



**PSI licensure:certification**  
 3210 E Tropicana  
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<https://test-takers.psiexams.com/cabacos>

*Before scheduling  
 your examination,  
 be sure you understand  
 the contents of this bulletin.  
 Please retain and use it as a  
 reference when contacting PSI.*

# California Board of Barbering and Cosmetology



## CANDIDATE INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Please refer to our website to check for the most updated information at <https://test-takers.psiexams.com/cabacos>.

## SCHEDULING THE WRITTEN EXAMINATION

In most California testing centers, testing does not take place on the following major holidays:

Labor Day	Closed September 4, 2023
Thanksgiving Day	Closed November 23-24, 2023
Christmas Day	Closed December 25-26, 2023
New Years Day	Closed January 1, 2024
Martin Luther King Jr.	Closed January 17, 2024
Memorial Day	Closed May 27, 2024
Independence Day	Closed July 4, 2024

Candidates must schedule their own examination date and time.

### INTERNET SCHEDULING

You may schedule for your test by completing the online Test Registration Form. The Test Registration Form is available at PSI's website, <https://test-takers.psiexams.com/cabacos>. You may schedule for a test via the Internet 24 hours a day.

Log onto PSI's website and select Sign in / Create Account. Select Create Account. You are now ready to pay and schedule for the exam. Enter your zip code and a list of the testing sites closest to you will appear. Once you select the desired test site, available dates will appear.

### TELEPHONE SCHEDULING

Call PSI Customer Service at (877) 392-6422, Monday through Friday between 4:30 am and 7:00 pm and Saturday, between 8:00 am and 2:00 pm, Pacific Time, to schedule your appointment for the test. TDD service is available at (800) 735-2929.

## RESCHEDULING THE EXAMINATION

If you miss or are late for your appointment, you will lose your examination fee and will be required to apply for re-examination through the BBC by submitting a new application and fee.

You may cancel and reschedule a written examination appointment without forfeiting your fee *if your cancellation notice is received 2 days prior to the scheduled examination date*. You may reschedule online at <https://test-takers.psiexams.com/cabacos>, or you may call PSI at (877) 392-6422.

**Note:** A voice mail message is not an acceptable form of cancellation. Please use the PSI Website or call PSI and speak to a Customer Service Representative.

## MISSED APPOINTMENT OR LATE CANCELLATION

If you miss your appointment, you will not be able to take the examination as scheduled, and further you will forfeit your examination fee, if:

1. You do not cancel your appointment for written examination 2 days before the scheduled examination date;
2. You do not appear for your examination appointment;
3. You arrive after examination start time;
4. You do not present proper identification when you arrive for the examination.

## EXAMINATIONS BY PSI LICENSURE: CERTIFICATION

This Candidate Information Bulletin provides you with information about the examination and application process for becoming licensed as a Barber, Cosmetologist, Manicurist, Esthetician, and Electrologist in the State of California.

The Board has contracted with PSI licensure:certification (PSI) to conduct its examination program.

## EXAMINATION DEVELOPMENT

The tests being administered are developed solely by PSI. Test items (questions) are researched, written, referenced, and reviewed by subject matter experts within the licensure field throughout the United States. Each item is validated and referenced for accuracy and consistency with entry level practice.

## ESTABLISHING THE PASSING STANDARDS

Licensing tests are designed to assess test taker knowledge of health and public safety necessary to protect the consumer while performing services within the licensure scope of practice. The test experience is mandated to ensure a licensee possesses the basic knowledge of entry level skills to work safely and not harm a consumer.

In accordance with Business and Professions Code, Section 101.6, the purpose of Boards, Bureaus, and Commissions is to "... establish minimum qualifications and levels of competency and license persons desiring to engage in occupations they regulate upon determining such persons possess the requisite skills and qualifications necessary to provide safe and effective services to the public, or register or otherwise certify persons to identify practitioners and ensure performance according to set and accepted professional standards."

## CRITERION-REFERENCED SCORING

The theory tests use a criterion-referenced passing score which applies standards for competent practice to all test takers regardless of the form of the test administered. A criterion-referenced passing score increases the likelihood that test takers who pass a licensure test will have sufficient knowledge and experience to practice safely and competently. Test development and psychometric procedures are adhered to make certain no test taker is at an advantage or disadvantage.

## REPORTING TO THE EXAMINATION SITE

On the day of the examination, you must arrive at least 30 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment time. This allows time for check-in and identification verification and provides time to familiarize yourself with the examination process. If

you arrive late, you may not be admitted to the examination site and you may forfeit your examination registration fee. Even though candidates will be thumb printed, you are still required to comply with any identification requirements established by the appropriate regulatory entity.

### **REQUIRED IDENTIFICATION AT EXAMINATION SITE**

In order to be admitted into the examination, you must present valid Government-issued photographic identification. Examples are as follows:

- An unexpired State-issued Driver's License (any State)
- An unexpired State Identification Card (any State)
- A current U.S. military-issued identification card
- A valid passport (unexpired)--any country
- A U.S. Government-issued Passport Card
- An employment authorization card
- A Permanent Resident Card

*All photographs must be recognizable as the person to whom the identification card was issued. The name on the application must match the photographic I.D. card. All I.D.'s must be current/unexpired.*

**FAILURE TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE IDENTIFICATION AT THE TIME OF THE EXAMINATION WILL RESULT IN A CANDIDATE NOT BEING ABLE TO SIT FOR THE EXAMINATION.** Candidates who fail to appear for the examination or who are not admitted due to improper identification must submit the re-examination application along with the applicable fee to the BBC in order to be eligible to reschedule their examination.

