage of a written and practical examination approved by the Board.


(1) All Master licenses and Barber Instructor(s) licenses or current online verifications of license issued to licensees by the Georgia State Board of Barbers must be posted in a prominent place for public view on school premises.
(2) Each Barber School shall post in a prominent place for public view the current school license issued to them by the Georgia State Board of Barbers.

(3) Each Barber School shall post the most recent inspection report in a prominent place for public view.

(4) Each Barber School shall post in a prominent place for public view the Barber Sanitation/Disinfection Regulations governing barber shops and colleges in the State of Georgia.

(5) Each Barber School shall make available a current copy of the laws and rules of the Georgia State Board of Barbers in an open area.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 70-2-.11
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-7-9, 43-7-13, 43-7-14, 43-7-21.

Chapter 70-3. SCHOOL EQUIPMENT-CURRICULUM.

Rule 70-3-.01. Barber School Equipment.

(1) Each school desiring to teach barbering must provide the following minimum equipment:
   (a) SCHOOL SIGNS: front entrance sign must clearly indicate type of school; exit sign;
   (b) metal filing cabinets for school and student records;
   (c) sufficient chalkboards;
   (d) one (1) wet sterilizer for each work station;
   (e) one (1) shampoo basin per work station;
   (f) each kit must contain a fumigant;
   (g) a minimum of seven (7) hair dryers for enrollment up to sixteen (16) students and one (1) additional dryer for each additional five (5) students;
   (h) work stations with mirrors for each individual student;
   (i) sufficient covered waste containers for soiled or disposable towels;
(j) labeled hazardous waste container for blood contaminated disposable utensils;

(k) sixteen (16) mannequins, one (1) for each additional five (5) students;

(l) one (1) dry sterilizer per four (4) stations;

(m) closed towel cabinets to adequately store clean linens;

(n) separate labeled closed towel container for bloody towels that shall be washed separately with no less than one half (1/2) cup bleach along with detergent per load;

(o) locker space for personal items must be furnished to each student;

(p) STUDENT SIGN: sign must be displayed reading "SERVICE BY STUDENTS ONLY";

(q) a sign prohibiting pets (except for guide and assistance dogs as permitted by Title 30 of the Georgia Code);

(r) school minimum floor space: 2,000 square feet;

(s) audio visual aids;

(t) ten towels per student; and

(u) first aid kit.

(2) All of the equipment provided for in Paragraph (1) must be standard Barber equipment and maintained in good, safe, working condition at all times.

(3) Schools existing prior to December 1, 1990, at a specific location shall not be required to meet the minimum floor space of 2,000 square feet as provided in paragraph (1) until such time the school changes location, however such schools are not exempt from all other requirements of this rule.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 70-3-.01
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-7-9, 43-7-13, 43-7-14.

Rule 70-3-.02. Barber School Curriculum.
The curriculum for students in a school of barbering for a complete course of at least nine (9) months, fifteen hundred (1500) hours for training shall be as follows:

(a) Each school or licensed instructor shall require each student to obtain 280 total hours of theory training in the following curriculum before the student is allowed to render clinical services.

1. **Classroom Theory - 50 hours:** Shall include instruction by a licensed instructor in the following subjects related to barbering:
   (i) chemistry (the basics of physical and chemical changes);
   (ii) sanitation and sterilization;
   (iii) hygiene and good grooming;
   (iv) laws and rules.

2. **Hair and Scalp Treatments, Shampooing, and Conditioning - 25 hours:** Shall include instruction by a licensed instructor in the following subjects:
   (i) hair analysis;
   (ii) scalp condition;
   (iii) treatments;
   (iv) proper procedure of shampooing (towel application, draping);
   (v) knowledge of shampoo formulas;
   (vi) water temperatures.

3. **Shaving - 25 hours:**
   (i) shaving (proper handling technique of straight razor learning the fourteen (14) stroke process).

