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Bloodborne Pathogen Training Requirement at Renewal Beginning July 1, 2025 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is bloodborne pathogens training?

Bloodborne pathogens training is a safety course designed to educate individuals on how to prevent exposure to harmful microorganisms that are transmitted through blood and other bodily fluids. This training covers important topics such as recognizing potential hazards, understanding the types of bloodborne pathogens (like HIV, hepatitis B, and hepatitis C), proper hygiene and safety protocols, and how to use personal protective equipment (PPE) to minimize risks. The goal of bloodborne pathogens training is to ensure that individuals in healthcare, beauty, and other relevant fields are equipped with the knowledge to protect themselves and others from infection and to handle potential exposure situations effectively.

2. Who is required to take bloodborne pathogens training?

All Cosmetology field of practice certification holders (hair design, barber, estheticians, nail technicians and natural hair care), who renew their certification(s).

3. What is required for bloodborne pathogens training during renewal of my field of practice certification(s)?

To renew your certification(s), you must attest that you have a current certification in bloodborne pathogens training. This is a requirement for all Cosmetology certification holders renewing a field of practice certificate under Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 817-008-0000.

4. When do I need to complete bloodborne pathogens training?

Those renewing their certification(s) on or after **July 1, 2025**, must have a current certification in bloodborne pathogens training. After this date, the training will be mandatory for all individuals renewing their field of practice certification(s).

5. How do I obtain training in bloodborne pathogens?

Bloodborne pathogens training can be taken online or in a classroom setting.

6. Who offers bloodborne pathogens training?

There are many businesses, organizations and associations who offer bloodborne pathogens training. Any reputable course is acceptable. The Health Licensing Office (HLO) cannot endorse or recommend any specific course or business.

7. What search terms should I use when looking online for a course offering bloodborne pathogens training?

You can use search terms such as “Oregon bloodborne pathogens training,” “bloodborne pathogens training,” “free or low-cost bloodborne pathogens training,” or any variation of such terms.

8. How much does it cost to take a bloodborne pathogens training course?

The cost varies per provider. Some are no cost (free), while others charge a fee.

9. After passing a bloodborne pathogens training, what proof will I receive that shows I have taken and passed the course?

After successfully passing a bloodborne pathogens training course, you should receive a certificate of completion, transcript, or other official documentation. This documentation should include the name of the business, organization or associations, the course name, your name, and the date the course was completed.

10. How do I prove to HLO that I’ve completed the required bloodborne pathogens training?

Individuals renewing any Cosmetology field of practice certification on or after July 1, 2025, will be asked to “attest” to holding an active bloodborne pathogen training certification. This is an attestation, not a requirement to submit any documentation to HLO at the time of renewal. **Do not** send in your proof of bloodborne pathogen training certification to HLO. You will need to maintain your own documentation as HLO will not be keeping this information on file.

11. How long is a bloodborne pathogens training certification valid for?

Bloodborne pathogens training certifications are valid for one year.

12. How often do I need to take bloodborne pathogens training?

Bloodborne pathogens training must be taken each year. Because your Cosmetology field of practice certifications (hair design, barber, estheticians, nail technicians and natural hair care), are valid for two years, you may need to take your bloodborne pathogens training twice during your renewal cycle to maintain current certification in bloodborne pathogens.

13. What do I do with my certificate after taking and passing a bloodborne pathogens training course?

You will need to maintain your own documentation as HLO will not be keeping this information on file.

14. How long do I need to maintain records of my bloodborne pathogens training?

You must maintain records of your bloodborne pathogens training for **five (5) years** following your renewal. These records must be available for inspection upon request or any future audit by HLO.

15. What if I'm selected for an audit?

HLO will randomly audit a percentage of all active certification holders each year. If you are selected for an audit, you will receive notification by mail. You will have 30-days to submit your proof (documentation) of bloodborne pathogens training received during a past 2-year renewal cycle.