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NEVADA STATE BARBERS' HEALTH and SANITATION BOARD

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Madam Chair Jauregui and Members of the Sunset Committee,

I am here to report on behalf of the Nevada State Barbers' Health and Sanitation Board. At the meeting held January 26, 2022, I reported to the Committee that the Board had completed 4 of the 5 requests that the Committee had asked of the Board.

1. Our Website was developed and is a working tool for the Board and the licensee's.
2. Modernization of practices is being done. We are offering all of our meeting in person or teleconference.
3. Cooperation with the Cosmetology Board. We have been working with the Cosmetology Board when problems arise or questions we may have.
4. Payments to be made on line are being done. We just went through renewal of licenses and we had a great response to our on line service.
5. Increasing frequency of testing. We are currently testing about every 4 weeks. The Board has worked on this diligently. After consulting testing agencies, because of our low numbers of candidates it would cost the candidates anywhere from \$300-\$350 to take an examination through the testing companies. The candidates are now paying \$100. That is a big increase for the candidates taking the examination. I have done extensive research and have found that our neighboring states may test everyday but, there are long waits to be able to test. We never turn anyone away from examining if they have their paperwork in by the deadline set.

New Mexico – New Mexico tests everyday with a 3rd party testing agency. As of May 25, 2022 the earliest I could schedule an exam was June 14, 2022. That is a waiting period of 20 days.

Arizona - Arizona tests 6 times a year. January, March, May, July, September and November.

California – California tests everyday and the process goes as follows. The candidate turns in their application. It takes an average of 6 weeks to get the application approved, notify the candidate and then they can register to take the examination.

Utah – Utah is the same as California, turn application in and wait for the application to be approved. Once approved, the candidate can schedule an examination depending on availability.

Colorado – Colorado uses a 3rd party testing agency. As of May 25, 2022 the earliest I could schedule an exam was the written test June 3, 2022 and the practical test June 6, 2022.

Our Board exams both written and practical the same day so that the candidate is finished the same day.

I included a report of the last 6 months of testing. The average wait time was 13 days from graduating to testing.

In that same time frame, we had 107 students apply to exam and only 78 took the exam. There were 29 that did not show up to take the exam. Out of the 78 that took the exam, we had 64 pass the exam and 13 fail the exam. Out of the 13 that failed the exam, 5 were from out of state schools. Out of the 78 that tested there were 42 students that did not take the examination as soon as they graduated from school.

Out of the 13 that failed the examination, one candidate graduated 4 days prior to the exam, 1 candidate graduated 9 days prior to the exam and the rest graduated from 2 months to 2 ½ years prior to testing.

Please keep in mind that exams are offered every month but some of the students choose not to exam right out of school. I have spoke to different schools and asked them why these students are not testing immediately upon graduating. The answer is always, they want to be prepared.

At the last Sunset Review meeting the questions was asked why the barber schools did not accept the VA Education Benefit. I explained that the barber schools we have in Nevada are all privately owned. But, I would do the research and find out what was needed to qualify them to accept the benefits. I sent letters to all of the barber schools in Nevada and gave them the information of who to contact for the application. After speaking with the individual over that they let me know that there had been barber schools in the past reach out to them, and they elected not to proceed. They explained to me that it is a financial risk if a student drops out. They explained that over the last 3 years the regulations behind the VA Education Benefits program have been more stringent and difficult to navigate. They have seen a number of small institutions withdraw due to the increase of criteria. They did tell me they are there to help navigate the system and they would help the schools. So with that being said the information was passed on to all the barber schools in Nevada.

This Board has worked hard to achieve everything that was asked of us. The Board continues to strive to make things better and more efficient.

In closing, I hope I have been able to shed some light on the testing situation. And as always, feel free to reach out to me if there are any other questions.

Sincerely,

Antinette Maestas, Secretary/Treasurer
Nevada State Barbers' Health and Sanitation Board

DATE OF EXAM	TOTAL NUMBER OF APPLICANTS	TOTAL NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	NUMBER OF NO SHOWS	NUMBER OF PASSED	NUMBER OF FAILED
12-Dec-21	21	13	9	12	1

The average waiting on exam from graduation to examination was 11 days. (This number came from the students that graduated within the last 30 days)

There were 7 students that graduated from 2018-2021. (The one student that failed graduated April of 2018)

9-Jan-22	19	12	7	11	1
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The average waiting on exam from graduation to examination was 10 days. (This number came from the students that graduated withing the last 30 days)

There were 6 students that graduated from April 2021 to November 2021. (The one student that failed graduated June of 2021)

6-Feb-22	21	20	1	18	2
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The average waiting on exam from graduation to examination was 15 days. (This number came from the students that graduated within the last 30 days)

There were 9 students that graduated from May 2021 to December 2021. (Of the two students that failed, 1 graduated in September 2021 and 1 graduated 4 days prior to exam)

6-Mar-22	16	14	2	8	6
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The average waiting on exam from graduation to examination was 20 days. (This number came from the students that graduated within the last 30 days)

There were 6 students that graduated from September 2017 to January 2022. (Of the 6 students that failed, 5 were from out of state and 1 graduated 9 days prior to exam)

3-Apr-22	12	8	4	7	1
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The average waiting on exam from graduation to examination was 12 days. (This number came from the students that graduated within the last 30 days)

There were 5 students that graduated from January 2022 to February 2022. (The one student that failed graduated in February 2022)

1-May-22	18	11	7	8	2
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The average waiting on exam from graduation to examination was 10 days. (This number came from students that graduated within 30 days)

There were 9 students that graduated from May 2018 to March 2022. (Of the two students that failed, 1 graduated July 2020 and 1 graduated February 2022)

* On this exam we had one student quit in the middle of the exam. He said he had a family emergency.