4. **Coloring of Hair -25 hours:** Shall include instruction by a licensed instructor in the following subjects:
   (i) bleaching;
   (ii) high and low lighting;
   (iii) permanent color;
   (iv) semi permanent color; and
(v) temporary rinse.

5. **Hair Cutting and Styling - 70 hours:** Shall include instruction by a licensed instructor in the following:
   - (i) proper handling of implements (razor, shears, clippers, trimmers, edgers); and
   - (ii) 35 hours of training on mannequins.

6. **Facial Hair Design & Waxing - 20 hours:** Shall include instruction by a licensed instructor in the following:
   - (i) theory of facial massage;
   - (ii) equipment; and
   - (iii) facial treatments.

7. **Permanent Waving, Relaxing, and Chemical Application - 65 Hours:** Shall include instruction by a licensed instructor in the following subjects:
   - (i) the chemistry of permanent wave solution;
   - (ii) technique of placing wave rods on patron heads; and

(b) When a student has completed 280 hours in the above curriculum, the licensed instructor shall complete a statement to be directed to the Georgia State Board of Barbers, signed by the licensed instructor, and the student (and properly notarized) stating the student is now prepared to progress to the clinic floor to perform clinical services on patrons. After completion of the first 280 hours of training, the curriculum shall be as follows:

1. **Theory - 200 hours;**

2. **Hairstyling techniques and cutting - 500 hours = 500 applications:** Shall include instruction by a licensed instructor in the following subjects:
   - (i) proper handling of instruments;
   - (ii) improper handling of instruments;
   - (iii) training on mannequins and live models.

3. **Shaving - 25 hours = 50 applications:** Shall include instructions by a licensed instructor in the following:
(i) proper handling of instruments;
(ii) improper handling of instruments;
(iii) training on mannequins and live models.

4. **Shampooing - 5 hours = 40 applications:** Shall include instructions by a licensed instructor in the following:
   (i) proper procedure of shampooing;
   (ii) knowledge of shampoo formulas;
   (iii) water temperature.

5. **Facial Hair Design and Waxing - 10 hours = 30 applications:**

6. **Scalp Treatment Techniques - 10 hours:** Shall include instructions by a licensed instructor in the following subjects:
   (i) hair analysis;
   (ii) scalp conditions;
   (iii) treatments.

7. **Permanent Waving, Relaxing and Chemical application - 270 hours = 66 applications:** Shall include instruction by a licensed instructor in the following subjects:
   (i) the chemistry of cold wave solution relaxers and reaction;
   (ii) techniques of placing cold wave rods on patron's head;
   (iii) chemistry of color, technique of color and chemical action of hair color.

8. **Additional instructions at the discretion of the instructor - 200 hours.**

**TOTAL HOURS: 1500**
Rule 70-3-.03. Barber Instructor Training Curriculum.

(1) Persons receiving instructor training in a barber school must spend all of their training time under the direct supervision of a licensed instructor and shall not be left in charge of students or school at any time without the direct supervision of a licensed instructor.

(2) Persons receiving instructor training are not permitted to perform clinical services on a patron for compensation, either by appointment or otherwise.

(3) Persons receiving instructor training shall be furnished a teacher training manual.

(4) The curriculum in a school of barbering for an instructor training course must include at least six months and 750 hours of training as follows:
   (a) General Education 200 hours (Vocabulary Development):
      1. Class instruction by a licensed instructor in the theory and all required subjects of barbering and hairstyling;
      2. Georgia State Board of Barbers laws and rules and record keeping;
      3. School Management;
      4. Principals of Barbering and Hairstyling;
      5. Human Relations/Motivation.
   (b) Teaching Techniques - 250 hours:
      1. Lesson plans and presentations - 50 hours;
      2. Classroom supervision techniques - 50 hours;
      3. Discipline styles - 50 hours;
      4. Demonstrations and lecturing - 50 hours; and
      5. Test Development - 50 hours.
   (c) Practice Teaching/Instructions in Classroom Demonstration Techniques - 300 hours (to be completed on live models unless otherwise specified):
      1. Haircutting and hair styles - 50 hour = minimum 50 haircuts;
      2. Shampooing - 25 hours = minimum 100 shampoos;
3. Shaves 100 hours = minimum 50 shaves;
4. Facials 50 hours = minimum 50 facials;
5. Color - 15 hours = minimum 30 color treatments;
6. Permanent Waves and Chemicals 50 hours = minimum 16 chemical procedures;
7. Hairpieces - 10 hours = minimum 10 cutting and styling (live models or mannequins).