### **CALIFORNIA LAW SECURITY PROCEDURES**

Section 123 of the California Business and Professions Code states: It is a misdemeanor for any person to engage in any conduct which subverts or attempts to subvert any licensing examination or the administration of an examination, including, but not limited to:

- Conduct which violates the security of the examination materials;
- Removing from the examination room any examination materials without authorization;
- The unauthorized reproduction by any means of any portion of the actual licensing examination;
- Aiding by any means the unauthorized reproduction of any portion of the licensing examination;
- Paying or using professional or paid examination-takers for the purpose of reconstructing any portion of the licensing examination;
- Obtaining examination questions or other examination material, except by specific authorization either before, during, or after an examination; or
- Selling, distributing, buying, receiving, or having unauthorized possession of any portion of a future, current, or previously administered licensing examination.
- Communicating with any other candidate during the administration of a licensing examination.
- Copying answers from another candidate or permitting one's answers to be copied by another candidate.
- Having in one's possession during the administration of the licensing examination any books, equipment, notes, written or printed materials, or data of any kind, other than the examination materials distributed, or otherwise

authorized to be in one's possession during the examination.

- Impersonating any candidate or having an impersonator take the licensing examination on one's behalf.

Nothing in this section shall preclude prosecution under authority provided for in any other provision of law. In addition to any other penalties, a person found guilty of violating this section shall be liable for the actual damages sustained by the agency administering the examination not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and the costs of litigation.

### **REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE**

Candidates with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits a major life activity may be eligible for accommodation in the testing process to assure that the examination accurately reflects knowledge, skills or abilities. The BBC and PSI are fully compliant with ADA guidelines and will provide reasonable accommodations. Scheduling services are also available via our Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) by calling 800.735.2929.

If you need accommodations to take the examination, you must submit a Request for Reasonable Accommodations form with your license application. The form must be signed by the professional making the diagnosis. You will be required to explain the disability and what reasonable accommodation is needed. A letter from your health-care provider must be included, confirming the disability and justifying the need for accommodations using the criteria in the request form.

You must apply with the Board. Approval for accommodations must be received by PSI **before** you schedule your examination appointment with PSI.

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT TAKING AN EXAMINATION**

1. All candidates will have their thumb print taken during examination check-in. The thumb print must be matched after candidates return from a restroom break and any time the candidate leaves and returns to the test site after check-in.
2. The temperature in the testing room is maintained at a moderate level. Candidates are advised to layer clothing. Acceptable layered clothing includes lightweight shirts, sweaters, and pullovers without pockets or hoods. These items must be worn upon check-in, while you wait to enter the testing room, and during your initial seating for the examination. If the layered item is removed during the examination, you will be required to store it in the lobby while time continues to count down on your examination. Outerwear (coats, heavy jackets, vests, shawls, scarves, etc.) is not allowed in the testing rooms.
3. There are timing mechanisms available in the testing room and on the computer console to help candidates keep track of time during the test administration. Candidates are not permitted to bring watches or other timekeeping devices into the testing rooms.

- Only one candidate will be allowed to take a restroom break at a time. Candidates are required to sign out when leaving and returning to the testing room. If a candidate's restroom break takes longer than 5 (five) minutes, a proctor will check on the candidate and will notify the applicable regulatory entity of the occurrence. The regulatory entity will investigate and take appropriate action.
- The following is a non-exhaustive list of personal items that are not permitted in the testing rooms:

Purses	Briefcases/daypacks/luggage
Cellular phones	Pagers
Drinks (including water)	Food/candy/snacks/gum
Good luck items	Luggage
Calculators	Reading materials
Textbooks	Notes
Any recording device	Smart devices
Electronic devices	Headphones or earphones/earbuds
Personal pens or pencils	Therapeutic items
Cameras	Over-the-counter medication
Weapons	Fashion scarves
Hats/baseball caps/visors*	Sunglasses**
Bulky, large or noisy jewelry***	Prescription drugs****

\*Headwear worn for religious purposes is subject to inspection.

\*\*Prescription and non-prescription eyeglasses may not be worn for the photo. Eyeglasses subject to inspection.

\*\*\*Jewelry that is allowed into the examination room is subject to inspection.

\*\*\*\*Drugs that are medically necessary during the pendency of the examination may be brought into the examination site, in a container bearing a proper prescription label with the name of the candidate and of the drug; any such medication is subject to examination by a proctor upon check-in.

Examination proctors will have considerable discretion to refuse permission of clothing and/or items that compromise the integrity or security of the examination.

During the check-in process, all candidates will be asked if they possess any of the prohibited items and all candidates will be asked to empty their pockets. If prohibited items are found during check-in, candidates must return these items to their vehicle or other place of safekeeping. Neither PSI nor the Department of Consumer Affairs will be responsible for the items. Any candidate possessing prohibited items in the testing room will have their examination results invalidated, and PSI will notify the appropriate regulatory entity of the occurrence.

- Shoes must be worn at all times and feet are not permitted on the chairs. Feet must remain on the floor during examinations.
- Copying any portion of the examination content by any means, or communicating examination content for the purpose of aiding its unauthorized reproduction, whether before, during, or after the examination, is a violation of PSI security policy and existing law. Either one may result

in the disqualification or invalidation of examination results, and the denial of your license, and may result in criminal prosecution.

