

<u>Program</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Date Updated</u>
Manicuring/Nail Technology	Sharell Allen	April 2022

State	Meets educational Requirements	Does not meet educational requirements	Undetermined	State	Meets educational Requirements	Does not meet educational requirements	Undetermined
Alabama	*			Nebraska	*		
Alaska	*			Nevada	*		
American Samoa			*	New Hampshire	*		
Arizona	*			New Jersey			*
Arkansas	*			New Mexico	*		
California	*			New York			*
Colorado			*	North Carolina	*		
Connecticut			*	North Dakota	*		
Delaware	*			Northern Mariana Islands			*
Florida			*	Ohio			*
Georgia	*			Oklahoma	*		
Guam			*	Oregon			*
Hawaii			*	Pennsylvania	*		
Idaho	*			Puerto Rico			*
Illinois	*			Rhode Island	*		
Indiana			*	South Carolina	*		
Iowa	*			South Dakota	*		
Kansas			*	Tennessee			*
Kentucky			*	Texas			*
Louisiana	*			US Virgin Islands			*
Maine	*			Utah	*		
Maryland			*	Vermont	*		
Massachusetts			*	Virginia			*
Michigan			*	Washington	*		
Minnesota			*	West Virginia	*		
Mississippi	*			Wisconsin			*
Missouri	*			Wyoming	*		
Montana	*			District of Columbia	*		

Comments: Student applications are reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Licensure exams for cosmetologist, barbers and related fields vary throughout the United States and Guam and are not standardized.

**Contact Name in State:** Alabama Board of Cosmetology & Barbering  
<https://aboc.alabama.gov/transfer-a-license/>

**Contact Phone Number:** [1-800-815-7453](tel:1-800-815-7453)

**Contact Email Address:** <https://aboc.alabama.gov/contact/> or [cosmetology@aboc.alabama.gov](mailto:cosmetology@aboc.alabama.gov)

**Additional Information:** The Board recognizes the National Cosmetology Examination through the **National-Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology (NIC)** as their written examination.  
<https://aboc.alabama.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Out-of-State-Reciprocity.pdf> <- **Reciprocity Form**

**Mailing Address:** Alabama Board of Cosmetology & Barbering  
P.O. Box 301750  
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-1750

**Contact Name in State:** Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic, Development  
<https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardofBarbersHairdressers.aspx>

**Contact Phone Number:** [907-465-2550](tel:907-465-2550) Wanda Whitcomb, Licensing Examiner

**Contact Email Address:** [BoardofBarbersHairdressers@Alaska.Gov](mailto:BoardofBarbersHairdressers@Alaska.Gov)

**Additional Information:** Take and pass the National Nail Technology Theory Examination through the **National-Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology (NIC)**.  
<https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/Portals/5/pub/bah4728.pdf> <- Application w/ Reciprocity

**Mailing Address:** The State of Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development  
ATTN: Cynthia Spencer, Records & Licensing Supervisor  
PO Box 110806  
Juneau, AK 99811-0806

**Contact Name in State:** Arizona State Board of Cosmetology  
<https://boc.az.gov/>

**Contact Phone Number:** [480-784-4539](tel:480-784-4539)

**Contact Email Address:** <https://boc.az.gov/contact-us> **Contact Us Form**

**Additional Information:** Arizona utilizes the **National-Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology (NIC)** examinations. The cost of taking the theory and practical examinations is \$177.  
<https://boc.az.gov/reciprocity-application-online> <- Reciprocity

**Mailing Address:** Arizona Board of Cosmetology  
1740 W Adams Suite #4400  
Phoenix AZ 85007

**Contact Name in State:** Arkansas Department of Health - Cosmetology  
<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cosmetology>

**Contact Phone Number:** [501-682-2168](tel:501-682-2168)

**Contact Email Address:** [Cosmo@arkansas.gov](mailto:Cosmo@arkansas.gov)

**Additional Information:** Arkansas utilizes the National Nail Technology (Manicuring) Examination, which was developed by the **National-Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology (NIC)**.  
[https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/images/uploads/pdf/done\\_Reciprocity\\_requirements\\_1.5.2021.pdf](https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/images/uploads/pdf/done_Reciprocity_requirements_1.5.2021.pdf) <- Reciprocity

**Mailing Address:** Arkansas Dept. of Health  
Cosmetology Committee  
4815 W. Markham Street, Slot #8  
Little Rock, AR 72205

**Contact Name in State:** California Board of Barbering & Cosmetology  
<https://www.barberosmo.ca.gov/applicants/index.shtml>

**Contact Phone Number:** [1-800-952-5210](tel:1-800-952-5210)

**Contact Email Address:** [barberosmo@dca.ca.gov](mailto:barberosmo@dca.ca.gov)

**Additional Information:** The Board exclusively utilizes the written and practical examinations of the **National Interstate Council of Board of Cosmetology (NIC)**.  
[https://www.barberosmo.ca.gov/forms\\_pubs/forms/reciprocity.pdf](https://www.barberosmo.ca.gov/forms_pubs/forms/reciprocity.pdf) <- Reciprocity Application

**Mailing Address:** Board of Barbering and Cosmetology  
PO Box 944226  
Sacramento, CA 94244-2260

**Contact Name in State:** Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies - Office of Barber & Cosmetology  
<https://dpo.colorado.gov/BarberCosmetology>

**Contact Phone Number:** [303-894-7800](tel:303-894-7800)

**Contact Email Address:** [dora\\_barber-cosmetology@state.co.us](mailto:dora_barber-cosmetology@state.co.us)

**Additional Information:** You must take and pass the Colorado manicurist practical examination and the Colorado manicurist written examination, both of which are administered through PSI Services.  
<https://dpo.colorado.gov/BarberCosmetology/Applications> <- Application by Endorsement

