



Ohio Revised Code Section 4709.01 Barber definitions.

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As used in this chapter:

(A)(1) Except as provided in division (A)(2) of this section, "the practice of barbering" means any one or more of the following when performed upon the head, neck, or face for cosmetic purposes and when performed upon the public for pay, free, or otherwise:

(a) Shaving the face, shaving around the vicinity of the ears and neckline, or trimming facial hair;

(b) Cutting or styling hair;

(c) Facials, skin care, or scalp massages;

(d) Shampooing, bleaching, coloring, straightening, or permanent waving hair;

(e) Cutting, fitting, or forming head caps for wigs or hair pieces.

(2) "The practice of barbering" does not include the practice of natural hair styling.

(B) "Barber" means an individual who engages in the practice of barbering.

(C) "Barber instructor" means an individual authorized to teach the theory and practice of barbering.

(D) "Assistant barber instructor" means an individual authorized to assist a barber instructor in teaching the theory and practice of barbering.

(E) "Barber pole" means a cylinder or pole with alternating stripes of any combination including red and white, and red, white, and blue, which run diagonally along the length of the cylinder or pole.



(F) "Barber shop" means any premises, building, or part of a building in which an individual engages in the practice of barbering.

(G) "Biennial licensing period" means the two-year period beginning on the first day of September of an even-numbered year and ending on the last day of August of the next even-numbered year.

(H) "Cosmetic therapy," "practice of natural hair styling," and "school" have the same meanings as in section 4713.01 of the Revised Code.

(I) "Independent contractor" means an individual who is not an employee of a barber shop but practices barbering within a barber shop.

(J) "Infection control" means the practice of preventing the spread of infections and disease by ensuring that a barber shop, including all equipment and implements in the barber shop, are maintained by doing all of the following, as applicable:

(1) Removing surface or visible dirt or debris by cleaning with soap, detergent, or a chemical cleaner, followed by rinsing with clean water;

(2) Using a chemical disinfectant to kill or denature bacteria, fungi, and viruses;

(3) Applying heat or using other procedures to eliminate, remove, or kill all forms of microbial life present on a surface or contained in a fluid.