- If a candidate is asked by a proctor to step into the lobby during your examination, the proctor will suspend the candidate's examination, so all remaining test time will be retained.

Only candidates, and those individuals with prior regulatory entity approval, are allowed to be present in the testing sites.

If candidates require that an exception be made to ANY of the abovementioned security procedures, candidates must contact their regulatory entity PRIOR to the date of their examination. The regulatory entity must provide the exception to PSI. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE ON THE DAY OF THE EXAMINATION.

### EXAMINATION SITE CLOSING FOR AN EMERGENCY

In the event that severe weather or another emergency forces the closure of an examination site on a scheduled examination date, your examination will be rescheduled. PSI personnel will attempt to contact you in this situation. However, you may check the status of your examination schedule by calling (877) 392-6422. Every effort will be made to reschedule your examination at a convenient time as soon as possible. You will not be penalized. You will be rescheduled at no additional charge.

### UNDERSTANDING THE EXAMINATION RESULTS

If you pass the examination you will receive your photographic license on-site.

A failure notice indicates the candidate's score, a breakdown of subject content areas, and the number of correct answers necessary to pass the examination.

Your examination results are confidential and are released only to you and your state licensing agency. To protect your privacy and to maintain the confidentiality of examination results, score information is not given over the telephone.

## COMPUTER-BASED TESTING SITE PROCEDURES

1. You must appear to take your examination(s) at the place and time you have been scheduled.
2. The information on this page is provided to explain what will happen (occur) when you arrive for the written examination. This document is provided to help you understand the registration and examination process.
3. You will be asked to take a seat at the registration desk.
4. You will be asked to present your identification. Refer to Page 3 for acceptable identifications.
5. You will be asked to sign the sign-in roster and enter the date.
6. Test center staff will then take your photo and confirm your personal information.
7. You will be provided with a security agreement on the computer screen prior to taking the examination. Please read the security agreement and select "I Agree" in order to proceed with the examination. You are advised that the testing session will be taped for security purposes. Test center staff will ask if you have any unauthorized items with you. Unauthorized items are: cameras, notes, tape recorders, pagers, cellular phones, programmable calculators, valuables, PDAs, pagers or weapons. PSI is not responsible for items left in the reception area. You must place unauthorized items in your car or somewhere outside of the examination site.
8. You will be taken to the computer testing station. No family or friends may wait during your test. They must leave the building.
9. You will be asked to type in your ID, read and agree to the security agreement, and then your tutorial will begin. The tutorial is provided to help you understand the functions of the computer and is presented in English. The tutorial is limited to 15 minutes. The examination time begins with question number 1.
10. There is a short, multiple-choice survey presented in English at the end of the examination. You are encouraged to participate in this survey. You will also have the chance to type in your own comments, in English, at the end of survey.
11. Test center staff will walk in and out of the testing room from time to time. If you need any help, please come out and get the staff person. You do not need to raise your hand. Test center staff will then answer your question. The staff cannot answer questions about the content of your examination.
12. At the end of your examination your results will be printed and handed to you.



## TAKING THE WRITTEN EXAMINATION BY COMPUTER

The examination will be administered via computer. You will be using a mouse and computer keyboard.

### IDENTIFICATION SCREEN

You will be directed to a semiprivate testing station to take the examination. When you are seated at the testing station, you will be prompted to confirm your name, identification number, and the examination for which you are registered.

### TUTORIAL

Before you start your examination, an introductory tutorial is provided on the computer screen. The time you spend on this tutorial, up to 15 minutes, DOES NOT count as part of your examination time. Sample questions are included following the tutorial so that you may practice answering questions, and reviewing your answers.

### TEST QUESTION SCREEN

The “function bar” at the top of the sample question provides mouse-click access to the features available while taking the examination.

Question: 3 of 40    Answered: 2    Unanswered: 1    Marked: 0    View: All    Time Left(Min): 359

3. What do the stars on the United States of America's flag represent?

(Choose from the following options)

- 1. Presidents
- 2. Colonies
- 3. States
- 4. Wars

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One question appears on the screen at a time. During the examination, minutes remaining will be displayed at the top of the screen and updated as you record your answers

## TESTING SITE LOCATIONS

The California examinations are administered at the PSI examination centers in California as listed below:

### **AGOURA HILLS**

30851 AGOURA RD SUITE 302  
AGOURA HILLS, CA 91301  
(818) 851-9266

*FROM THE EAST: TAKE US-101 N/VENTURA FWY WEST TO REYES ADOBE RD (EXIT 38). TURN LEFT ONTO REYES ADOBE RD. TURN RIGHT ONTO AGOURA RD. 30851 AGOURA RD IS ON THE RIGHT.*

*FROM THE WEST: TAKE US-101 S TO LINDERO CYN RD (EXIT 39). TURN RIGHT ONTO LINDERO CANYON RD. TURN LEFT ONTO AGOURA RD. 30851 AGOURA RD IS ON THE LEFT.*

### **ATASCADERO**

7305 MORRO RD, SUITE 201A  
ATASCADERO, CA 93422  
(805) 538-5053

*FROM US-101 N, TAKE THE CA-41 EXIT (EXIT 219) TOWARD MORRO RD. TURN LEFT ONTO EL CAMINO REAL. TURN LEFT ONTO CA-41/MORRO RD.*

