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**Proposed Regulation Regarding Temporary Work Permits**

The SC Board of Cosmetology is proposing to promulgate an emergency temporary work permit regulation. The proposed regulation was published in the January 2021 edition of the *State Register*. Anyone wishing to comment on the proposed regulation may do so by sending a message to Board staff at: [BoardInfo@llr.sc.gov](mailto:BoardInfo@llr.sc.gov).

Reg. 35-12 Emergency temporary work permit

A temporary work permit allowing a license candidate to work under the direct supervision of a Board licensee prior to licensure, may be issued for up to 90 days when due to a period of public emergency, candidates for licensure who have completed their education and are otherwise qualified for licensing do not have access to either or both parts (theory and practical) of the required licensing examination. The permit must be displayed in a conspicuous place adjacent to or near the permittee's work chair, with a 2 x 2 [passport-type photograph](#) of the permittee affixed to the permit.

The applicant must submit an application for the permit on a form approved by the Board, and must designate in the application an appropriately credentialed, licensed South Carolina cosmetologist, nail technician, or esthetician, whose license is in good standing, as their supervisor. The proposed supervisor must also sign the application, agreeing to provide direct supervision. Direct supervision means the supervisor must be present on the salon premises and available to provide oversight to the permittee when the permittee is performing cosmetology, nail technology or esthetic services on the public. Failure of the designated supervisor to provide direct supervision as required is deemed to be an unprofessional act. A temporary work permittee cannot provide these services unless under direct supervision in a licensed salon, and may not be the manager of a salon.

Additionally, to be eligible to apply for a temporary work permit the license candidate must have applied or be eligible to apply to take the examination, and must not have failed any previous attempt to pass the part or parts of the licensing examination that have not been completed. Failing a remaining part or parts of the examination, or failing to timely apply for or to take a scheduled examination without good cause voids the permit. Working on a void or lapsed temporary work permit is deemed to be unlicensed practice. A temporary work permittee is subject to and must follow all applicable Board statutes and regulations, and is subject to discipline in the same manner as a licensee.