



THE NATIONAL-INTERSTATE COUNCIL
OF STATE BOARDS OF COSMETOLOGY, INC.
Founders of National Testing

Advocacy Efforts to Reform Industry Standards

On February 15, 2017, leaders in the professional beauty industry announced the official launch of The Future of the Beauty Industry Coalition (FBIC). The FBIC was formed to advocate for reforms that streamline industry standards and protect against licensing deregulation. The NIC's leaders have been at the forefront in working with industry leaders in this endeavor. While NIC supports the FBIC's advocacy for continuing education, national testing, and license mobility, NIC did not endorse FBIC's decision to advocate one national standard of 1,000 hours in cosmetology school as proper baseline training for entry-level cosmetology licensure.

While one of the objectives of the NIC is to promote the standardization of regulation that affects cosmetology and related practices, NIC's leadership has a long-standing position to respect the sovereignty of each state. NIC's ideology is that each state has the full right and power to govern itself without any interference from outside sources or bodies. Until such time that the NIC membership formally adopts a policy for one national standard of training hours for cosmetology or any of its related practices, NIC will continue to stand firm in its position to support states' rights to make such decisions.

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