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Inspection Criteria for the Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists:

**LICENSING:**

1) Establishment license must be current; - Statute: NMSA 61-17A-5 (B)

2) Establishment license must be posted; - Rule: 16.34.2.10 (A)

3) Supervising licensee required- This is the person designated by the establishment owner/manager (MUST BE LICENSED) to act on behalf of the enterprise or establishment in the absence of the owner or manager; - Rule 16.34.7.11

4) Licenses must be posted- Licenses must be current & valid, posted where visible to the public, and have a photograph attached. (All individuals who are performing services as defined by the Act must have a license posted.) - Rule: 16.34.2.10(A) (B); Rule-16.34.2.10 (B); NMSA-61-17A-5 (A)

**SAFETY AND SANITATION:**

1) Adequate wet and dry sanitizers required; - Rule: 16.34.7.9 (A) (11)

2) Combs and brushes must be enclosed with appropriate sanitizing agents; clean combs and brushes should be stored with a dry sanitizing agent. - Rule: 16.34.7.9 (A) (7)

3) Clean towels must be enclosed with appropriate sanitizing agents; clean towels should be stored in an enclosed container (e.g.…cabinet with doors, plastic bin with lid, etc.) - Rule: 16.34.7.9 (A) (8)

4) Implements must be sanitized and disinfected in germicidal solution; Implements (combs, brushes, scissors, tweezers, etc.) should be soaked in a sanitizing agent according to the product manufacturer’s directions. - Rule: 16.34.7.9 (A) (16 & 24)

5) Proper water supply and toilet standards- Hot and cold running water should be available to perform professional services in a safe and sanitary manner while serving the public. Restrooms should be in working order and have ceiling high partitions away from the rest of the establishment. Clean towels, sheets, robes, or other linens must be used for each client; towels, sheets, robes and linens must be properly changed and laundered after each use. The use of paper or disposable towels or linens shall be in compliance with this rule and must be disposed of properly after each use; - Rule: 16.34.7.9 (A) (4, 13, & 14)
6) Equipment must be in safe working condition; - Rule: 16.34.7.9 (A) (5 & 17)

7) Adequate Ventilation- Ventilation should be adequate to prevent clients from being exposed to hazardous products or chemicals; - Rule: 16.34.7.9 (A) (1 & 8)

8) Floors, walls, and fixtures must be reasonably clean; (Note: all cups, bowls, basins, jars, and instruments should be cleaned and sanitized prior to use on public; - Rule: 16.34.7.9 (A) (12 & 19)

9) Adequate product safety requirements- Adequate ventilation required; smoking restrictions to ensure no chemicals or products are inadvertently ignited; spill standards are met to prevent exposure of spilled products or chemicals; local building codes met to insure life safety; products and chemicals must be stored properly with manufacturer labels and containers are to be kept closed; products should be used according to the manufacturer’s label; protective devices should be used when called for by manufacturer’s labels on products or chemicals that require said devices; proper hand washing procedures must be followed to insure safety for professionals and customers; storage of materials and chemicals must be maintained in a manner to prevent fire and other undesirable risks; SDS sheets to be maintained on products or chemicals being stored and used; proper mixing practices to reduce the risk of undesired chemical reactions; use of Methyl Methacrylate or other chemicals deemed hazardous to the health of licensees or the public, as determined by the Board, are prohibited; razor edged tools or devices to remove skin or calluses are prohibited (e.g. ...credo-blades and “cheese grater” foot rasps); any procedure performed by any means, by hand, chemical, mechanical or electrical appliance or apparatus that penetrates the dermal layer of skin is considered invasive and is prohibited; - Rule 16.34.7.9 (A) (1, 2, 3, 8, 10, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28 & 30)

10) One time use supplies must be disposed of after each use; any instrument or supply that comes in contact with the public and cannot be disinfected shall be disposed of immediately after use (e.g. ...cotton pads, emery boards, sponges, porous surfaced items); - Rule: 16.34.7.9 (A) (29)