(5) The above 750 hours curriculum for a complete barber instructor training course shall be posted in all barber schools at all times.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 70-3-.03
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-7-9, 43-7-13, 43-7-14.

Rule 70-3-.04. Curriculum Requirements for Master Cosmetologist to Become a Barber.

In order to be licensed as a master barber, a person licensed as a master cosmetologist must meet all the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 43-10-9(h). Before taking the examination, a master cosmetologist must submit proof of successfully completing at least two months and 300 credit hours of training in a board approved barber school in the following subjects:

(a) Theory - 50 hours;

(b) Hairstyling techniques and clipper cutting - 115 hours = 230 applications;

(c) Shaving and trimming beards - 50 hours = 30 hours shaving=60 applications/20 trims = 60 applications;

(d) Facials - 10 hours = 20 applications;

(e) Additional Instructions - 75 hours.

TOTAL HOURS: 300
Rule 70-3-.05. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 70-3-.05
Authority: O.C.G.A. Sec. 43-7-11.

Chapter 70-4. DEALING WITH ESTABLISHMENT.

Rule 70-4-.01. Facilities.

(1) All facilities (shops or schools) wherein barbering is practiced or taught within the State of Georgia must provide suitable facilities equipped to give adequate services.

(2) A barber facility shall have a permanent and definite location in which the barber profession is practiced for compensation in accordance with the laws and rules of the Georgia State Board of Barbers. All mobile units, including kiosks, carts, mobile homes, trailers, and motor homes, shall not be licensed as shops unless they meet all requirements of the Board and are permanently anchored on the ground with wheels detached.

(3) All barber facilities are subject to a pre-license inspection by the Board's designee. All barber facilities must comply with all of the requirements of the law and Board rules for licensure.

(4) All barbershops and barber schools are subject to inspection by any Board member or inspector, who shall have the power and right to enter into and make reasonable inspection of any barbershop or barber school during regular business hours; and refusal of or failure to permit or cooperate with such reasonable inspection shall subject an individual and/or a facility holding a certificate of registration issued by the Board to sanctions, including revocation of the certificate of registration.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 70-4-.01
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-7-9, 43-7-12.
Rule 70-4-.02. Use of Facility for Home Shop.

(1) Separate space must be provided for a barber facility.

(2) Space used for a barber facility shall comply with the following:
   (a) must be separated by airtight adjoining walls and ceiling from residence rooms;
   (b) must have a separate restroom connected to a municipal sewage system or properly designed and constructed individual sewage system approved by the city, county, or state health department;
   (c) must have at least one shampoo bowl; and
   (d) must have a separate outside entrance.

(3) The use of any such space for sleeping, dining or any other domestic purpose is prohibited. The barber shop and the domestic space cannot be connected by a doorway or opening.

(4) Home barber shops licensed prior to the effective date of this rule are not required to comply with section (2) of this rule.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 70-4-.02
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-7-9, 43-7-12.
Amended: Rule retitled "Recommended Disinfectants Approved by the Georgia Department of Human Resources" adopted. F. May 20, 1980; eff. June 9, 1980.

Rule 70-4-.03. Facilities (Shops).

Space used for a Barber facility must be separated by airtight adjoining walls and ceiling from other commercial establishments.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 70-4-.03
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-7-9, 43-7-12.