**Mailing Address:** Office of Barber and Cosmetologist Licensing  
1560 Broadway, Suite 1340  
Denver, CO 80202

**Contact Name in State:** [Connecticut is currently the only state in the U.S. that does NOT license nail technicians. There are no state regulations and therefore no state certification or licensure requirements.](#)

**Contact Phone Number:** <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Practitioner-Licensing-Investigations/PLIS/Nail-Technicians-and-Estheticians>

**Contact Email Address:**

**Additional Information:**

**Mailing Address:**

**Contact Name in State:** Delaware Division of Professional Regulation - Board of Cosmetology ad Barbering  
<https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/cosmetology/>

**Contact Phone Number:** [\(302\) 744-4500](tel:(302)744-4500)

**Contact Email Address:** [customerservice.dpr@delaware.gov](mailto:customerservice.dpr@delaware.gov)

**Additional Information:** The Board also exclusively utilizes the **National-Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology (NIC)** examinations.  
<https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/cosmetology/reciprocity/> <- **Reciprocity**

**Mailing Address:** Board of Cosmetology and Barbering  
Cannon Building,  
Suite 203  
861 Silver Lake Blvd.  
Dover, DE 19904

**Contact Name in State:** District of Columbia Barber and Cosmetology  
<https://www.dcopla.com/bbc/>

**Contact Phone Number:** [866-270-9817](tel:866-270-9817)

**Contact Email Address:** [licensing@dcopla.com](mailto:licensing@dcopla.com)

**Additional Information:** The Board utilizes the **National-Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology (NIC)** nail technician theory and practical examinations.  
In most cases, the District's occupational and professional licensing boards, commissions, and programs (BCP) allow application for licensure via endorsement, examination or **reciprocity**.

**Mailing Address:** DC Board of Barber & Cosmetology  
1100 4th Street, SW,  
Washington, D.C. 20024

**Contact Name in State:**

Florida Department of Business and Regulation

[https://www.myfloridalicense.com/CheckListDetail.asp?SID=&xactCode=1032&clientCode=0507&XACT\\_DEFN\\_ID=5350](https://www.myfloridalicense.com/CheckListDetail.asp?SID=&xactCode=1032&clientCode=0507&XACT_DEFN_ID=5350)

**Contact Phone Number:**

[\(850\) 487-1395](tel:(850)487-1395)

**Contact Email Address:**

<http://www.myfloridalicense.com/DBPR/contactus> **Contact Us Form**

**Additional Information:**

Upon the successful completion of all required hours in a nail specialist program, you must complete and submit an Application for Initial License Based on Florida Education to the Department  
**At this time the Board of Cosmetology does not have reciprocal licensing agreements with any other state.** The board shall certify as qualified for licensure by endorsement as a cosmetologist  
in this state an applicant who holds a current active license to practice cosmetology in another state.

**Mailing Address:**

Division of Professions  
Board of Cosmetology  
2601 Blair Stone Road  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0791

**Contact Name in State:** Georgia Secretary of State - Board of Cosmetology and Barbers  
<https://sos.ga.gov/cgi-bin/plbforms.asp?board=28>

**Contact Phone Number:** [404.656.2881](tel:404.656.2881)

**Contact Email Address:** <https://sos.ga.gov/cgi-bin/email.asp>

**Additional Information:** Georgia uses the testing agency PSI Services to administer the Georgia Nail Technician Examination.  
The Georgia State Board of Cosmetology and Barbers are currently determining the endorsement requirements due to a law change which becomes effective July 1, 2015.

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**Mailing Address:** Georgia State Board of Cosmetology and Barbers  
214 State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

**Contact Name in State:** Hawaii Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (RICO)  
<http://cca.hawaii.gov/ricoredesign/rico-home/barbering-cosmetology-electrology/>

**Contact Phone Number:** [808-586-3000](tel:808-586-3000)

**Contact Email Address:** [barber\\_cosm@dcca.hawaii.gov](mailto:barber_cosm@dcca.hawaii.gov)

**Additional Information:** Prometric Inc. is the third party examination agency that Hawaii uses for beauty operator licensing exams.  
**Hawaii does not allow any license application by endorsement or reciprocity**, meaning that if you previously held a license in another state or jurisdiction, it will not easily transfer over to help you attain a nail technician license in Hawaii. You will still be required to take and pass the written exam in order to attain a nail technician license in Hawaii.

**Mailing Address:** Hawaii Board of Barbering & Cosmetology  
335 Merchant Street  
King Kalakaua Building Room 301  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**Contact Name in State:** Idaho Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses  
<https://dopl.idaho.gov/DOPLPortal/BoardPage.aspx?Bureau=BCB>

**Contact Phone Number:** [208-334-3233](tel:208-334-3233)

**Contact Email Address:** [bcb@dopl.idaho.gov](mailto:bcb@dopl.idaho.gov)

**Additional Information:** Idaho offers the **National-Interstate Council (NIC)** cosmetology exam by DL Roope Administrations, Inc.  
You can also apply for licensure based on endorsement, meaning that you have previously held a license in a different state and want to apply for an Idaho license.  
To do this, you will need to provide proof that you have met the educational and examination requirements equal to what is required by the Idaho Board

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**Mailing Address:** IDAHO BARBER AND COSMETOLOGY SERVICES LICENSING BOARD  
11351 W. Chinden Building #6,  
Boise ID 83714

**Contact Name in State:** Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation  
<https://www.idfpr.com/profs/nailtech.asp>

**Contact Phone Number:** [1-888-473-4858](tel:1-888-473-4858)

**Contact Email Address:** <https://www.idfpr.com/profs/Email/prfGrp01.asp> **Contact Us Form**

**Additional Information:** In Illinois, the required nail technician exams are provided through Continental Testing Services (CTS).  
<https://www.idfpr.com/Forms/DPR/Nail%20Technician%20Endorsement%20Notice%202019.pdf>      **<- Endorsement / Reciprocity**  
If you want to apply for a license by endorsement, you must hold a current license in a different jurisdiction, and submit materials to prove that your education was equal to that required by Illinois.