*FROM US-101 S, TAKE THE MORRO RD/CA-41 EXIT (EXIT 219), TURN RIGHT ONTO CA-41/MORRO RD.*

### **BAKERSFIELD**

5405 STOCKDALE HIGHWAY  
SUITE 103  
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309  
(661) 735-5351

*FROM INTERSTATE 5-SOUTH, TAKE THE STOCKDALE HIGHWAY EXIT (EXIT 253). TURN RIGHT ONTO STOCKDALE HIGHWAY. END AT 5405 STOCKDALE HIGHWAY.*

*FROM INTERSTATE 5-NORTH TOWARD BAKERSFIELD, KEEP LEFT TO TAKE CALIFORNIA 99 NORTH VIA EXIT 221 TOWARD BAKERSFIELD/FRESNO. TAKE THE CALIFORNIA 58 EAST EXIT TOWARD TEHACHAPI/MOJAVE. TAKE THE EXIT ON THE LEFT TOWARD CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY/STOCKDALE HIGHWAY/BRUNDAGE LANE. TURN LEFT ONTO WIBLE ROAD, TURN SLIGHT LEFT ONTO STOCKDALE HIGHWAY. END AT 5405 STOCKDALE HIGHWAY.*

### **CARSON**

17420 S AVALON BLVD, SUITE 205  
CARSON, CA 90746  
(310) 400-7393

*FROM CA-91 E/GARDENA FWY TAKE THE AVALON EXIT. OFF RAMP WILL LEAD YOU ONTO ALBERTONI ST. MAKE A RIGHT ONTO AVALON BLVD AND WE ARE LOCATED ON THE RIGHT HANDSIDE (SAME PARKING LOT AS CARL'S JR).*

*FROM CA-91 W TAKE THE AVALON EXIT. MAKE A LEFT ONTO AVALON BLVD. MAKE A U-TURN ON AVALON BLVD AND ALBERTONI ST. WE ARE LOCATED ON THE RIGHT-HAND SIDE. (SAME PARKING LOT AS CARL'S JR).*

### **DIAMOND BAR**

21660 EAST COPLEY DR SUITE 215  
DIAMOND BAR, CA 91765  
(909) 860-8119

*FROM I-10 E, TAKE THE GRAND AVE EXIT (EXIT 38A). TURN RIGHT ONTO S GRAND AVE. TURN RIGHT ONTO GOLDEN SPRINGS DR. TURN LEFT ONTO COPLEY DR.*

*FROM 60 WEST, TAKE GRAND AVE EXIT (EXIT 24B).*

*TURN LEFT ONTO GRAND AVE. TURN RIGHT ONTO GOLDEN SPRINGS DR. TURN LEFT ONTO COPLEY DR. 21660 COPLEY DR, STE 260 IS ON THE LEFT.*

### **EL MONTE - SANTA FE SPRINGS**

10330 PIONEER BOULEVARD, SUITE 285  
SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670  
(562) 325-8113

*FROM THE I-5 NORTH TAKE NORWALK BLVD (EXIT 121), TURN RIGHT ONTO NORWALK BLVD. TURN LEFT ONTO IMPERIAL HWY/CA-90. TURN RIGHT ONTO PIONEER BLVD, TESTING CENTER WILL BE ON YOUR RIGHT.*

### **FRESNO**

351 E. BARSTOW AVE, SUITE 101  
FRESNO, CA 93710  
(559) 538-3975

*FROM CA-41 S, TAKE THE BULLARD AVE EXIT. TURN LEFT ONTO E BULLARD AVE. TURN RIGHT ONTO N FRESNO ST. PASS THROUGH THE INTERSECTION OF FRESNO AND BASTOW AVE. TAKE THE FIRST DRIVEWAY ON THE RIGHT-HAND SIDE.*

*FROM CA-41 N, TAKE THE SHAW AVE EXIT TOWARD CLOVIS. TURN RIGHT ONTO E SHAW AVE. TURN LEFT ONTO N FRESNO ST. TURN LEFT INTO THE LAST DRIVEWAY BEFORE BARSTOW AVE. TESTING CENTER IS*

IN THE OFFICE COMPLEX ON THE SW CORNER OF BARSTOW AND FRESNO ST.

#### **IRVINE**

8 CORPORATE PARK, SUITE 200  
IRVINE, CA 92606  
(949) 418-9653

FROM I-405 S - USE THE 2ND LANE FROM RIGHT TO TAKE EXIT 7 FOR JAMBOREE RD, THEN USE THE LEFT 2 LANES TO TURN LEFT ONTO JAMBOREE RD. GO ABOUT 1.5 MILES THEN TURN RIGHT ONTO BECKMAN AVE. TAKE THE FIRST RIGHT ONTO CORPORATE PARK. 8 CORPORATE PARK IS THE SECOND BUILDING ON THE RIGHT.

FROM I-5 S - TAKE EXIT 100 FOR JAMBOREE RD. USE THE 2ND FROM RIGHT LANE TO TURN RIGHT ONTO JAMBOREE RD. TAKE THE RAMP TO JAMBOREE RD THEN KEEP LEFT AT THE FORK TO CONTINUE ONTO JAMBOREE RD. GO ABOUT 2.2 MILES THEN TURN LEFT ONTO BECKMAN AVE. TAKE THE FIRST RIGHT ONTO CORPORATE PARK. 8 CORPORATE PARK IS THE SECOND BUILDING ON THE RIGHT.

ONCE PARKED, PROCEED THROUGH THE FRONT ENTRANCE AND TAKE THE ELEVATOR TO THE SECOND FLOOR. THE TEST CENTER IS IN SUITE 200.

