Rules of
Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration
Division 2090—State Board of Cosmetology
Chapter 7—Reciprocity

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PURPOSE: This rule explains the licensing procedure and requirements for reciprocal licensing for out-of-state applicants as authorized in section 329.130, RSMo.

(1) Cosmetology Operators. Upon making application to the board, the board shall issue a Missouri certificate of registration or license without an examination to a person who holds a current cosmetology license in another state, territory, or District of Columbia, provided the requirements for licensure, including but not limited to the training and examination requirements therein are substantially equal or superior to those in Missouri at the time of application. The application shall be properly completed on a form supplied by the board and shall be accompanied by the following:
   (A) An affidavit completed by the state licensing agency verifying the type of license held by the applicant in that state;
   (B) Two (2) bust photographs measuring two inches by two inches (2" × 2") taken within the last two (2) years; and
   (C) The cosmetology reciprocity fee.

(2) Cosmetology Instructors. Upon making application to the board, the board shall issue a Missouri cosmetology instructor’s license to an individual who holds a current cosmetology instructor license in another state, territory of the United States, or District of Columbia, provided the requirements for licensure, including but not limited to the training and examination requirements, are substantially equal or superior to those in force in Missouri at the time the individual files the application. The application shall be properly completed on a form supplied by the board and shall be accompanied by the following:
   (A) An affidavit completed by the state licensing agency verifying that the applicant is licensed as an instructor in that state;
   (B) Two (2) bust photographs measuring two inches by two inches (2" × 2") taken within the last two (2) years; and
   (C) The instructor reciprocity fee.

(3) The board has determined that a “substantially equal” number of training hours is ninety-five percent (95%) or more of the training hours required in Missouri for any given classification.

(4) Any reciprocity applicant requesting licensure will be required to complete an open book state law test, which will be included with the reciprocity application.

(5) Any person who does not meet the qualifications for licensure by reciprocity shall be required to meet all of Missouri’s requirements for licensure as set forth in Chapter 329, RSMo, including but not limited to training and examination requirements. However, the board may waive the examination required by section 329.050.1(4), RSMo for any applicant who has previously taken the examination presently administered in Missouri, or its equivalent, and, in the board’s discretion, obtained a satisfactory score. Such applicant may request a waiver of the examination requirement by exam score endorsement.