**Mailing Address:** Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation  
100 West Randolph, 9th Floor  
Chicago, IL 60601

**Contact Name in State:** Indiana Professional Licensing Agency - State Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners  
<https://secure.in.gov/pla/2710.htm>

**Contact Phone Number:** [1-800-457-8283](tel:1-800-457-8283)

**Contact Email Address:** <https://faqs.in.gov/hc/en-us/requests/new> **Contact Us Form**

**Additional Information:** Pearson VUE administers the Indiana State Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners written exam.  
If you currently hold a license from another state, you may apply for your license based on reciprocity. <- Reciprocity  
[https://secure.in.gov/pla/files/MA\\_Reciprocity\\_Instructions.pdf](https://secure.in.gov/pla/files/MA_Reciprocity_Instructions.pdf) <- Manicurist Application Instructions - By Reciprocity

**Mailing Address:** Indiana Professional Licensing Agency  
Attn: State Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners  
402 West Washington Street  
Room W072  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

**Contact Name in State:** Iowa Department of Public Health - Board of Cosmetology Arts & Sciences  
<https://idph.iowa.gov/Licensure/Iowa-Board-of-Cosmetology-Arts-and-Sciences/Licensure>

**Contact Phone Number:** [\(515\) 281-0254](tel:5152810254)

**Contact Email Address:** [PLPublic@idph.iowa.gov](mailto:PLPublic@idph.iowa.gov)

**Additional Information:** You will need to pass the **National-Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology (NIC)** exam.  
License By Endorsement: If you have held an active license in another state for at least twelve (12) of the past twenty-four (24) months, then you can apply for a license by endorsement.

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**Mailing Address:** Bureau of Professional Licensure  
Iowa Department of Public Health  
5th Floor, Lucas State Office Building  
321 E. 12th St.  
Des Moines, IA 50319

**Contact Name in State:** Kansas Board of Cosmetology  
<https://www.kansas.gov/kboc/>

**Contact Phone Number:** [\(785\) 296-3155](tel:(785)296-3155)

**Contact Email Address:** [kboc@ks.gov](mailto:kboc@ks.gov)

**Additional Information:** You will need to pass an ErgoMetrics Kansas Cosmetology exam, which is administered by the National Testing Network.  
[https://www.kansas.gov/kboc/Forms/Application\\_for\\_Outofstate\\_License\\_FILL.pdf](https://www.kansas.gov/kboc/Forms/Application_for_Outofstate_License_FILL.pdf) <- Application for Out-of-State Licensure

**Mailing Address:** Kansas Board of Cosmetology  
714 SW Jackson,  
Jayhawk Walk Building, Suite 100,  
Topeka, Kansas

**Contact Name in State:** Kentucky Board of Cosmetology  
<https://kbc.ky.gov/Licensure/Pages/default.aspx>

**Contact Phone Number:** [502-564-4262](tel:502-564-4262)

**Contact Email Address:** <https://kbc.ky.gov/Pages/contact.aspx>

**Additional Information:** You will need to pass a nail technician exam. You will get the application for this exam from your beauty school as you approach your graduation.  
[https://kbc.ky.gov/exams/Exam%20Applications/\(f\)%20Out%20of%20State%20Application%20for%20Examination-%20Sept%202020%20Edit.pdf](https://kbc.ky.gov/exams/Exam%20Applications/(f)%20Out%20of%20State%20Application%20for%20Examination-%20Sept%202020%20Edit.pdf)

[<- Out-of-State Application Instructions](#)

**Mailing Address:** KENTUCKY BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY  
1049 US HWY 127 Annex #2,  
Frankfort KY, 4060

**Contact Name in State:** Louisiana Board of Cosmetology  
[http://www.lsbclouisiana.gov/application\\_reciprocity.aspx](http://www.lsbclouisiana.gov/application_reciprocity.aspx)

**Contact Phone Number:** [866-257-7901](tel:866-257-7901)

**Contact Email Address:** [stephanie.ricard@la.gov](mailto:stephanie.ricard@la.gov) ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR for Reciprocity

**Additional Information:** There are three exams that your school will help you schedule: the **NIC Written Exam**, the Louisiana State Practical Exam, and the State Laws and Regulations Exam.  
<http://www.lsbclouisiana.gov/pdfs/ReciprocityMAN.pdf> <- Out-of-State Reciprocity Application

**Mailing Address:** Louisiana State Board of Cosmetology  
11622 Sunbelt Court  
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

**Contact Name in State:** State of Maine Department of Professional and Financial Regulation  
<https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/barbering-cosmetology-licensing/applications-forms>

**Contact Phone Number:** [\(207\) 624-8579](tel:2076248579)

**Contact Email Address:** [barbercosm.lic@maine.gov](mailto:barbercosm.lic@maine.gov)

**Additional Information:** There will be two exams that you need to pass: the **NIC Written Exam**, and the Maine Practical Exam.  
[https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/sites/maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/files/inline-files/practice\\_by\\_endorsement\\_within\\_the\\_united\\_states\\_0.pdf](https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/sites/maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/files/inline-files/practice_by_endorsement_within_the_united_states_0.pdf)

<- Application for License by Endorsement

**Mailing Address:** Department of Professional and Financial Regulation  
Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation  
35 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0035