#### **LAWNDALE**

THE BAYTOWER CORPORATE CENTER  
15901 HAWTHORNE BLVD, SUITE 330  
LAWNDALE, CA 90260  
310-504-0004

FROM I-5S, MERGE ONTO CA-110S, WHICH BECOMES I-110S. MERGE ONTO I-105W. TAKE THE I-405S/I-405N EXIT AND MERGE ONTO I-405S. TURN RIGHT ONTO INGLEWOOD AVE. TURN LEFT ONTO MANHATTAN BEACH BLVD. TURN RIGHT ONTO HAWTHORNE BLVD.

#### **REDDING**

2861 CHURN CREEK, UNIT C  
REDDING, CA 96002  
(530) 319-3615

FROM I-5 S, TAKE THE CYPRESS AVENUE EXIT (677). TURN RIGHT ONTO E. CYPRESS AVE. TURN RIGHT ON CHURN CREEK RD.

FROM I-5 N TOWARDS SACRAMENTO, TAKE THE CYPRESS AVE EXIT (677). TURN LEFT ONTO E. CYPRESS AVE. TURN RIGHT ONTO CHURN CREEK RD.

FROM 299 E TOWARDS REDDING, START GOING WEST ON CA-299. MERGE ONTO I-5 S RAMP ON THE LEFT TOWARDS SACRAMENTO. TAKE THE CYPRESS AVE EXIT (677). TURN LEFT ONTO E. CYPRESS AVE. TURN RIGHT ONTO CHURN CREEK RD.

FROM 299 W TOWARDS REDDING. START GOING EAST ON CA-299 TOWARDS WEAVERVILLE/REDDING. FROM 299 EAST TURN RIGHT ONTO CA-273/CA-299 E/MARKET STREET. TURN LEFT ONTO CA-299-E. MERGE ONTO I-5 S VIA EXIT 2A TOWARDS RED BLUFF/SACRAMENTO. TAKE THE CYPRESS AVE EXIT (677). TURN LEFT ONTO E. CYPRESS AVE. TURN RIGHT ONTO CHURN CREEK RD.

#### **RIVERSIDE**

7888 MISSION GROVE PARKWAY S., SUITE 130  
RIVERSIDE, CA 92508  
(951) 565-8037

FROM THE CA-91W TOWARD RIVERSIDE/BEACH CITIES, TAKE THE CENTRAL AVENUE EXIT TOWARD MAGNOLIA CENTER. TURN LEFT ONTO CENTRAL AVE. CENTRAL AVE BECOMES ALESSANDRO BLVD. VEER TO THE RIGHT, THEN STAY STRAIGHT TO GO ONTO TRAUTWEIN RD (YOU WILL PASS COMMUNICATIONS CENTER DR). TURN LEFT ONTO MISSION GROVE PKY W.

FROM THE HIGH DESERT/SAN BERNARDINO AREA 215 S, WHERE THE 60 FWY, 91 FWY, AND THE 215 FWY SPLIT, TAKE 215S (SIGNS FOR THE 60 EAST INDIO). TAKE EXIT 27C FOR ALESSANDRO BLVD, TURN RIGHT ONTO E ALESSANDRO BLVD, TURN LEFT ONTO MISSION GROVE PKWY S.

#### **SACRAMENTO**

8950 CAL CENTER DR, SUITE 158  
BUILDING TWO  
SACRAMENTO, CA 95826

(916) 476-5926

FROM US-50 E: USE THE RIGHT TWO LANES TO TAKE EXIT 11 FOR WATT AVE. USE THE RIGHT 2 LANES TO TURN RIGHT ONTO WATT AVE. USE THE LEFT LANE TO TURN LEFT AT THE FIRST CROSS STREET ONTO FOLSOM BLVD. USE THE LEFT TWO LANES TO TURN LEFT ONTO MANLOVE RD. TURN LEFT ONTO CAL CENTER DR. BUILDING 8950 WILL BE ON THE LEFT.

FROM US-50 W: USE THE RIGHT TWO LANES TO TAKE EXIT 11 FOR WATT AVE. USE THE LEFT 2 LANES TO TURN LEFT ONTO WATT AVE. USE THE LEFT LANE TO TURN LEFT AT THE FIRST CROSS STREET ONTO FOLSOM BLVD. USE THE LEFT TWO LANES TO TURN LEFT ONTO MANLOVE RD. TURN LEFT ONTO CAL CENTER DR. BUILDING 8950 WILL BE ON THE LEFT.

#### **SAN DIEGO**

5440 MOREHOUSE DRIVE, SUITE 3100  
SAN DIEGO, CA 92121  
(858) 550-5940

FROM I-805 S, TAKE THE SORRENTO VALLEY RD/MIRA MESA BLVD EXIT. TURN LEFT ONTO MIRA MESA BLVD, TURN LEFT ONTO SCRANTON ROAD. TURN RIGHT ONTO MOREHOUSE DRIVE.

FROM I-805 N TOWARD LOS ANGELES, TAKE THE MIRA MESA BLVD/VISTA SORRENTO PKWY EXIT. TURN RIGHT ONTO MIRA MESA BLVD. TURN LEFT ONTO SCRANTON RD. TURN RIGHT ONTO MOREHOUSE DR.

ADDITIONAL PARKING CAN BE FOUND (ON TOP OF THE AT&T BUILDING) BY CONTINUING ON MOREHOUSE PAST OUR BUILDING AND TURNING LEFT AT THE NEXT DRIVEWAY UP THE HILL.