**Rule 70-4-.04. Cleanliness.**

Walls, ceilings, floors, furniture and equipment must be kept free from excessive dust, dirt and debris. All equipment must be kept in good, safe working condition.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 70-4-.04  
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-7-9, 43-7-12.  

**Rule 70-4-.05. Plumbing, Hot and Cold Water.**

(1) Each facility must have proper toilet and plumbing facilities connected to a municipal sewage system or properly designed and constructed individual sewage system approved by the city, county, or state health department and an adequate supply of hot and cold running water in accordance with recognized health standards.

(2) Shops licensed after the adoption date of this rule must have a sink separate from the restroom sink in which to clean implements and perform other barbering services.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 70-4-.05  
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-7-9, 43-7-12.  

**Rule 70-4-.06. Apprentices.**

(1) A master barber shall not train more than one apprentice at any one time.

(2) A barber shop shall not have more than three apprentices in training at any one time.

(3) A licensed master cosmetologist, hair designer, nail technician, or esthetician shall not train a barber apprentice in a barber shop.

(4) A barber apprentice shall only practice under the direct supervision of the master barber he or she is assigned to apprentice under on his or her apprentice license.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 70-4-.06  
Authority: Authority O.C.G.A Secs. 43-1-25, 43-7-9, 43-7-12, 43-7-16.  
Rule 70-4-.07. Employment of Cosmetology in Barber Shops.

A person holding a current Georgia master cosmetologist, hair designer, nail technician, or esthetician license may be employed in a Barber shop without the facility having a cosmetology salon/shop license.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 70-4-.07
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-7-9, 43-7-12.1.

Rule 70-4-.08. Posting of Licenses, Rules, and Inspection Reports.

(1) Each shop shall post in a prominent and public place the current shop license issued to the facility by the Georgia State Board of Barbers or current copy of the online verification of licensure.

(2) Each person employed in a shop shall post in a prominent and public place, the current license/permit issued to them by the Georgia State Board of Barbers or the Georgia State Board of Cosmetology or a copy of the online verification of licensure.

(3) Shops shall have posted at all times in a prominent and public place a copy of the most recent inspection report.

(4) Sanitation/disinfection rules and regulations governing shops in the State of Georgia shall be posted in a prominent and public place in the shop so as to be easily read by customers.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 70-4-.08
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-7-9, 43-7-12.

Chapter 70-5. SANITATION AND HEALTH.

Rule 70-5-.01. Shampoo Equipment.
Shampoo bowls must be thoroughly cleansed and sanitized at all times.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 70-5-.01
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-7-9, 43-7-12.

Rule 70-5-.02. Linens.

Towels, after being used once, must be placed in a closed covered container until properly laundered. Each student and apprentice must be provided with a minimum of ten (10) clean towels per individual. Each licensee must have at least ten (10) towels. Clean towels must be kept in a closed container or closet, except linens which are designated for use on current patrons.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 70-5-.02
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-7-9, 43-7-12.

Rule 70-5-.03. Sterilization.

The use on any person of any article that is not properly cleansed and sterilized is prohibited. Each barber shop shall have one wet sterilizer per work station and one dry sterilizer per work station. Hands must be properly cleansed and sanitized prior to servicing each patron.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 70-5-.03
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-7-9, 43-7-12.

Rule 70-5-.04. Waste, Garbage and Trash.

All waste material must be removed daily. Garbage and trash shall be stored in a covered, washable container and shall not be left in the facility overnight. Each facility must be free from stale food and soiled dishes.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 70-5-.04
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-7-9, 43-7-12.
Rule 70-5-.05. Reserved.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 70-5-.05
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-7-9, 43-7-12.

Rule 70-5-.06. Storage of Preparations.

Creams, lotions and other cosmetics for use on patrons must be kept in sanitary, closed containers.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 70-5-.06
Authority: O.C.G.A. Sec. 43-7-12.

Rule 70-5-.07. Pets.

