STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

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25 CAPITOL STREET, ROOM 234
CONCORD, NH 03301

Rulemaking Notice Form

Notice Number: 2026-234

Rule Number: Bar 500

1. **Agency:** Board of Barbering, Cosmetology and Esthetics

   Agency Address: Board of Barbering, Cosmetology and Esthetics
   Office of Professional Licensure and Certification
   7 Eagle Square,
   Concord, NH 03301

2. **RSA Authority:** RSA 313-A:8, IV
3. **Federal Authority:** N/A
4. **Action(s):** Adoption, Readopt w/Amendment
5. **Short Title:** Ethical Standards
6. **(a) Summary of what the rule says and of any proposed amendments including whether the rule implements a state statute for the first time:**

   Bar 501.01 requires licensees to obey ethical standards for conduct. The Board of Barbering, Cosmetology, and Esthetics (Board) proposes to readopt Bar 501.01 with amendment to include professional standards in Bar 501.03.

   Bar 501.02 describes ethical conduct standards. The Board proposes to readopt with amendment Bar 501.02 to replace “sanitary” with “clean” in paragraph (e).

   The Board proposes to adopt Bar 501.03 rules on professional standards under the authority of RSA 313-A:8, IV.

   Does this rule implement a state statute for the first time?

   This rule does not implement a state statute for the first time.

6. **(b) Brief description of the groups affected:**

   These rules affect the general public and licensees in New Hampshire.

6. **(c) Specific section or sections of state statute or federal statute or regulation which the rule is intended to implement:**

Rule	Specific State or Federal Statutes Which the Rule Implements
Bar 501.01	RSA 313-A:8, IV
Bar 501.02	RSA 313-A:8, IV
Bar 501.03	RSA 313-A:8, IV

7. **Contact person for copies and questions including requests to accommodate persons with disabilities:**

Name: Chantell Wheeler	**Title:** Rules Administrator
Address: Office of Professional Licensure and Certification, 7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH 03301	**Phone Number:** (603) 271-8311
	FAX Number:
	Email: OPLC-Rules@oplc.nh.gov

8. **Deadline for submission of materials in writing or, if practicable for the agency, in the electronic format specified:**
   Monday, December 21, 2026
   _ **Fax**
   X **Email** OPLC-Rules@oplc.nh.gov
   _ **Other**
9. **Public hearing scheduled for:**
   Date: Monday, December 14, 2026
   Time: 9:20 AM
   Place: Office of Professional Licensure and Certification
   7 Eagle Square
   Concord, NH 03301
   Electronic Access, if applicable: N/A
10. **Fiscal Impact Statement (Prepared by Legislative Budget Assistant):**
    FIS #: 26:233, dated: Thursday, October 22, 2026

1. **Comparison of the costs of the proposed rule(s) to the existing rule(s):**

There is no difference in cost when comparing the proposed rules to the existing rules. Not applicable to Bar 501.03 which is a new rule.

2. **Cite the Federal mandate. Identify the impact on state funds:**

No Federal mandate, no impact on state funds.

3. **Cost and benefits of the proposed rule(s):**

New proposed Bar 501.03(u)(5) requires acquiring an unexpired first aid kit, blood spill kit, and unopened eyewash bottle for licensees who provide occasional and temporary services outside of a licensed shop, which will increase costs to state citizens or independently owned businesses that choose to provide these temporary services.

A. **To State general or State special funds:**

None.

B. **To State citizens and political subdivisions:**

See #3 above. None to political subdivisions.

C. **To independently owned businesses:**

See #3 above.

11. **Statement Relative to Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution:**

The proposed rules do not violate Part I, Article 28-a of the New Hampshire Constitution because they do not impose new or expanded duties or costs on political subdivisions of the state and are administered at the state level under existing statutory authority in RSA 313-A.