

# Board of Cosmetology

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## Mission and philosophy

The Wyoming Board of Cosmetology develops rules setting uniform and reasonable standards of competency for the practice and teaching of cosmetology; administers board examinations; inspects establishments for proper licensure and sanitation; initiates and conducts investigations, hearings and proceedings concerning violations of the Cosmetology Act and rules and regulations of the board; applies disciplinary action when necessary; determines fees; and employs and executive director and additional staff as may be necessary.

## Results of outcomes

The board administered six board examinations, where by 227 candidates were tested, and inspected 242 salons and eight schools.

The board investigated six formal complaints with one resulting in formal action taken at this time.

The board published two newsletters that were sent to all licensed salons with the most current information on consumer safety and issues of concern to both licensees and consumers.

The 2005 legislative session produced much needed changes to the Cosmetology Practice Act. As a result of these changes there are now 3 new license types. The establishment of a "Hairstylist" license will allow those individuals from other states with a similar license to practice here by reciprocity. The establishment of an "Independent Contractor" license will make those individuals in salons that are booth renting accountable for their health and safety responsibilities and enable the board to inspect properly. The Board was successful in getting some changes made to solve problems they face with lack of authority to administer appropriate disciplinary action (i.e. levy fines or otherwise discipline) for matters where a full administrative hearing is determined unnecessary, particularly with regard to violations of sanitation rules.

## Strategic plan changes

The strategic plan will stay basically the same, to find better solutions to the need for consumer education as well as ways to better ensure consumer safety and welfare. The Cosmetology industry changes quickly and the Board of Cosmetology's goal is to be proactive and not have to play catch up.

### General information

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### Year established

1939

### Statutory references

W.S. 33-12-119 through 33-12-140

### Number of authorized personnel

One full-time, two part-time

### Organizational structure

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### Clients served

Licensed cosmetologists, manicurists, estheticians, schools and salons

### Budget information

\$160,000

### Agency to which group reports

Department of Administration and Information

### Number of members

Five

### Meeting frequency

Four each year required by law; normally a minimum of six held each year.