#### **SAN FRANCISCO**

150 EXECUTIVE PARK BLVD., STE 2400  
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94134  
(415) 494-5773

I-80 W BECOMES US-101 S. TAKE EXIT 429A TOWARD MONSTER PARK/TUNNEL AVE. TAKE THE RAMP TOWARD 3COM PARK. TURN RIGHT ONTO ALANNA RD. TURN LEFT ONTO EXECUTIVE PARK BLVD.

#### **SANTA CLARA**

2936 SCOTT BLVD  
SANTA CLARA, CA 95054  
(408) 844-0008

FROM US-101 N, TAKE THE SAN TOMAS EXPWY/MONTAGUE EXPWY EXIT- EXIT 392. TAKE THE SAN TOMAS EXPWY RAMP. MERGE ONTO SAN TOMAS EXPY/CR-G4. TURN LEFT ONTO SCOTT BLVD.

FROM I-880 S TOWARD SAN JOSE, TAKE THE MONTAGUE EXPWY EXIT (7). TAKE THE MONTAGUE EXPWY WEST RAMP. MERGE ONTO MONTAGUE EXPY/CR-G4 E. TURN LEFT ONTO E TRIMBLE RD. E TRIMBLE RD BECOMES DE LA CRUZ BLVD. TURN SLIGHT RIGHT ONTO CENTRAL EXPY/CR-G6 W. TURN SLIGHT RIGHT ONTO SCOTT BLVD.

#### **SANTA ROSA**

160 WIKIUP DRIVE, SUITE 105  
SANTA ROSA, CA 95403  
(707) 791-3113

FROM US-101 N, TAKE MARK WEST SPRINGS/RIVER ROAD EXIT. TURN RIGHT ON MARK WEST SPRINGS. TURN LEFT AT OLD REDWOOD HIGHWAY. TURN RIGHT ON WIKIUP DRIVE. FIRST DRIVEWAY ON RIGHT.

FROM US-101 S, TAKE MARK WEST SPRINGS/RIVER ROAD EXIT. TURN LEFT ON MARK WEST SPRINGS. TURN LEFT AT OLD REDWOOD HIGHWAY. TURN RIGHT ON WIKIUP DRIVE. FIRST DRIVEWAY ON RIGHT.

#### **UNION CITY**

32960 ALVARADO-NILES RD, SUITE 650  
UNION CITY, CA 94587  
(510) 400-3343

FROM I-880 N - AT EXIT 23, TAKE RAMP RIGHT AND FOLLOW SIGNS FOR ALVARADO NILES RD. TURN RIGHT ONTO ALVARADO NILES RD. AFTER ABOUT A MILE, MAKE A U-TURN AT DOWE AVE. TAKE THE FIRST RIGHT INTO THE OFFICE PARK AND THEN TAKE THE FIRST LEFT ONCE ON THE PROPERTY. SUITE 650 WILL BE IN THE FIRST BUILDING ON YOUR RIGHT.

FROM 1880 S - AT EXIT 23, TAKE RAMP RIGHT AND FOLLOW SIGNS FOR ALVARADO NILES RD. TURN LEFT ONTO ALVARADO NILES RD. AFTER ABOUT A MILE, MAKE A U-TURN AT DOWE AVE. TAKE THE FIRST RIGHT INTO THE OFFICE PARK AND THEN TAKE THE FIRST LEFT ONCE ON THE PROPERTY. SUITE 650 WILL BE IN THE FIRST BUILDING ON YOUR RIGHT.

**VENTURA**

4245 MARKET ST, SUITE 208  
VENTURA, CA 93003  
(805) 650-5220

FROM US-101N, TAKE THE TELEPHONE ROAD (EXIT 65). TURN LEFT ONTO TELEPHONE ROAD. TURN RIGHT ONTO MARKET STREET.

**VISALIA**

3400 W MINERAL KING AVE, SUITE D  
VISALIA, CA 93291  
(559) 740-7781

FROM CA-99N, MERGE ONTO CA-198E VIA EXIT 96 TOWARD VISALIA/SEQUOIA NAT'L PARK. TAKE THE EXIT TOWARD DEMAREE STREET. MERGE ONTO W NOBLE AVENUE. TURN LEFT ONTO S COUNTY CENTER DRIVE. TAKE THE 1<sup>ST</sup> LEFT ONTO W MINERAL KING AVENUE.

**WALNUT CREEK**

175 LENNON LANE, SUITE 203  
WALNUT CREEK, CA 94598  
(925) 448-2179

FROM I-5N, KEEP LEFT TO TAKE I-580W TOWARD TRACY/SAN FRANCISCO. MERGE ONTO I-680N VIA EXIT 44B TOWARD SACRAMENTO/WALNUT CREEK/CONCORD. TAKE THE YGNACIO VALLEY ROAD EXIT AND TURN RIGHT. TURN LEFT ONTO LENNON LANE  
(925) 448-2179

FROM I-5N, KEEP LEFT TO TAKE I-580W TOWARD TRACY/SAN FRANCISCO. MERGE ONTO I-680N VIA EXIT 44B TOWARD SACRAMENTO/WALNUT CREEK/CONCORD. TAKE THE YGNACIO VALLEY ROAD EXIT AND TURN RIGHT. TURN LEFT ONTO LENNON LANE.

**THEORY CONTENT OUTLINE**

The test content outline is prepared and is periodically updated by committees of professionals who are subject matter experts in Barbering and Cosmetology, Barbering and Cosmetology instruction, or regulatory issues. The test content outline identifies areas of importance to licensees for them to perform their duties on the public in a competent and in a safe and responsible manner.

