

**MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY
AMENDMENTS TO RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The Mississippi State Board of Cosmetology proposes to amend its rules and regulations by suspending sections d.(1) and d.(2) of Rule 401.I.A.3 as relates to examination eligibility.

PROPOSED RULE

401. EXAMINATION ELIGIBILITY

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A. Cosmetologists, manicurists, estheticians, and wig specialists must:

1. Be at least 17 years of age.
2. Be able to read, write and speak English.
3. Have at least a twelfth (12th) grade education or its equivalent.
 - a. Proof of completion of high school education may be submitted in the form of a diploma, or transcript which reflects graduation data. If the education was acquired by GED, **an original GED transcript** must be submitted to the Board.
 - b. **Where the secondary education was obtained outside of the United States, the applicant must present a copy of the proof of completion, along with an original translation which has been prepared by an approved translation or credentialing service, and which certifies that the document is considered to be proof of the equivalent of a 12th grade education.**
 - c. Additional information may be required if it has been determined, or there is reason to believe that a candidate for examination has **submitted as proof of high school education, a diploma or transcript acquired** under one or more of the following circumstances:
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 - d. ~~The candidate will not be considered to have a 12th grade education or its equivalent if it is determined that one or more of the following circumstances exist:~~
 - (1) ~~The institution from which the diploma or transcript was acquired is not sanctioned or accredited by a state supported educational credentialing entity, or~~
 - (2) ~~The candidate completed a self study program in which progress examinations and final examinations were not physically supervised by one or more staff members of the institution or a recognized examination administration/proctor service.~~