

Notice of Proposed Regulations Changes – Barbers and Hairdressers (BAH), dealing with licensure of nail technicians and hairdressers, and the practice of manicuring. Notice Published: November 17, 2015.

Below are responses to questions received on the BAH proposed regulation updates. The period for written comments ends December 18, 2015. To be considered, comments must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on December 18, 2015.

### Regulatory Questions

1 11/24/2015	Am I understanding that even though I have been in business as a manicurist for the last 10 years I may have to go back to school for 300 hours, re-take the test, or give up my license?
<p><b>This is for those who hold current manicuring licenses (issued on or before January 1, 2016) and are renewing.</b></p> <p><b>Yes, you will need to either provide 250 hours of work experience (form provided by Department) OR enroll in an apprenticeship or school program, sign up for National Nail Technician written examination and must pass the examination. You may renew for one additional renewal period with proof of 250 hours of work experience and take/pass National Nail Technician written examination.</b></p> <p><b>On or after August 31, 2019, the new requirements for licensure must be met; 250 school or 300 apprentice hours of training followed by applying for examination/licensure (exam is the National Nail Technician written).</b></p> <p><b>12 AAC 09 is amended by adding a new section to read:</b></p> <p><b>12 AAC 09.006. Transitional provisions for licensees and endorsement holders.</b> (a) A person who holds a valid license to practice manicuring on January 1, 2016, may continue to engage in the practice of manicuring under the license until the license expires normally under AS 08.13, as AS 08.13 existed before January 1, 2016, but shall otherwise comply with AS 08.13 as amended by sec. 13, ch. 27, SLA 2015.</p> <p><b>(b) A person who is eligible to engage in the practice of manicuring under subsection (a) of this section may, for one renewal period, renew the person's license to practice manicuring if, before August 31, 2017, the person submits proof satisfactory to the board that the person has completed 250 hours of work experience as a manicurist, and has taken and passed a written or oral examination under AS 08.13.090.</b></p>	
2 12/12/15	When I obtained my hairdresser license in 2011 I allowed my manicurist license, which was obtained in 2007, to lapse as the manicuring services were covered under the hairdresser license. I am concerned that I do not see any provisions for hairdressers practicing manicuring to be grandfathered in and given a manicurist license as opposed to paying the fees to take the test again and/or going back to school. What options will be provided for someone in my situation?
<p><b>Answer: Hairdressers are allowed to renew their license one more time (through August 31, 2019), same as manicurists, by</b></p>	

providing 250 hours of work experience and taking & passing the National Nail Technician written examination. Hairdressers who want to continue to provide manicuring services after the next renewal period will need to apply for and receive a nail technician license, by completing 250 hours of school or 300 hours of apprenticeship Nail Technician training and if they haven't, passing the National Nail Technician written examination will be required.