**Contact Name in State:** Maryland Deptment of Labor  
<https://www.dlir.state.md.us/license/cos/cosreq.shtml>

**Contact Phone Number:** [410-230-6192](tel:410-230-6192)

**Contact Email Address:** [barbers.cos@maryland.gov](mailto:barbers.cos@maryland.gov)

**Additional Information:** Once you have completed your education and training, you are ready to take the Maryland Nail Technician Examination. Mail the completed application form, attachments and fees to Prometric.  
<https://www.dlir.state.md.us/cgi-bin/ElectronicLicensing/COS/COSAoriginal1.cgi?type=endorsement> <- Online Endorsement Reciprocal Application

**Mailing Address:** Maryland Department of Labor  
500 North Calvert Street,  
Baltimore, MD 21202

**Contact Name in State:** Massachusetts Division of Professional Licensure - Board of Cosmetology and Barbering  
<https://www.mass.gov/orgs/board-of-registration-of-cosmetology-and-barbering>

**Contact Phone Number:** [617-701-8792](tel:617-701-8792)

**Contact Email Address:** [cosmetologyandbarberingboard@mass.gov](mailto:cosmetologyandbarberingboard@mass.gov)

**Additional Information:** All applications are submitted to Pearson Vue, the administrators of the nail technician examinations in Massachusetts.  
<https://www.mass.gov/doc/out-of-state-application-cori-cosmetology/download> <- Out-of-State Application

**Mailing Address:** Board of Registration of Cosmetology and Barbering  
Division of Professional Licensure  
1000 Washington Street, 7th Floor  
Boston , MA 02118

**Contact Name in State:** Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA)  
[https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-89334\\_72600\\_72602\\_72731\\_72864--,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-89334_72600_72602_72731_72864--,00.html)

**Contact Phone Number:** [517-335-9700](tel:517-335-9700)

**Contact Email Address:** [bplhelp@michigan.gov](mailto:bplhelp@michigan.gov)

**Additional Information:** Schedule your Michigan manicurist exams through PSI Exam Online after receiving your pre-approval letter from the Board. You must pass a practical and theory examination.  
[https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/Manicurist\\_Licensing\\_Guide\\_654088\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/Manicurist_Licensing_Guide_654088_7.pdf) <- Manicurist Licesning Guide (Contains Reciprocity)

**Mailing Address:** Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA)  
Ottawa Building  
611 W. Ottawa  
P.O. Box 30004  
Lansing, MI 48909

**Contact Name in State:** Minnesota Board of Cosmetology  
<https://mn.gov/boards/cosmetology/licensing/forms/>

**Contact Phone Number:** [651-201-2742](tel:651-201-2742)

**Contact Email Address:** [cosmetology@state.mn.us](mailto:cosmetology@state.mn.us)

**Additional Information:** You must pass both parts of the Minnesota Board of Cosmetologist Examiners' Nail Technician Examination. Register online at PSIExams.  
[https://mn.gov/boards/assets/2021-2%20Dom%20License%20Transfer%20Application\\_tcm21-44178.pdf](https://mn.gov/boards/assets/2021-2%20Dom%20License%20Transfer%20Application_tcm21-44178.pdf) <- Out-of-State Application (Reciprocity)

**Mailing Address:** Minnesota Board of Cosmetology  
1000 University Avenue West, Suite 100  
St. Paul, MN 55104

**Contact Name in State:** Mississippi Board of Cosmetology  
<https://www.msbc.ms.gov/reciprocity/>

**Contact Phone Number:** [601.359.1820](tel:6013591820)

**Contact Email Address:** <https://www.msbc.ms.gov/contact-us/> **Contact Us Form**

**Additional Information:** The Board has contracted with Pearson VUE to administer both the practical and theory examinations required for licensure as a nail technician in Mississippi.  
<https://www.msbc.ms.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/RECIPROCITY-APP-INSTRUCTIONS-WEBSITE.docx> <- Reciprocity by Licensure Application Instructions

**Mailing Address:** Mississippi Board of Cosmetology  
P.O. Box 55689  
Jackson, MS 39296-5689

**Contact Name in State:** Missouri Division of Professional Registration  
<https://pr.mo.gov/cosbar-forms.asp>

**Contact Phone Number:** [866.762.9432](tel:866.762.9432)

**Contact Email Address:** [cosbar@pr.mo.gov](mailto:cosbar@pr.mo.gov)

**Additional Information:** The Board exclusively utilizes the **National-Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology (NIC)** examinations.  
<https://pr.mo.gov/boards/cosmetology/Application%20Forms/7%20OTHER%20APPLICATIONS/Reciprocity.pdf> <- **Reciprocity Application**

**Mailing Address:** Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners  
3605 Missouri Boulevard  
P.O. Box 1062  
Jefferson City, MO 65102-1062

**Contact Name in State:** Montana Department of Labor & Industry - Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists  
<http://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/cos#1710>

**Contact Phone Number:** [\(406\) 444-6880](tel:4064446880)

**Contact Email Address:** [DLIBSDHELP@MT.GOV](mailto:DLIBSDHELP@MT.GOV)

**Additional Information:** The National Nail Technology Examination, through the **National-Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology (NIC)**, is used by the Board to assess the knowledge of manicurist license candidates.  
<http://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/Portals/133/Documents/cos/BAR%20COS%20LICENSURE%20BY%20CREDENTIALING%20%20APPLICATION%20UPDATED%20INSTRUCTIONS%202019%207%2029.pdf?ver=2019-07-29-105933-130>  
^ Manicurist Licensure by Credentialing with an Out-of-State License ^

**Mailing Address:** Montana Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists  
PO Box 200513  
Helena, MT 59620-0513

**Contact Name in State:** Office of Behavioral Health & Consumer Services - Department of Health & Human Services/Division of Public Health/Licensure Unit  
<http://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Nail-Technology.aspx>