(1) Pets shall not be allowed in Barber establishments, except for guide and assistance dogs as permitted by Title 30 of the Georgia Code.

(2) Each barber shop shall post in an open area, so as to be easily read by customers, a sign prohibiting pets.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 70-5-.07
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-7-9, 43-7-12.

Rule 70-5-.08. Recommended Cleaning and Disinfection of Implements.

(1) Hair should be removed from implements such as, but not limited to, shears of any type, razors, combs, lifts, picks, and brushes.

(2) Implements are to be cleansed thoroughly in hot soapy water. When thoroughly cleansed, implements shall be fully submerged in a Broad Spectrum Hospital Grade disinfectant for fifteen (15) minutes.

(3) Implements shall then be towel blotted and placed in a dry sanitizer until needed or may be used immediately.
Clippers, edgers, trimmers, and guards shall be brushed to remove hair then dipped into a Broad Spectrum Hospital Grade disinfectant; then, place item(s) on a clean towel for fifteen (15) minutes before using on the next patron.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 70-5-.08
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-7-9, 43-7-12.

Chapter 70-6. EXAMINATIONS.

Rule 70-6-.01. Applicants for Master Barber or Barber Instructor's License by Examination.

(1) An applicant for the master barber or barber instructor's examination shall receive notice of eligibility sent by the Board or the Board's designated agent, stating the date, time and place of examination. If the applicant fails the examination or fails to report to the examination upon notice, such person may qualify for examination again by submitting another application and examination fee.

(2) An applicant may be excused from examination in an emergency situation. An emergency situation is defined as illness or death in applicant's family. Only written excuses, with proof of emergency, will be considered. Any applicant receiving a notice of examination, who fails to report to the examination or submit a written excuse to the Board or the Board's designated agent, within 10 days after date of examination, will be required to pay another examination fee before being permitted to take the examination.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 70-6-.01
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-7-9, 43-7-11, 43-7-13.
History. Original Rule entitled "Revocation or Suspension of License" was filed and effective on June 30, 1965.

Rule 70-6-.02. Reserved.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 70-6-.02
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-7-9, 43-7-13.
History. Original Rule entitled "Examination for Master Barber License" was filed on June 21, 1968; effective July 10, 1968.
Amended: Rule repealed. F. October 7, 1969; effective November 8, 1969, as specified by the Agency.

Rule 70-6-.03. Examination and License Fees.

(1) Barber License Fees shall be established by the Board periodically as set forth on a fee schedule. The fee schedule is available from the Board office and at the Board's website. Fees may be reviewed and changed at the discretion of the Board.

(2) The board may designate an agent or agents for the purpose of administering examinations to applicants for licensure in accordance with the authority and powers granted to the board by statute. The designated agent may perform tasks pertaining to the examination of applicants including, but not limited to, receiving applications for examination, scheduling examinations, notifying applicants, and conducting examinations. All such tasks shall be identified in writing and performed only with the written approval of the board.

(3) The board, through its designated agent, will provide reasonable accommodations to a qualified applicant with a disability in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The request for such an accommodation must be in writing and received by the designated agent of the board by the application deadline accompanied with appropriate documentation as indicated in the Request for Disability Accommodation Guidelines.

(4) The applicant taking the examination shall be required to pass the practical and written examination with a minimum scale score of 70% on each section. Failure to achieve a passing score requires the applicant to retake the section failed.

(5) The examination will be in English. No foreign language translators will be allowed or furnished.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 70-6-.03

Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-2, 43-1-7, 43-7-9, 43-7-18.


Rule 70-6-.04. License Renewal Requirements and Fees.

(1) Biennial fees of renewal of license shall be established by the Board periodically as set forth on a fee schedule. The fee schedule is available from the Board office and at the Board's website. Fees may be reviewed and changed at the discretion of the Board. The
Board may assess a late renewal fee that is greater than or in addition to any other renewal fee if a license is renewed within two (2) months following the license expiration date.

