The biennial continuing education compliance period shall begin on April 1 of one year and end on March 31 two years later.

Cosmetology License Continuing Education Requirements (No Instructor’s License)

First renewal period after becoming licensed: NO continuing education is required until the 2nd renewal. Remember to complete the renewal and pay the fee or your license will become INACTIVE.

One active cosmetology related license: 6 hours of continuing education including at least 4 hours specific to the licensed discipline and at least 2 hours specific to Iowa cosmetology rules and laws and infection control.

Two active cosmetology related licenses: 10 hours of continuing education including at least 4 hours specific to each licensed discipline and at least 2 hours specific to Iowa cosmetology rules and laws and infection control.

Three active cosmetology related licenses: 14 hours of continuing education, including at least 4 hours specific to each licensed discipline and at least 2 hours specific to Iowa cosmetology rules and laws and infection control.

Cosmetology License Continuing Education Requirements (With Instructor’s License)

In addition to the requirements outlined above instructors wishing to renew the instructor’s license must take 6 hours in teaching methodology.

For example, an instructor with two active cosmetology related licenses will need a total of 16 hours of continuing education.

- 4 hours specific to the discipline of esthetics
- 4 hours specific to the discipline of nail technology
- 2 hours specific to Iowa cosmetology rules and laws and infection control
- 6 hours of teaching methodology

16 hours for instructors with two active cosmetology arts and sciences licensed disciplines

Cosmetology Certifications do NOT require Continuing Education - Licensees performing chemical peels or microdermabrasion, using a certified laser product or Intense Pulsed Light (IPL) for hair removal must be certified by the board to perform those services. Continuing education is NOT required to renew these certifications.

 Reactivation – In the event your license goes inactive, evidence of completion of continuing education, verification of every jurisdiction where you have been licensed or have practiced, submission of the reactivation application and payment of the reactivation fee is required to reactivate your license. Review 654 IAC 60.17 to determine the amount of continuing education required.