



# HOUSE BILL 718: Licensure Reqs. Cosmetic Art.

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**OVERVIEW:** House Bill 718 would modify the requirements for persons to be licensed to teach cosmetology esthetics, manicuring, and natural hair care.

**CURRENT LAW:** The North Carolina Board of Cosmetic Arts Examiners licenses teachers of the following cosmetic arts: cosmetology, esthetics, manicuring, and natural hair care.

To be licensed as a teacher an applicant must possess a high school diploma or high school graduation equivalency certificate, and must also be licensed and in good standing as a practitioner. For licensure to teach cosmetology, esthetics, or manicuring, the applicant must pass an examination conducted by the Board. No examination is currently required for applicants seeking licensure as natural hair care teachers.

In addition to these requirements, applicants for licensure as a teacher must have had prior employment experience in the cosmetic arts industry, or must have successfully completed a curriculum for teaching in an approved cosmetic art school for a specified number of hours, as follows:

| <u>Cosmetic art</u> | <u>Experience or</u> | <u>Course hours completed</u> |
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| Cosmetology         | 5 years              | 800                           |
| Esthetics           | 3 years              | 650                           |
| Manicuring          | 2 years              | 320                           |
| Natural hair care   | 2 years              | 320                           |

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 718 would reduce the existing experience requirements to one year for all applicants, and would require applicants for licensure as a natural hair care teacher to pass a Board-conducted examination.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The act would become effective October 1, 2021, and would apply to applications for licensure on or after that date.

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