(2) Renewal notices are only sent as a courtesy. The responsibility for license renewal, on or before the expiration date, remains with the license holder.

(3) Failure to renew license within two (2) months following expiration of the license shall have the same effect as a revocation of license, which shall require the licensee to apply to the Board for reinstatement, pay a reinstatement fee and meet such other conditions as the Board may deem necessary.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 70-6-.04
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-7-9, 43-7-18 to 43-7-20.

Rule 70-6-.05. Fining Schedule.

Any person licensed by the Georgia State Board of Barbers shall be required to pay to the Georgia State Board of Barbers a fine for each of the violations listed under this section.

A citation shall be issued by an inspector or representative of the board for the violation of the rules and regulations, and shall be given to the licensee to pay within 30 days of the issuance of the citation unless the licensee requests in writing a hearing before the board. Such request for a hearing must be received by the board within 30 days after receipt of the citation. Failure either to pay the fine or request a hearing shall result in immediate suspension of the license pending a hearing to determine whether other disciplinary or revocation action should be imposed on the licensee. Repeated violations of the rules and regulations shall result in the suspension or revoking of the certificate of registration to practice barbering.

(a) Violations Fines for Barber Shops:

1. Failure to have all persons working currently licensed. O.C.G.A. Sec. 43-7-10.
   Unlicensed - $250; Expired License - $150

2. Failure to post license at work station. 70-4-.08, $75

3. Failure to have current shop license. 70-2-.08; O.C.G.A. Sec. 43-7-10. $250

4. Failure to keep apprentice reports up to date. 70-2-.07(9)(10). $250
5. Failure of apprentice to be under direct supervision of qualified master licensed holder.
   
   70-2-.07. $250

6. Failure to have sanitary regulations posted. 70-2-.08. $75

7. Failure to post shop license in a conspicuous place. 70-2-.08. $250

8. Failure to post current inspection report in a conspicuous place. 70-4-.08. $50

9. Failure of establishment to be properly equipped to provide services for barbering.

   70-4-.01. $50

10. Failure to have shop separated by tight, ceiling high partition from residence rooms.

   70-4-.03. $250

11. Failure to have furniture, walls, equipment, tools, appliances and utensils free from dust, dirt and debris. 70-4-.04. $250

12. Failure to have proper toilet and plumbing facilities. 70-4-.05. $250

13. Failure to have hot and cold running water. 70-4-.05. $250

14. Failure to have wet and dry sterilizers for each work station. 70-5-.03. $250

15. Failure to have used or soiled towels in covered containers. 70-5-.02. $250

16. Failure to use clean and sterilized articles on each customer. 70-5-.03. $125

17. Failure to have creams, lotions, other cosmetics for use on patrons in sanitary, closed container. 70-5-.06. $250

18. Failure to have waste and garbage removed daily. 70-5-.04. $150

19. Failure to have sign prohibiting pets (except seeing eye dogs). 70-5-.07. $50

20. Failure of supervising master barber to provide apprentice with textbook and necessary equipment to study the occupation of barbering. 70-2-.07. $250

21. Failure of Supervising Master Barber to submit apprentice hours as mandated by rule 70-2-.07. $250

(b) Violation Fines for Barber Schools:
1. Failure to have all persons working currently licensed (O.C.G.A. Sec. 43-7-10). Unlicensed - $500; Expired License - $250

2. Failure to have front entrance sign denoting type of school. 70-3-.01(a). $250

3. Failure to have sign showing "Service by Students Only." 70-3-.01(1)(n). $100

4. Failure to have sign prohibiting pets (except seeing eye dogs) 70-3-.01(1)(o). $50

5. Failure to have all current instructor permits posted in prominent place.70-2-11(1). $250

6. Failure to have rules and regulations posted. 70-2-.03(9). $75

7. Failure to have most recent inspection report posted in a prominent place.70-2-11. $50

8. Failure to have one (1) instructor for every 20 students or fraction thereof. O.C.G.A. Sec. 43-7-14. $250

9. Failure to keep weekly reports of student credit hours current. 70-2-.03(11). $250

10. Failure to have instructors while on school premises devoting entire time to instruction of students. O.C.G.A. Sec. 43-7-14(9). $250