The content outline lists topics that are on the test and the number of questions for each topic. We advise test takers not schedule a test until they are familiar with the topics on the outline. Test takers may use this outline as a guide as well as the test references as a guide for a pre-test review.

**EXPERIMENTAL ITEMS**

In addition to the number of examination items specified in the "Examination Content Outlines", a small number (5 to 10) of "experimental" questions may be administered to candidates during the examinations. These questions will not be scored. However, these questions will count against examination time. The administration of such unscored, experimental questions is an essential step in developing future licensing examinations.



**PSI NATIONAL THEORY CONTENT OUTLINES**

<b>Barber Theory Exam General Portion</b> 95 Questions (85 scored, 10 pretest) 2 hours (120 minutes) Passing Score 60 (70%)	
Topic Name	Weight
<b>I. Safety and Infection Control</b>	<b>29%</b>
A) Workstation and environment	
1. Chemical labeling, storage, and disposal	
2. OSHA Safety Data Sheet (SDS)	
B) Safe working practices	
1. Hand Hygiene	
2. Client protection	
C) Regulatory agencies	
D) Infection control	
1. Infectious diseases and pathogens	
2. Cleaning and disinfection	
a. Single vs. multiuse items	
b. Disinfectants	
c. Procedures for tools, equipment, and work surfaces	
d. Storage of tools and equipment	
E) Standard precautions for exposure incidents	
F) Effective safety responses to client injury	
<b>II. Client Consultation</b>	<b>2%</b>
A) Client intake form	
B) Client release form	
C) Contraindications	
<b>III. Hair, Scalp, and Skin Analysis</b>	<b>11%</b>
A) Hair structure, type, conditions and disorders	
B) Scalp structure, type, conditions and disorders	
B) Skin structure, type, conditions and disorders	
<b>IV. Hairstyling</b>	<b>5%</b>
A) Blow-dry and thermal irons	
1. Heat Precautions	
2. Tool safety	
3. Styling	
<b>V. Haircutting</b>	<b>9%</b>
A) Tool safety	
1. Razors	
2. Scissors/Shears	
3. Trimmers/Edgers	
4. Clippers	
<b>VI. Chemical Services</b>	<b>18%</b>
A) Products and product chemistry	
1. Hair coloring and lightening	

2. Permanent waving	
3. Chemical relaxing	
B) Hair and scalp preparation	
C) Precautions	
1. Metallic and compound dyes	
2. Minerals	
D) Application procedures	
1. Hair coloring and lightening	
2. Permanent waving	
3. Chemical relaxing	
<b>VII. Shaving</b>	<b>24%</b>
A) Preparation	
B) Post-shave	
C) Pre-softening the beard with steam towels	
D) Shaving strokes	
1. Freehand	
2. Backhand	
3. Reverse freehand	
4. Reverse backhand	
<b>VIII. Skin Care</b>	<b>2%</b>
A) Products and product chemistry	
B) Procedures	
1. Skin Analysis	
2. Facials	
3. Massage manipulations	
4. Tool/device safety	

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**Cosmetologist Theory Exam General Portion**

110 Questions (100 scored, 10 pretest)

2 hours (120 minutes)

Passing Score 73 (73%)

<b>Topic Name</b>	<b>Weight</b>
<b>I. Safety and Infection Control</b>	<b>25%</b>
A) Workstation and environment	
1. Chemical labeling, storage, and disposal	
2. OSHA Safety Data Sheet (SDS)	
B) Safe working practices	
1. Hand Hygiene	
2. Client protection	
C) Regulatory agencies	
D) Infection control	
1. Infectious diseases and pathogens	
2. Cleaning and disinfection	
a. Single vs. multiuse items	
b. Disinfectants	
c. Procedures for tools, equipment, and work surfaces	
d. Storage of tools and equipment	
E) Standard Precautions for exposure incidents	
F) Effective safety responses to client injury	
<b>II. Client Consultation</b>	<b>2%</b>
A) Client intake form	
B) Client release form	
C) Contraindications	
<b>III. Hair, Scalp, Skin, and Nail Analysis</b>	<b>15%</b>
A) Hair and scalp structure, type, conditions and disorders	
B) Skin structure, type, conditions and disorders	
C) Nail structure, conditions and disorders	
<b>IV. Hairstyling</b>	<b>6%</b>
A) Blow-dry and thermal irons	
1. Heat Precautions	
2. Tool safety	
3. Styling	
<b>V. Haircutting</b>	<b>12%</b>
A) Tool safety	
1. Razors	
2. Scissors/Shears	
3. Trimmers/Edgers	
4. Clippers	
<b>VI. Chemical Services</b>	<b>15%</b>
A) Products and product chemistry	
1. Hair coloring and lightening	

2. Permanent waving	
3. Chemical relaxing	
B) Hair and scalp preparation	
C) Precautions	
1. Metallic and compound dyes	
2. Minerals	
D) Application procedures	
1. Hair coloring and lightening	
2. Permanent waving	
3. Chemical relaxing	
<b>VII. Skin Care</b>	<b>6%</b>
A) Products and product chemistry	
B) Procedures	
1. Skin Analysis	
2. Facials	
3. Massage manipulations	
4. Tool/device safety	
<b>VIII. Makeup</b>	<b>2%</b>
A) Procedures	
B) Eyelash extensions and enhancements	
<b>IX. Hair Removal</b>	<b>4%</b>
A) Waxing	
1. Procedures	
2. Temperature precautions	
B) Tweezing	
<b>X. Nails</b>	<b>13%</b>
A) Products and product chemistry	
B) Precautions	
C) Manicure and Pedicure	
1. Procedures	
a. Cuticle care	
b. Buffing, shaping, and finishing	
2. Disinfection of pedicure bowl	
a. Non-jetted tubs/tub liners	
b. Jetted tubs	
D) Nail enhancements	
1. Procedures	
a. Application	
b. Nail tips	
c. Gels (oligomer), monomer and polymer	
d. Maintenance	
e. Removal	
E) Massage manipulations	

