



National Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology (NIC) Embraces Leading Change

SOUTH CAROLINA, November 25, 2019 - NIC is a leader in testing administration and provides a national forum for networking and collaboration for its members and partners. NIC recently had a substantial change in the leadership of the Executive Board at the 2019 annual conference. The new Executive Board embraces leading change and building an organization recognized for developing strong relationships and supporting our partners (members and non-members) while providing legally defensible testing. The Board is excited to announce the following:

Website: NIC is in the process of a complete website redesign to better serve our customers. The new website is projected to be released March 1, 2020.

Translated Exams: NIC is adding ten new written translated exams in the next year for candidates. Five translated exams are expected to be released in the first six months of 2020 and the remaining languages are projected to be released in the following six months. The approved translations include Chinese, Russian, Arabic, German, Japanese, Tagalog, Hindi, Mon-Khmer, (Cambodian) Persian and Laotian.

Written Practical Exams: NIC is in the process of developing a written practical examination for all license types and is projected to be released June 2020.

National License Database: NIC is pursuing the development of a national licensee database for purposes of verifying license status that would be available to member states.

National Equivalency Exam: NIC is exploring the development of a national equivalency examination that would be available to candidates who are interested in portability of licensure. Candidates will be able to register through NIC to take the examination to obtain a national endorsement and will have the ability to request their national exam results be sent to any state or jurisdiction.

Marketing: NIC is focusing future efforts on how the organization can serve and support our partners on a national basis by establishing a marketing team. The main purpose of this team is to collaborate with our partners using innovative and progressive ideas to encourage and promote the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the public.

About NIC

The National Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology (NIC) mission statement is to promote the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the public and the professional workforce by actively pursuing excellence in cosmetology and related fields.

The organization accomplishes the mission with the following objectives:

- ❖ Provide a forum for the exchange of state regulatory ideas to promote the highest standards for consumer safety.
- ❖ Offer a standardized, valid, and legally defensible National Examination Program based on the highest standards and requirements for entrance into the profession of cosmetology and related fields.
- ❖ Promote national endorsement and standardization of regulations affecting the practice of cosmetology and related fields within all jurisdictions.
- ❖ Encourage competency in the practice of cosmetology and related fields.
- ❖ Cultivate professional relationships with industry partners to achieve common goals

NIC hosts regional and annual national conferences to encourage networking among states and other jurisdictions. NIC representatives will attend board meetings, association meetings, and legislative hearings upon request to share national standards regarding education, consumer health and safety.

NIC welcomes the opportunity to work with our partners and listen to concerns on a state by state basis. NIC utilizes the national forum as an opportunity to continue to share information and encourage uniformity among states and other jurisdictions. If you have questions or would like to request additional information, please contact us at communicate.nic@gmail.com.