



NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF **CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

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Temporary Permits for Applicants for Licensure as Teachers of Cosmetology and Hairstyling

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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Practitioners are encouraged to check their licensing board
[website](#) for additional information.

The State of New Jersey COVID-19 Information Hub is [here](#).

Background

The State of New Jersey has adopted extraordinary measures to combat the spread of the COVID-19 disease, including actions taken to establish health and safety standards to protect consumers.

The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in the cancellation of practical examinations for cosmetology and hairstyling teacher applicants and these examinations are unlikely to take place in the immediate future. In response, the Division of Consumer Affairs has issued [Administrative Order 2021-10 and Waiver 2021-06](#) allowing the Board of Cosmetology and Hairstyling to issue temporary permits to applicants for licensure as teachers of cosmetology and hairstyling, pending their passage of the practical examination required for licensure.

Answers to some frequently asked questions about the teacher temporary permit program are below.

1. Who is eligible for a teacher temporary permit?

A temporary permit may be issued to a teacher applicant who has passed the written examination required for licensure within the past two years and who meets all other requirements for licensure as a teacher of cosmetology and hairstyling. These requirements include passage of the written examination required for licensure, holding a Board-issued cosmetologist-hairstylist license, completion of a 500-hour teacher training course and 30-hour teaching methods course, and employment in a licensed shop for six consecutive months.

Applicants who have taken and failed the practical examination are *not eligible* for a teacher temporary permit.

2. What does a temporary permit allow its holder to do?

A temporary permit allows a teacher applicant to practice as a teacher of cosmetology and hairstyling, under the general supervision of a teacher supervisor, before the applicant has passed the practical examination required for licensure. General supervision is a flexible concept that can be satisfied by a variety of arrangements. For example, general supervision can be satisfied by periodic observations by the teacher supervisor of the supervisee's teaching and a monthly performance review by the teacher supervisor. General supervision does *not* require the teacher supervisor to be physically present in the classroom while teaching is occurring.

3. Are there any restrictions to practice with a temporary permit?

No. However, all temporary permit holders are subject to the general supervision of the school's teacher supervisor, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:28-24(c).

4. For how long will the temporary permit be valid?

A temporary permit issued under this program will be valid until the sooner of:

- One year after the date of issue;
- 90 days after the end of the state of emergency or the end of the public health emergency declared pursuant to Executive Order No. 103 (EO 103), whichever is later;
- 30 days after the Division of Consumer Affairs may terminate this program; or
- For an individual holder of a temporary permit who takes and fails the practical exam, upon their failure of the practical examination.

The Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs may terminate this program at any time. This includes the ability to end the program when an alternative option for administration of a practical examination may be developed, or when the practical examination resumes, at which time applicants will need to pass the practical examination in order to practice as a licensed teacher of cosmetology and hairstyling.

5. How do I apply for a temporary permit?

The application for a temporary permit is available on the Board of Cosmetology and Hairstyling's [website](#). You must submit an "Application for Authorization to Sit for the Examination and for Licensure" *at the same time* you submit the application for a temporary permit.

If you have already submitted the "Application for Authorization to Sit for the Examination and for Licensure," you do not need to resubmit that application.

6. Will I have to pay a fee to get a temporary permit?

No. There is no separate fee to apply for or to obtain a temporary permit. However, you will have to pay all other applicable fees when you submit the "Application for Authorization to Sit for the Examination and for Licensure," such as the \$50 application filing fee and \$90 licensing fee.

If you have already submitted an "Application for Authorization to Sit for the Examination and for Licensure," with the corresponding fees, you do not need to resubmit the application or fees.

7. Will I eventually have to take the practical examination?

Yes. In order to avoid a gap in your ability to work as a teacher, you will have to take and pass the practical examination before the expiration of your temporary permit. Note that a temporary permit issued under this program will be valid until the sooner of:

- One year after the date of issue;
- 90 days after the end of the state of emergency or the end of the public health emergency declared pursuant to EO 103, whichever is later;
- 30 days after the Division of Consumer Affairs may terminate this program; or
- For an individual holder of a temporary permit who takes and fails the practical exam, upon their failure of the practical examination.