

Chapter 299

(House Bill 1025)

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Cosmetologists – Licensing – Eyelash Extensions

FOR the purpose of repealing the option for an applicant for a limited license to provide eyelash extension services to pass a practical and written examination administered by the State Board of Cosmetology in order to be licensed; and generally relating to eyelash extension licensing and the State Board of Cosmetologists.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Business Occupations and Professions
Section 5–305
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Business Occupations and Professions

5–305.

(a) To qualify for a limited license to practice cosmetology, an applicant shall be an individual who meets the requirements of this section.

(b) An applicant for a limited license to provide esthetic services shall:

(1) be at least 17 years old;

(2) have completed successfully a 9th grade education or the equivalent;

(3) have received training by:

(i) serving as a registered apprentice for at least 6 months as provided under §§ 5–404 and 5–405 of this title; or

(ii) successfully completing at least 600 hours of instruction in providing esthetic services in a cosmetology school approved by the State Department of Education or the Maryland Higher Education Commission in consultation with the Board; and

(4) have completed 1 hour of in–person or virtual training in domestic violence awareness under § 5–305.1 of this subtitle.

(c) An applicant for a limited license to provide eyelash extension services shall:

- (1) be at least 17 years old;
- (2) have completed successfully a 9th grade education or the equivalent;

and

(3) **[(i)]** have received training by:

[1.] (I) serving as a registered apprentice for at least 3 months as provided under §§ 5–404 and 5–405 of this title; or

[2.] (II) successfully completing at least 100 hours of instruction in providing eyelash extension services in a cosmetology school approved by the State Department of Education or the Maryland Higher Education Commission in consultation with the Board; or

(ii) pass a practical and written examination administered by the Board].

(d) An applicant for a limited license to provide hair services shall:

- (1) be at least 17 years old;
- (2) have completed successfully a 9th grade education or the equivalent;

(3) have received training by:

(i) serving as a registered apprentice for at least 15 months as provided under §§ 5–404 and 5–405 of this title; or

(ii) successfully completing at least 1,200 hours of instruction providing hair services in a cosmetology school approved by the State Department of Education or the Maryland Higher Education Commission in consultation with the Board; and

(4) have completed 1 hour of in–person or virtual training in domestic violence awareness.

(e) An applicant for a limited license to provide hair services – blow drying shall:

- (1) be at least 17 years old;
- (2) have completed successfully a 9th grade education or the equivalent;

(3) have received training by successfully completing at least 350 hours of instruction providing hair services – blow drying in a cosmetology school approved by the State Department of Education or the Maryland Higher Education Commission in consultation with the Board; and

(4) have completed 1 hour of in–person or virtual training in domestic violence awareness.

(f) An applicant for a limited license to provide nail technician services shall:

(1) be at least 17 years old;

(2) have successfully completed a 9th grade education or the equivalent;

(3) have received training by:

(i) serving as a registered apprentice for at least 3 months as provided under §§ 5–404 and 5–405 of this title; or

(ii) successfully completing at least 250 hours of instruction in providing nail technician services in a cosmetology school approved by the State Department of Education or the Maryland Higher Education Commission in consultation with the Board; and

(4) have completed 1 hour of in–person or virtual training in domestic violence awareness under § 5–305.1 of this subtitle.

(g) If an applicant is licensed to practice as an esthetician, eyelash extension technician, hairstylist, hairstylist – blow drying technician, or nail technician in another state or foreign country, the applicant meets the training requirements of this section if the applicant has held a limited license in the other state or foreign country and has actively practiced in the other state or foreign country for a period of 6 months.

(h) An applicant for a limited license shall pass an examination given by the Board under this subtitle.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2026.

Approved by the Governor, April 28, 2026.