

**PUBLIC RULE HEARING AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

The New Mexico Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists (“Board”) will hold a rule hearing on Monday, February 26, 2018, at 9 AM and following the rule hearing will convene a board meeting to adopt the rules and take care of regular business. The rule hearing and board meeting will be held at the New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department, 5500 San Antonio Drive NE, Albuquerque NM 87109.

Pursuant to its authority in Section 61-17A-7, NMSA 1978, the Board is proposing the following amendments to the Barbers and Cosmetology rules listed below in light of recent statutory amendments that add a new license for hairstylists and exempt from licensure persons performing eyebrow threading. The proposed amendments include the following: new provisions applicable to hairstylists; modification of procedures regarding violations of sanitation and safety requirements; modification of procedures and requirements for licensing; and updates and clarification of rule language. To sum up, the amendments are intended to provide for the licensing of hairstylists, update inspection procedures, clarify definitions and provide uniformity in the application of the following rules:

- 16.34.1 NMAC – General Provisions;
- 16.34.2 NMAC – Licensing;
- 16.34.3 NMAC – Examinations;
- 16.34.4 NMAC – Special Licenses;
- 16.34.5 NMAC – Regular Licenses;
- 16.34.6 NMAC – Licensing by Reciprocity: Credit for Out-of-State Training;
- 16.34.7 NMAC – Establishments and Enterprises;
- 16.34.8 NMAC – Schools;
- 16.34.9 NMAC – Continuing Education;
- 16.34.10 NMAC – Investigations and Confidentiality;
- 16.34.11 NMAC – Violations;
- 16.34.12 NMAC – Record Keeping by the Board Office;
- 16.34.13 NMAC – Administrative Procedures;
- 16.34.14 NMAC – Fees;
- 16.34.15 NMAC – Administrative Penalties and Fines; and
- 16.34.16 NMAC – Parental Responsibility Act Compliance.

To obtain and review copies of the proposed changes you may go to the Board’s website: [http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/Barbers\\_and\\_Cosmetologists\\_Rules\\_and\\_Laws.aspx](http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/Barbers_and_Cosmetologists_Rules_and_Laws.aspx), or contact the Boards and Commissions Division at 505.476.4622.

The Board is currently accepting public comments on the proposed amendments. Please submit written comments on the proposed changes to Samantha Lopez, Board Administrator, via electronic mail at [Barber.cosmoboard@state.nm.us](mailto:Barber.cosmoboard@state.nm.us) or by regular mail at P.O. Box 25101, Santa Fe, NM 87504 no later than Monday February 19, 2018. Persons wishing to present their written comments at the rule hearing will need to provide 8 copies of any written comment or proposed language change for distribution to the Board members and staff.

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing, please contact: Samantha Lopez, Board Administrator 505.476.4622.