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SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR COSMETOLOGY IN ARKANSAS AND STATEMENT OF EMERGENCY

An emergency promulgation of this amendment under A.C.A. 25-15-204 is necessary to ensure continued Title IV funding to qualifying Arkansas schools of cosmetology from the United States Department of Education (USDE). According to the USDE, this language must be in place by July 1, 2015.

Specifically, the Rules and Regulations for Cosmetology in Arkansas are being changed to:

1. Change the definition of postsecondary school (Rule 2.20) from the previous version so that only students with a high school diploma or its equivalent can be enrolled.
2. Add language to Rule 3.2 requiring that schools wishing to enroll both secondary and postsecondary students obtain both licenses and have a process in place to ensure that only students with a high school diploma receive Title IV funding.
3. Add the word “appropriate” to Rule 5.1(a)(5) to make it clear that the correct license must be held to operate a school or salon.
4. Add the following requirements to Rules 7.3 & 7.5 for applications for postsecondary schools of cosmetology (public and private):
 - Proof that each student enrolled has a high school diploma or its equivalent.
 - Proof that the school adopts and discloses to the students the complaint process outlined in Rule 11.
5. Add a section on the educational requirements for enrollment in a postsecondary school to Rule 7.11.

Effective date: June 1, 2015