**Contact Phone Number:** [\(402\) 471-2117](tel:4024712117)

**Contact Email Address:** [DHHS.Licensure2117@nebraska.gov](mailto:DHHS.Licensure2117@nebraska.gov)

**Additional Information:** Candidates for nail technology licenses in Nebraska are required to take and pass both the written and practical examination for licensure. The computer-based examination is completed through LaserGrade.  
<https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Documents/NailTechReciprocityApp.pdf> <- Application for License by Reciprocity

**Mailing Address:** Office of Behavioral Health & Consumer Services  
Department of Health & Human Services/Division of Public Health/Licensure Unit  
Attn: Nail Tech  
PO Box 94986  
Lincoln NE 68509-4986

**Contact Name in State:** Nevada State Board of Cosmetology  
<https://www.nvcosmo.com/licensing-information>

**Contact Phone Number:** [702-508-0015](tel:702-508-0015)

**Contact Email Address:** [licensing@nvcosmo.com](mailto:licensing@nvcosmo.com)

**Additional Information:** You will be required to complete both a written and practical examination in nail technology administered by the Nevada Board Specialist Team to qualify for a nail technologist license in Nevada.  
<https://www.nvcosmo.com/transfer-to-nevada> <- Reciprocity Guidance

**Mailing Address:** Nevada State Board of Cosmetology  
8945 West Russell Road,  
Suite 100  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89148

**Contact Name in State:** New Hampshire Office of Professional Licensure and Certification  
<https://www.oplc.nh.gov/cosmetology/index.htm>

**Contact Phone Number:** [\(603\) 271-1062](tel:6032711062)

**Contact Email Address:** [cosmetology@oplc.nh.gov](mailto:cosmetology@oplc.nh.gov)

**Additional Information:** You must apply to take the New Hampshire examination for licensure as a manicurist in New Hampshire which requires obtaining an application from your nail technician school and sending it to DL Roope Administrations.  
<https://www.oplc.nh.gov/cosmetology/documents/reciprocity.pdf> <- Reciprocity Application

**Mailing Address:** Board of Barbering, Cosmetology, and Esthetics  
Office of Professional Licensure and Certification  
7 Eagle Square  
Concord, NH 03301

**Contact Name in State:** New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs  
<https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/cos/Pages/licensing-requirements.aspx>

**Contact Phone Number:** [9731504-6400](tel:97315046400)

**Contact Email Address:** [Malangai@dca.njoag.gov](mailto:Malangai@dca.njoag.gov)

**Additional Information:** Schedule your exam directly with the New Jersey Board exam vendor, Prometric. You must pass this exam with a 75% or higher, as well, in order to receive your license. Licensure by endorsement is offered to cosmetologist-hairstylist applicants if they satisfy the requirements for licensure as a cosmetologist-hairstylist, and presently hold a current license as a barber and beautician in another state or foreign country. <http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/cosmetology/applications/App%20for%20Lic%20by%20Endors.pdf>

**< Endorsement Form**

**Mailing Address:** New Jersey State Board of Cosmetology and Hairstyling  
P.O. Box 45003  
Newark, New Jersey 07101

**Contact Name in State:** New Mexico State Board Of Cosmetology  
<https://www.boardofcosmetology.net/new-mexico-cosmetology-license-requirements-cl31>

**Contact Phone Number:** [\(505\) 476-4622](tel:5054764622)

**Contact Email Address:** [barber.cosmoboard@state.nm.us](mailto:barber.cosmoboard@state.nm.us)

**Additional Information:** There will be three exams: the national practical, national written, and state law written exam. The two national exams are administered by the **National-Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology (NIC)**.  
[http://www.rld.state.nm.us/uploads/FileLinks/252f5962fe3a4b7bae6ac5eabe235188/Reciprocity\\_Application\\_10.pdf](http://www.rld.state.nm.us/uploads/FileLinks/252f5962fe3a4b7bae6ac5eabe235188/Reciprocity_Application_10.pdf) <- **Reciprocity Application**

**Mailing Address:** New Mexico State Board Of Cosmetology  
P.O. Box 25101  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

**Contact Name in State:** New York State Division of Licensing Services  
<https://www.dos.ny.gov/licensing/nails/nails.html>

**Contact Phone Number:** [\(518\) 474-4429](tel:5184744429)

**Contact Email Address:** <https://www.dos.ny.gov/about/contact.asp>

**Additional Information:** The Board offers two different exams that you need to pass: the written exam and the practical exam. The written exam is a multiple-choice exam based on New York rules and regulations.  
[https://www.dos.ny.gov/licensing/nails/nails\\_faqs.html#1](https://www.dos.ny.gov/licensing/nails/nails_faqs.html#1) <- Answers questions about Out-of-State licensing

**Mailing Address:** New York State Division of Licensing Services  
123 William St Ste 2,  
New York, NY

**Contact Name in State:** NC State Board of Cosmetic Art Examiners  
<https://www.nccosmeticarts.com/licensees.aspx>

**Contact Phone Number:** [919-736-6123](tel:919-736-6123)

**Contact Email Address:** [nccosmo@nccosmeticarts.com](mailto:nccosmo@nccosmeticarts.com)

**Additional Information:** <https://www.nccosmeticarts.com/initiallicensing/licinanotherstate.aspx> **If you are licensed in Arkansas, D.C., Kansas, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New York, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas, Vermont, Wisconsin, or West Virginia**: Have your state licensing agency send a certification via email or mail to: [certifications@nccosmeticarts.com](mailto:certifications@nccosmeticarts.com) and by mail to the NC Board of Cosmetic Art Examiners, 121 Edinburgh Dr S, Suite 209 Cary, NC 27511

