

TITLE 21 - OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

CHAPTER 06 – BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS

Rule-making Agency: *Board of Barber Examiners*

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Reason for Action: *On May 4, 2020, the governor signed legislation in response to the covid-19 pandemic, after having previously signed a declaration of a state of emergency. This legislation offered North Carolinians relief due the economic and health consequences of the pandemic. Among the provisions was authorization for state agencies to delay renewal dates for permits, licenses, and registrations. The statutory deadline for the renewal of licenses in the board's jurisdiction is May 31, 2020. However, since March 25, 2020, barbers across the state have been prohibited from providing services, and they are not expected to be able to work again until late mid- to late-May. Many barbers will have faced economic hardship as a result of the shutdown, and they will have difficulty being able to pay the renewal fee. The rule in Subchapter N would delay the renewal deadline until July 31, 2020, to offer barbers relief until they are able to begin working again. Separately, the adopted rules in Subchapter F would allow schools additional flexibility to offer online classes, which will help reduce the number of students present in the school building at once. The rules would also help for-profit schools that have been economically affected by the pandemic to reduce the number of instructors needed when practical and online theoretical training are being offered simultaneously.*

SUBCHAPTER 06F – BARBER SCHOOL

SECTION .0100 – BARBER SCHOOL

21 NCAC 06F .0129 REQUIREMENTS FOR BARBER SCHOOL INSTRUCTORS DURING PANDEMIC

(a) For-profit barber schools shall employ at least one instructor for every 20 enrolled students, despite the requirement in G.S. 86A-22(2) to employ at least two instructors for the first 40 enrolled students.

(b) G.S. 86A-22(2) notwithstanding, barber schools may provide practical and theoretical training simultaneously with only one instructor if the barber school offers the theoretical training online.

History Note: *Authority S.L. 2020-3, s. 4.38.(b);
Emergency Adoption Eff. May 19, 2020, to expire pursuant to S.L. 2020-3, s. 4.38.(e).*

SUBCHAPTER 06N – FEES AND FORMS

21 NCAC 06N .0115 EXTENSION OF RENEWAL DEADLINES DURING COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY

(a) The holders of the following licenses, permits, or certificates of registration shall renew their licenses, permits or certificates of registration by July 31, 2020:

- (1) Certificates of registration for barbershops or barber schools, G.S. 86A-13(b) notwithstanding;
- (2) Certificates of registration for registered barbers, G.S. 86A-17(a) notwithstanding;
- (3) Certificates for barber instructors, G.S. 86A-23(b) notwithstanding; and
- (4) Licenses for apprentice barbers, G.S. 86A-24(b) notwithstanding.

(b) Licenses, permits, and certificates of registration that would normally expire on May 31, 2020, shall remain valid through July 31, 2020.

History Note: *Authority S.L. 2020-3, s. 4.38.(b);
Emergency Adoption Eff. May 19, 2020, to expire pursuant to S.L. 2020-3, s. 4.38.(e).*