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<b>Esthetician Theory Exam General Portion</b> 85 Questions (75 scored, 10 pretest) 1 hour and 30 minutes. Passing Score 57 (75%)		<b>Weight</b>
<b>I. Safety and Infection Control</b>		<b>34%</b>
A) Workstation and environment		
1. Chemical labeling, storage, and disposal		
2. OSHA Safety Data Sheet (SDS)		
B) Safe working practices		
1. Hand Hygiene		
2. Client protection		
C) Regulatory agencies		
D) Infection control		
1. Infectious diseases and pathogens		
2. Cleaning and disinfection		
a. Single vs. multiuse items		
b. Disinfectants		
c. Procedures for tools, equipment, and work surfaces		
d. Storage of tools and equipment		
E) Standard Precautions for exposure incidents		
F) Effective safety responses to client injury		
<b>II. Client Consultation</b>		<b>4%</b>
A) Client intake form		
B) Client release form		
C) Contraindications		
<b>III. Skin Analysis</b>		<b>13%</b>
A) Skin structure, type, conditions and disorders		
<b>IV. Skin Care</b>		<b>27%</b>
A) Products and product chemistry		
B) Procedures		
1. Skin analysis		
2. Facials		
3. Massage manipulations		
4. Tool/device safety		
<b>V. Makeup</b>		<b>4%</b>
A) Procedures		
B) Eyelash extensions and enhancements		
<b>VI. Hair Removal</b>		<b>13%</b>
A) Waxing		
1. Procedures		
2. Temperature precautions		
B) Tweezing		
<b>VII. Advanced Treatments</b>		<b>5%</b>
A) Chemical Exfoliation		
B) Microdermabrasion		
C) Electrotherapy		

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<b>Manicurist Theory Exam General Portion</b> 70 Questions (60 scored, 10 pretest) 1 hour and 30 minutes Passing Score 45 (75%)		<b>Weight</b>
<b>I. Safety and Infection Control</b>		<b>38%</b>
A) Workstation and environment		
1. Chemical labeling, storage, and disposal		
2. OSHA Safety Data Sheet (SDS)		
B) Safe working practices		
1. Hand Hygiene		
2. Client protection		
C) Regulatory agencies		
D) Infection control		
1. Infectious diseases and pathogens		
2. Cleaning and disinfection		
a. Single vs. multiuse items		
b. Disinfectants		
c. Procedures for tools, equipment, and work surfaces		
d. Storage of tools and equipment		
E) Standard Precautions for exposure incidents		
F) Effective safety responses to client injury		
<b>II. Client Consultation</b>		<b>3%</b>
A) Client intake form		
B) Client release form		
C) Contraindications		
<b>III. Nail Analysis</b>		<b>10%</b>
A) Nail structure, conditions and disorders		
<b>IV. Nails</b>		<b>49%</b>
A) Products and product chemistry		
B) Precautions		
C) Manicure and Pedicure		
1. Procedures		
a. Cuticle care		
b. Buffing, shaping, and finishing		
2. Disinfection of pedicure bowl		
a. Non-jetted tubs/tub liners		
b. Jetted tubs		
D) Nail enhancements		
1. Procedures		
a. Application		
b. Nail tips		
c. Gels (oligomer), monomer and polymer		
d. Maintenance		
e. Removal		
E) Massage manipulations		

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<b>Electrologist Theory Exam General Portion</b> 60 Questions (50 scored, 10 pretest) 1 hour and 30 minutes Passing Score 38 (75%)	
Topic Name	Weight
<b>I. Safety and Infection Control</b>	<b>40%</b>
A) Workstation and environment	
1. Chemical labeling, storage, and disposal	
2. OSHA Safety Data Sheet (SDS)	
B) Safe working practices	
1. Hand Hygiene	
2. Client protection	
C) Regulatory agencies	
D) Infection control	
1. Infectious diseases and pathogens	
2. Cleaning and disinfection	
a. Single vs. multiuse items	
b. Disinfectants	
c. Procedures for tools, equipment, and work surfaces	
d. Storage of tools and equipment	
E) Standard precautions for exposure incidents	
F) Effective safety responses to client injury	
<b>II. Client Consultation</b>	<b>10%</b>
A) Client intake form	
B) Client release form	
C) Contraindications	
<b>III. Hair, Scalp, and Skin Analysis</b>	<b>10%</b>
A) Hair structure, type, conditions and disorders	
B) Skin structure, type, conditions and disorders	
<b>IV. Analysis and Treatment</b>	<b>24%</b>
A) Pre-treatment	
B) Treatment	
C) Post-treatment	
<b>V. Electricity and Equipment</b>	<b>16%</b>
A) Equipment	
1. Proper use & Maintenance	
2. Basic principles of electricity	
B) Electrolysis	
1. Galvanic/direct current	
C) Thermolysis	
1. High frequency/alternating current	
D) Blend Method	



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