**If you are licensed in Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, Washington, or Wyoming** no certification is required simply submit the application online or by mail. Many states issue a registration or certificate for cosmetic art disciplines. Registrations and certificates cannot be reciprocated to North Carolina. To reciprocate you must hold a current, valid license.  
\* Reciprocity cannot be granted for manicurist or estheticians in the state of Florida. \*      \* Reciprocity cannot be granted for manicurist in the state of Alaska, although advanced manicurist are accepted. \*

**Mailing Address:** NC State Board of Cosmetic Art Examiners  
121 Edinburgh Drive South  
Ste 209  
Cary, NC 27511

**Contact Name in State:** ND State Board of Cosmetology  
<https://www.ndcosmetology.com/faq.aspx>

**Contact Phone Number:** [701-224-9800](tel:701-224-9800)

**Contact Email Address:** [bocinfo@nd.gov](mailto:bocinfo@nd.gov)

**Additional Information:** For North Dakota, you will need to pass the Written **NIC** Nail Technician Exam, the North Dakota Manicure Laws, Rules, and Regulations Exam, and the State Practical Exam.  
<https://www.ndcosmetology.com/Document.aspx?id=50> < Link to document for Reciprocity  
If approved for reciprocity, you will have to take and pass the North Dakota Laws, Rules & Regulations test (\$60 payable to PSI Services), and pay the reciprocity fee of \$105.00 plus the original license fee.

**Mailing Address:** ND State Board of Cosmetology  
4719 Shelburne St.  
Suite 1  
Bismarck, ND 58503

**Contact Name in State:** Ohio State Cosmetology and Barber Board  
<https://cos.ohio.gov/FORMS-DOCUMENTS/RECIPROCITY>

**Contact Phone Number:** [\(614\) 466-3834](tel:6144663834)

**Contact Email Address:** [Ohiocos@cos.ohio.gov](mailto:Ohiocos@cos.ohio.gov)

**Additional Information:** The Ohio State Board of Cosmetology proctors both exams. You will need to pass both the written and the practical exam in order to be eligible for a license in Ohio.  
<https://cos.ohio.gov/Portals/0/Files/COS/Licensed%20by%20Reciprocity%20App.pdf> <- Ohio License by Reciprocity Form

**Mailing Address:** The Ohio State Cosmetology and Barber Board  
1929 Gateway Circle  
Grove City, Ohio 43123

**Contact Name in State:** OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY AND BARBERING  
[https://www.ok.gov/cosmo/Licensing\\_&\\_Fee\\_Information/index.html](https://www.ok.gov/cosmo/Licensing_&_Fee_Information/index.html)

**Contact Phone Number:** [\(405\) 521-2441](tel:4055212441)

**Contact Email Address:** <https://www.ok.gov/triton/contact.php?ac=191&id=167> **Contact Us Form**

**Additional Information:** The school where you complete your manicurist training will assist you with the preparation for your exam, which will be comprised of a written theory portion as well as a practical demonstration of skills.  
[https://www.ok.gov/cosmo/documents/401\\_1811%20Domestic%20Reciprocity%20Application%203.2019.pdf](https://www.ok.gov/cosmo/documents/401_1811%20Domestic%20Reciprocity%20Application%203.2019.pdf)      <- **Domestic Reciprocity Form**

**Mailing Address:** Oklahoma State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering  
2401 NW 23rd St # 84  
Oklahoma City, OK 73107  
7:30 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday excluding State Holidays

**Contact Name in State:** Oregon Health Authority - Health Licensing Office  
<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/HLO/Pages/Board-Cosmetology-Nail-Information.aspx>

**Contact Phone Number:** [503-378-8667](tel:503-378-8667)

**Contact Email Address:** [hlo.info@dhsoha.state.or.us](mailto:hlo.info@dhsoha.state.or.us)

**Additional Information:** The practical exam is administered Oregon Health Licensing Office.  
<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/HLO/Pages/Board-Cosmetology-Reciprocity.aspx> <- Cosmetology Reciprocity Requirements

**Mailing Address:** Oregon Health Licensing Office  
1430 Tandem Ave. NE,  
Suite 180,  
Salem, OR 97301

**Contact Name in State:** Pennsylvania Department of State  
<https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Cosmetology/Pages/Cosmetology-Guide.aspx>

**Contact Phone Number:** [\(717\) 783-7130](tel:(717)783-7130)

**Contact Email Address:** [St-COSMETOLOGY@pa.gov](mailto:St-COSMETOLOGY@pa.gov)

**Additional Information:** The Pennsylvania State Board of Cosmetology contracts the administration of its nail technician exam to the testing company Pearson VUE.  
Currently, the State Board of Cosmetology has a reciprocal agreement with every state except: Connecticut, Colorado, Florida, Hawaii, New Jersey, New Mexico, Rhode Island, and Utah.

**Mailing Address:** Pennsylvania State Board of Cosmetology  
P.O. Box 2649,  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649

**Contact Name in State:** State of Rhode Island Department of Health  
<https://health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=225>

**Contact Phone Number:** [401-222-5960](tel:401-222-5960)

**Contact Email Address:** [doh.license@health.ri.gov?subject=Inquiry%20from%20website](mailto:doh.license@health.ri.gov?subject=Inquiry%20from%20website) or <https://health.ri.gov/contact/>

**Additional Information:** The written and practical exams are sponsored by the **National Interstate-Council (NIC)** of State Boards of Cosmetology.  
<https://health.ri.gov/forms/applications/CosmetologistInterstateVerificationForm.pdf> <- Interstate Veriication Form (Reciprocity)

**Mailing Address:** Rhode Island Department of Health  
Barbering, Hairdressing and Cosmetology  
3 Capitol Hill  
Providence, RI 02908

