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Out of State student information:

Out-of-state students who apply for examination and licensure through the South Carolina Board of Cosmetology **MUST** meet the following requirements:

1. Must take and pass the [National Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology](#) (NIC) theory and practical examination. The examination must be taken within 24 months of completing cosmetology, esthetician or nail technician school AND
2. Must have completed the minimum hours in a cosmetology school approved by the Board or received comparable training approved by the Board. The required minimum hours for licensure are:
  - Cosmetologist: 1500 hours
  - Esthetician: 600 hours
  - Esthetician: 450 hours
  - Nail Technician: 300 hours

Transcripts **MUST** be sent to [BoardInfo@llr.sc.gov](mailto:BoardInfo@llr.sc.gov) directly from the school the applicant graduated from. The transcripts **MUST** be certified by the instructor or an official with the school, and the signature notarized. The transcripts must be submitted using the school's training affidavit or transcript form. The transcripts must include the applicant's:

- enrollment date,
- graduation date,
- curriculum and hours for the subjects in which instruction was provided, and
- the total number of hours completed.

The school must also submit a record of daily hours earned by the applicant, and a copy of the school catalog from the school.

Training Affidavits, transcripts and a record of daily hours earned submitted by the applicant will **NOT** be accepted. The applicant may submit a copy of the school catalog.

**For applicants who do not meet the requirements listed above:**

1. You may obtain a license from the state where you completed your education. You may then apply to obtain a South Carolina license by [endorsement](#).
2. You must have taken and passed the NIC theory and practical examination.