

CONSUMER INFORMATION



LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

After graduation, you may schedule to take the state's licensing examination. The Louisiana Board of Barbering Examiners administers the examination. The state-licensing test includes two parts: a written exam and a practical test.

OPPORTUNITIES IN THE PROFESSION

OCCUPATIONS

VH Barber & Styling Academy provides training in Barber Stylist and Barber Instructor that train for occupations such as:

- Barber
- Platform Artist
- Barbershop Owner
- Barber Instructor
- State Inspector

After obtaining your license you will have several options. You may open your salon or shop or choose to work for someone else for barbering or work as an instructor in a school or open your own school for the licensed barber instructor. If you do work for a salon owner, compensation usually occurs in one of three ways:

- **WORK ON A COMMISSION**

A percentage of the money you take in goes to the owner and the remainder to you. A 60%-40% split where you receive 60% is a common arrangement.

- **LEASE YOUR WORKSPACE FROM A SHOP OWNER**

You pay a weekly lease for the equipment and space in the owner's shop. After paying the lease cost, all the revenue you make will come to you. This lease may range from \$75 to \$250 per week and is negotiated between you and the owner. With this arrangement, you are in effect running your own business. Remember to keep track of tips for income tax purposes as tips can be substantial.

- **WORK ON AN HOURLY WAGE**

New graduates may elect to work on an hourly wage. A newly graduated student will find \$8 -\$11 is common for the area. Tips can add \$3 to \$4 per hour more to this. Generally, working for an hourly wage results in the lowest income but the greatest fringe benefits such as continuing education, incentive bonuses and insurance coverage.

OWNING YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Most graduates eventually want to open their own shop/salon. This requires capital investment and should be considered carefully. If you choose to open your own business, you will need to decide whether you want to work alone or hire employees. If you add other stylists, you must determine how you will compensate them.

Once your first shop/salon is operations, you may want to add another location. At this point other factors must be carefully considered such as who would manage the second shop/salon for you.

You may wish to become associated with a haircutting franchise as an employee, manager or franchise owner.

A career in hairstyling offers you even more choices. For example, some students return to schools to teach. Others become platform artists where they teach other stylists during weekend educational seminars. Others sell hair care products or specialize in one area of hair care, such as hairpieces.

COMPENSATION

Salary Ranges

According to www.ziprecruiter.com a barber salary in Louisiana has an average annual pay of \$38,965 a year, which is about \$19.00 per hour. This can vary widely based on an individual's goals, training and geographic location. A barber can also branch out into other areas to increase earning potential. Some other types of work with a barber license include freelances and event hires as well as product development. With the internet and social media, self-promotion has allowed an avenue of getting the word out there about what you offer, your availability and skills.

According to www.ziprecruiter.com a barber instructor salary for the state of Louisiana has an average annual pay of \$29,538 a year, which is about \$14.20 per hour.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS & SAFETY REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROFESSION

The following items are general occupational demands for those in the cosmetology and barbering industries and VH Barber & Styling Academy would like our students to be aware of factors that could affect their success in the field of barbering or instructing. The work associated with these fields could be strenuous and physically demanding, sometimes requiring long hours of standing. As a barber, or instructor, you will be exposed to various chemicals that could have harmful effects on the body. The practice of safety and sanitation is extremely important for yourself and others and must be practiced at all times.

PROFESSIONAL CONSIDERATIONS (regulatory oversight restrictions/ability to meet requirements of the employer)

Felony convictions, habitual drunkenness or habitual use of morphine, cocaine or other habit-forming drugs, immoral or unethical conduct may affect a student's ability to obtain a license and/or employment in the barber industry. Please contact the State of Louisiana of Barber Examiners for more information on this matter.

OUTCOME RATES

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Completion: 72.22%

Licensure: 100%

Placement: 80%