**Contact Name in State:** South Carolina Labor Licensing & Regulation - SC Board of Cosmetology  
<https://llr.sc.gov/cosmo/>

**Contact Phone Number:** [\(803\) 896-4588](tel:8038964588)

**Contact Email Address:** [BoardInfo@llr.sc.gov](mailto:BoardInfo@llr.sc.gov)

**Additional Information:** The South Carolina Board of Cosmetology contracts the administration of these exams out to the testing company Professional Credential Services (PCS).  
[https://llr.sc.gov/cosmo/forms/Cosmo\\_Endorsement\\_Online\\_Application\\_Forms.pdf](https://llr.sc.gov/cosmo/forms/Cosmo_Endorsement_Online_Application_Forms.pdf) <- Online Endorsement Form

**Mailing Address:** South Carolina Board of Cosmetology  
110 Centerview Dr,  
Columbia, SC

**Contact Name in State:** South Dakota Dept. of Labor & Regulation  
<https://dlr.sd.gov/cosmetology/default.aspx>

**Contact Phone Number:** [605.773.6193](tel:605.773.6193)

**Contact Email Address:** [cosmetology@state.sd.us](mailto:cosmetology@state.sd.us)

**Additional Information:** You must pass the **National (NIC)** Nail Technician/Manicurist Theory Examination, **National (NIC)** Nail Technician/Manicurist Practical Examination, South Dakota State Laws and Rules Examination  
[https://dlr.sd.gov/cosmetology/forms/reciprocity\\_application\\_checklist.pdf](https://dlr.sd.gov/cosmetology/forms/reciprocity_application_checklist.pdf)      **<- Reciprocity Application**

**Mailing Address:** South Dakota Dept. of Labor & Regulation  
ATTN: South Dakota Cosmetology Commission  
500 East Capitol,  
Pierre, SD 57501

**Contact Name in State:** Tennessee Department of Commerce & Insurance - Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners  
<https://www.tn.gov/commerce/regboards/cosmo/licensee-applicant-resources/how-do-i-get-an-individual-license/manicurist.html>

**Contact Phone Number:** [615-741-2241](tel:615-741-2241)

**Contact Email Address:** [reg.boards@tn.gov](mailto:reg.boards@tn.gov)

**Additional Information:** The Tennessee Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners contracts the administration of your manicurist exams with the company PSI. Complete an 'Application for Reciprocity' and submit this directly to the Tennessee Board of Cosmetology and Barbering Examiners in Nashville for reciprocity.

**Mailing Address:** TN Department of Commerce & Insurance  
500 James Robertson Parkway  
Davy Crockett Tower  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0565

**Contact Name in State:** Texas Department of Licensing & Regulation  
<https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/cosmet/individuals/>

**Contact Phone Number:** [\(512\) 463-6599](tel:5124636599)

**Contact Email Address:** <https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/Complaints/Maintenance.aspx> **Contact Us Form**

**Additional Information:** The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation has contracted the administration of these examinations to the testing company PSI. Texas offers a unique license for those who are interested in combining the fields of esthetics and manicuring with its Esthetician-Manicurist Specialty License. Out-of-State Manicurist, you can complete a License by Reciprocity Application and submit it to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

**Mailing Address:** Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation  
Cosmetology  
PO Box 12157  
Austin, TX 78711

**Contact Name in State:** Utah Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing  
<https://dopl.utah.gov/cosmo/>

**Contact Phone Number:** [\(801\) 530-6628](tel:(801)530-6628)

**Contact Email Address:** [apettley@utah.gov](mailto:apettley@utah.gov) Allyson Pettley - Bureau Manager

**Additional Information:** There are two required examinations needed to become eligible for a manicurist license in Utah: nail technician written exam, and practical nail technician exam. Both exams are administered by the company PSI. Out-of-State Nail Technicians, you can apply for licensure using the same application as in-state candidates, and will also need to fill out the following forms that are contained within that application: Request for Verification of License and Verification of Work Experience.

**Mailing Address:** Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing  
PO Box 146741  
Salt Lake City, UT 84111-6741

**Contact Name in State:** Vermont Secretary of State - Office of Professional Regulation  
<https://sos.vermont.gov/barbers-cosmetologists/forms-instructions/>

**Contact Phone Number:** [802-828-1134](tel:802-828-1134)

**Contact Email Address:** [kelsi.alger@vermont.gov](mailto:kelsi.alger@vermont.gov) Barbers & Cosmetology Licensing

**Additional Information:** The state's Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists contracts testing services through Professional Credential Services (PCS). This exam is administered by the company Iso-Quality Testing, and PCS will provide you with exam registration details once it has approved your initial application. Out-of-State applicants can fill out an Application for Licensure by Endorsement.

**Mailing Address:** Office of Professional Regulation  
89 Main Street, 3rd Floor  
Montpelier, VT 05620-3402  
7:45 to 4:30, Monday through Friday

**Contact Name in State:** Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation  
<http://www.dpor.virginia.gov/Boards/BarberCosmo/>

**Contact Phone Number:** [\(804\) 367-8509](tel:8043678509)

**Contact Email Address:** [BCHOPlicensing@dpor.virginia.gov](mailto:BCHOPlicensing@dpor.virginia.gov)

**Additional Information:** Next you will need to pass the nail technician written and practical exams, both of which are administered by the Ergometrics/National Testing Network (NTN). If your out-of-state qualifications are equivalent to the manicurist license requirements in Virginia you can submit an Application for a Licensure by Endorsement as a nail technician directly with the Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

**Mailing Address:** Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation  
Board for Barbers and Cosmetology  
9960 Mayland Drive  
Suite 400  
Richmond VA 23233-1463

**Contact Name in State:** Washington State Department of Licensing  
[https://www.dol.wa.gov/business/cosmetology/get\\_cosmetologist.html](https://www.dol.wa.gov/business/cosmetology/get_cosmetologist.html)

**Contact Phone Number:** [360.664.6626](tel:360.664.6626)

**Contact Email Address:** [dolcosmo@dol.wa.gov](mailto:dolcosmo@dol.wa.gov)

**Additional Information:** There are two required tests, the manicurist written and practical examinations. These are both administered by the company Ergometrics & Applied Personnel Research in coordination with the National Testing Network (NTN).  
If you have completed the manicurist license requirements in another state and would like to become licensed in Washington you will need to submit a Reciprocity Application directly to the Washington Department of Licensing in Seattle.

