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IMPORTANT NOTICE

- **DATE:** May 17, 2024
- TO: All Licensed Beauty Schools

FROM: Board of Barbering and Cosmetology

SUBJECT: High School Equivalency or Completion of Grade Twelve

This is a reminder that beauty schools licensed by the Board are "postsecondary" schools pursuant to chapter 16-78, Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") and as such require that individuals enrolling in the school must have an education equivalent to the completion of high school (high school diploma) or grade twelve (GED).

HAR §16-78-2 Definitions.

"Beauty school" unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, means a postsecondary school engaged in the teaching of cosmetology.

"Postsecondary" means beyond the education equivalent to the completion of high school or grade twelve.

HAR §16-78-59 Enrollment

(b) A beauty school shall enroll only students who are at least sixteen years of age and who have an education equivalent to the completion of high school or grade twelve.

Schools that enroll individuals who do not possess a high school diploma, GED or equivalent will be in violation of the administrative rules and may be subject to disciplinary action.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Board's office at (808) 586-2692, or via email at barber_cosm@dcca.hawaii.gov. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.