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Attention Schools and Instructors:

On February 10, 2025, the Board of Barber Examiners approved to allow students to test early for the practical and theory exams. In order to test early, the student must have completed at least 90% of the program hours. If a student chooses to test early, it is the instructor's responsibility to complete the training affidavit and submit it to the Board for testing authorization. If both examinations are passed by the student, the student will NOT receive their license until they have completed ALL required hours. Once the hours have been completed, an Affidavit of Completion MUST be submitted by the instructor or school.

For High School Instructor: If it appears that a student will not complete the required program hours prior to graduation, the student should **NOT** test early. If the student is not licensed prior to graduation, the academic hours will become void and the student must complete the remaining barber hours in a barber college or OJT setting. If they have tested, but not completed all the high school program hours, the student will be required to examine again after completing the additional hours.

Early Testing Hours:

- On-The-Job Training Early Testing Required Hours: **1728**
 - [Barber OJT Training Affidavit – Master Haircare](#)
 - [Barber OJT Training Affidavit – Registered Barber](#)
- High School Early Testing Required Hours: **1386**
 - [Barber High School Training Affidavit – Master Haircare](#)
 - [Barber High School Training Affidavit – Registered Barber](#)
- Barber College Early Testing Required Hours: **1350**
 - [Barber School Training Affidavit – Master Haircare](#)
 - [Barber School Training Affidavit – Registered Barber](#)

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