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The **Oregon Health Licensing Agency (OHLA)** is a state department of licensing and regulation. OHLA is unique among Oregon's regulatory agencies — it oversees multiple professions under a central agency administration.

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Board of Cosmetology

The **Board of Cosmetology** consists of six certified practitioners (who are not associated with the manufacture, sale or distribution of cosmetic appliances or supplies) and one public member.

OHLA boards and councils provide profession-specific expertise and consultation but are not responsible for central agency administration.

For More Information



Facial Forward describes the difference between esthetic and medical procedures and specifies which procedures are within the esthetics scope of practice. *Facial Forward* materials can be found at www.oregon.gov/OHLA/COS or you may request a copy by calling OHLA at 503-378-8667, ext. 4330.



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Board of Cosmetology



Cosmetic Exfoliation & Microdermabrasion



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Cosmetic Exfoliation

Estheticians may provide cosmetic exfoliation and microdermabrasion services in Oregon. State regulations limit the type and strength of chemicals that may be used and require appropriate training for licensed practitioners.

Client Records

Cosmetology facilities employing estheticians and independent contractors certified in esthetics are required to keep client records.

Oregon previously established client record requirements for nail technology after bacterial skin infection outbreaks occurred in California from unsanitary foot spas. If a similar outbreak occurred in Oregon, public health officials would use client records to contact customers who might be infected.

Oregon established client record requirements for esthetics to ensure that estheticians screen customers for health conditions that could potentially cause adverse complications from services provided.

Estheticians must provide client records to the **Oregon Health Licensing Agency (OHLA)** only upon request, usually as the result of a consumer complaint. Customers who wish to decline providing information may sign a waiver.

Specific requirements are detailed in OHLA's *Client Records* brochure.

Prohibited Chemicals

Chemicals *prohibited for use* include, but are not limited to, the following:

- ◆ Unbuffered alpha-hydroxy acids at concentrations greater than 15%
- ◆ Buffered concentrations of alpha-hydroxy acids of 10-30% where pH is less than 3
- ◆ Any concentration or formulation of alpha hydroxy acids greater than 30%
- ◆ Any concentration or formulation of trichloroacetic acid (TCA) containing phenol or resorcinol, or salicylic acid which acts on living tissue.

Practice Standards

Estheticians may use only those chemicals or products, natural or synthetic, and manual or mechanical devices designed for skin care services of the *epidermis*.

Estheticians *shall not use* chemicals or products, natural or synthetic, and manual and mechanical devices, *which may damage the skin*.



All exfoliating products or formulations, and manual or mechanical devices shall be used in accordance with *manufacturer's recommendations*.

Required Training

Estheticians *must obtain training* in the safe and effective use of each chemical, product or device that the esthetician uses to provide services in the practice of esthetics, and must provide documentation of that training in response to a request from OHLA.

This requirement applies to chemicals, products and devices that might not have been originally taught in cosmetology school but that are within the esthetics scope of practice, such as microdermabrasion.

Safety Standards

Practitioners are required to follow appropriate infection control standards as outlined in Oregon regulations. For more information, please see below.

Rule Review

These regulatory requirements are found in Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 817-015-0030, Serving Clients (infection control/safety standards; 817-015-0050, Skin Care Services; and in (OAR) 817-015-0065, Client Records.

According to OAR 817-005—0005(28), Definitions: "**Exfoliate or exfoliation**" means the process of sloughing off, removing, or peeling dead skin cells of the epidermis.