11. Failure to keep progress reports current. 70-2-.03(11). $250

12. Failure of students who are performing clinical services on patrons to have completed the required hours. 70-3-.02(a). $250

13. Failure to have one (1) wet sterilizer per four (4) work stations. 70-3-.01(1)(d). $100

14. Failure to have one (1) dry sterilizer for each work station. 70-3-.01(1)(k). $100

15. Failure to have one shampoo basin per work station. 70-3-.01(1)(e). $100

16. Failure to have seven (7) hair dryers for enrollment of 16 students and one (1) for each additional five (5) students. 70-3-.01(1)(g). $250

17. Failure to have work stations with mirrors for each individual student. 70-3-.01(1)(h). $50

18. Failure to have sixteen (16) mannequins and one (1) for each additional five (5) students. 70-3-.01(1)(j) $250
19. Failure to have closed cabinet(s) for clean linen.  70-3-.01(1)(l). $250
20. Failure to have locker space for each student.  70-3-.01(1)(m). $50
21. Failure to provide basic kit for Barber students.  70-2-.03(5) and 70-3-.01(f). $250
22. Failure to have ten (10) towels per student.  70-3-.01(1)(r). $50
23. Failure to have used linen in covered container.  70-3-01(1)(i). $250
24. Failure to have sufficient chalkboards.  70-3-.01(1)(c). $50
25. Failure to have audio visual aid.  70-3-.01(1)(q). $100
26. Failure to have shampoo bowls sanitary.  70-5-.01. $250
27. Failure to remove garbage at night.  70-5-.04. $150
28. Failure to have metal filing cabinets for school and student records.  70-3-.01(1)(b). $100
29. Failure to have standard barber equipment in good working condition.  70-3-.01(2). $250
30. Failure to use permanent ink in maintaining school and student records.  70-3-.03(11). $50
31. Failure to have creams, lotions and other cosmetics for use on patrons in sanitary closed containers.  70-5-.06. $250
32. Failure to have instructor trainees under direct supervision of licensed instructor.  
   70-3-.03(1). $250
33. Failure to have separate rest rooms for male and female students and proper sanitation. 
   70-2-03(8). $100
34. Failure to have proper lighting and ventilation. 70-2-.03(7). $100
35. Failure to maintain library with required books approved by the board. 70-2-.03(6). $250
36. Failure to have current school license posted in a prominent place. 70-2-.11(2). $250
Chapter 70-7. REPEALED (70-7-.01 thru 70-7-.03).

Rule 70-7-.01. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 70-7-.01
History. Original Rule was filed on September 2, 1971; effective September 22, 1971.
Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. F. March 18, 1982; effective April 7, 1982.

Rule 70-7-.02. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 70-7-.02
History. Original Rule entitled "Fees and Renewal Dates" was filed on September 2, 1971; effective September 22, 1971.
Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. F. March 18, 1982; effective April 7, 1982.

Rule 70-7-.03. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 70-7-.03
History. Original Rule entitled "Barber Establishment: Renewal of License for Persons Holding Shop License on June 31, 1971" was filed on September 2, 1971; effective September 22, 1971.
Amended: Rule repealed. F. March 18, 1982, effective April 7, 1982.
Chapter 70-8. REPEALED (70-8-.01).

Rule 70-8-.01. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 70-8-.01
History. Original Rule was filed on September 2, 1971; effective September 22, 1971.

Chapter 70-9. RESERVED.

Chapter 70-10. REPEALED (70-10-.01).

Rule 70-10-.01. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 70-10-.01
History. Original Rule was filed on June 16, 1976; effective July 6, 1976.