# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §30-27-8A

**§30-27-8a. Barber and cosmetologist apprentice.**

(a) The board may establish an apprenticeship program to become a barber or cosmetologist. A barber or cosmetologist apprentice shall work at all times under the direct supervision of a licensed barber or cosmetologist and any permit issued by the board to work as a barber or cosmetologist apprentice does not allow a person to practice individually as a barber or cosmetologist.

(b) An applicant for a barber or cosmetologist apprenticeship shall present satisfactory evidence that he or she:

(1) Is at least 16 years of age;

(2) Is of good moral character;

(3) Is in high school or has a high school diploma, a GED, or has passed the "ability to benefit test" approved by the United States Department of Education;

(4) Has paid the applicable fee;

(5) Has a certificate of health from a licensed physician;

(6) Is a citizen of the United States or is eligible for employment in the United States; and

(7) Has fulfilled any other requirement specified by the board.

(c) An applicant for a sponsor of a barber or cosmetologist apprentice shall present satisfactory evidence that he or she:

(1) Is licensed as a barber or cosmetologist under the provisions of this article;

(2) Has paid the applicable fee; and

(3) Has fulfilled any other requirement specified by the board.

(d) A sponsor of a barber or cosmetologist apprentice shall be a current licensed barber or cosmetologist with at least five years' experience and has worked in a shop for the last five years.

(e) The board may propose emergency rules and rules for legislative approval, in accordance with the provisions of §29A-3-1 *et seq.*, to implement the provisions of this section, including:

(1) The requirements for:

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(A) The barber or cosmetologist apprenticeship program;

(B) The barber or cosmetologist apprentice permit; and

(C) A licensed barber or cosmetologist to sponsor a barber or cosmetologist apprentice;

(2) Procedures for an examination;

(3) A fee schedule; and

(4) Any other rules necessary to effectuate the provisions of this section.

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