



January 2015

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A PUBLIC RULE HEARING

Why is this notice being sent to me?

To notify you that we are proposing changes to the cosmetology, barber, manicurist, esthetician and master esthetician rules and to give you an opportunity to comment.

Why is the department proposing changes to the rules?

The Department will amend WAC 308-20 to add language from Interpretive Statement – COS1, regarding the practice of natural hair braiding. This will define that natural hair braiding does not meet the requirements as set forth in RCW 18.16.

What are the proposed changes?

The department will formally adopt the definition as identified in Interpretive Statement – COS1 to clarify natural hair braiding does not meet the requirements as set forth in RCW 18.16. The department has worked with stakeholders who support adopting Interpretive Statement – COS1 into rule.

WAC 308-20-025 Natural hair braiding – Exemption

Nothing in chapters RCW 18.16 or WAC 308-20 prohibits or restricts the practice of natural hair braiding. Natural hair braiding does not include hair cutting, application of dyes, reactive chemicals or other preparations to alter the color of the hair or to straighten, curl, or alter the structure of the hair. Natural hair braiding may involve the use of hair extensions when the extensions are attached only by natural means.

When and where will the hearing take place?

It will take place on **February 10, 2015, at 10:30 a.m.** at Department of Licensing, Building 2, Conference Room 2105, 405 Black Lake Boulevard SW in Olympia, Washington.

Do I have to respond to this notice or attend the hearing?

No. This notice is for your information only.

We welcome your comments:

You can comment at the hearing in person or send your written comments to:

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Written comments **must be received no later than February 9, 2015**