**Mailing Address:** Business licensing  
State of Washington  
Business Licensing Service  
PO Box 9034  
Olympia, WA 98507-9034  
Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Contact Name in State:** West Virginia State Board of Barbers & Cosmetologists  
<https://www.wvbbc.com/License-Services/Transfer-License-to-WV>

**Contact Phone Number:** [\(304\) 558-2924](tel:(304)558-2924)

**Contact Email Address:** [Danielle.J.Cordle@wv.gov](mailto:Danielle.J.Cordle@wv.gov) Danielle J. Cordle , Executive Director

**Additional Information:** Nail technician exams are administered by the company DL Roope Administrations.  
West Virginia **does not** recognize examinations taken by nail technicians or manicurists from other states. To become licensed as an out-of-state candidate you will need to submit proof that you have completed a nail technician education program similar to that which is required in West Virginia.

**Mailing Address:** The West Virginia Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists  
1201 Dunbar Avenue  
Dunbar, West Virginia, 25064

**Contact Name in State:** State of Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services  
<https://dsps.wi.gov/Pages/Professions/Manicurist/Default.aspx>

**Contact Phone Number:** [\(608\) 266-2112](tel:(608)266-2112)

**Contact Email Address:** [dsps@wi.gov](mailto:dsps@wi.gov)

**Additional Information:** There are two required exams: theory and practical manicurist exams. These are both administered by the company Pearson VUE.  
You can be eligible for licensure based on reciprocity if you can show your home state's license requirements were similar to those of Wisconsin. Submit an Application for Licensure by Endorsement.

**Mailing Address:** The Wisconsin Cosmetology Examining Board  
DSPS  
PO Box 8366  
Madison, WI 53708-8366

**Contact Name in State:** Wyoming Board of Cosmetology  
<https://cosmetology.wyo.gov/transferring-a-license>

**Contact Phone Number:** (307) 251- 8745

**Contact Email Address:** [cosmetology@wyo.gov](mailto:cosmetology@wyo.gov)

**Additional Information:** Applicants should register for the nail technician written and practical exams. The exams are administered by the Wyoming Board of Cosmetology at least six times each year. If you are a nail technician in a different state you may also be eligible for licensure in Wyoming. You must have an education equivalent to Wyoming's requirements, passed a nail technician written and practical exam, have a current license in good standing in your home state. If you meet these requirements you can fill out an Application for Endorsement and submit this to the Wyoming Board of Cosmetology.

**Mailing Address:** Wyoming Board of Cosmetology  
2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 302  
Cheyenne, WY 82002

**Contact Name in State:** Guam Department of Public Health & Social Services  
<https://dphss.guam.gov/content/guam-board-barbering-and-cosmetology>

**Contact Phone Number:** (671) 735-7407

**Contact Email Address:** [Heather.Narcis@dphss.guam.gov](mailto:Heather.Narcis@dphss.guam.gov) Board Secretary

**Additional Information:** Guam Board of Barbering and Cosmetology is responsible for the licensing and testing of cosmetology personnel to NIC standards  
[http://dphss.guam.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/forms/GBBC%20Reciprocity%20Application%20-%20R.01.2018\\_0.pdf](http://dphss.guam.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/forms/GBBC%20Reciprocity%20Application%20-%20R.01.2018_0.pdf) <- Reciprocity Application

**Mailing Address:** Guam Board of Barbering and Cosmetology  
194 Hernan Cortez Ave,  
Hagatna, Guam 96910

**Contact Name in State:** Gobierno de Puerto Rico - Departamento de Estado  
<https://www.estado.pr.gov/en/barbers-and-barber-stylists/>

**Contact Phone Number:** Phone: 787-722-2122, Extension # 4308 y 4309

**Contact Email Address:** [prbarberos@pcshq.com](mailto:prbarberos@pcshq.com)

**Additional Information:** For Board Examination dates and to request the examination, please access the website <http://pr.pcshq.com>. For more information you can contact the company Professional Credential Services by calling 1-888-773-9266.  
For Reciprocity in Puerto Rico, you must have current licensure in another state or jurisdiction, have a record in good standing, and equivalent experience or education.

**Mailing Address:** Department of State  
Assistant Secretary of Examination Boards  
Examination Board of Barbers and Barber Stylists  
P.O. Box 9023271  
San Juan, PR 00902-3271

**Contact Name in State:** Government of the U.S. Virgin Islands - Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs  
<https://dlca.vi.gov/boardcertifications/steps/barbers/>

**Contact Phone Number:** (800) 733-9267 **PSI Exams** or (340) 713-3522

**Contact Email Address:** <https://dlca.vi.gov/feedbackapp/> **Contact Us Form**

**Additional Information:** All persons interested in becoming a licensed Barber, Cosmetologist, Esthetician Hair braiding or Manicurist in the Virgin Islands are required to sit a written and practical examination. The practical examination is administered in February, July and October of each year and the theory examination is computer-based offered online weekly through PSI Testing Services.

**Mailing Address:** Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs  
Golden Rock Shopping Center  
3000 Estate Golden Rock, Suite 9  
St. Croix, VI 00820-4311