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Can an individual certified in hair design apply hot towels to the face when performing shaving, trimming or cutting services?

Likely yes. An individual certified in hair design may apply hot towels to the face if the purpose of applying the hot wet towel is to prepare facial hair for shaving, trimming or cutting services. An individual certified in hair design is prohibited from performing esthetic services (unlike barbers), so the purpose of applying the hot towel must be related to the facial hair, not the skin.

The Board of Cosmetology does not have a rule specifically regulating how water is applied to the hair or the exact temperature of the water being applied to the hair. That said, any unsafe practice, like water that is hot enough to burn the client, is prohibited.

Can an individual certified in hair design apply shampooing or conditioning products such as shaving cream to the face when performing shaving, trimming or cutting services?

Likely yes. An individual certified in hair design may apply shampooing or conditioning products such as shaving cream to the face if the purpose of applying the shampoo or conditioning products is to prepare facial hair for shaving, trimming or cutting services.

An individual certified in hair design is prohibited from performing esthetic services, including applying such products as lotions, tonics or aftershave as these products would be considered part of skin care. These services would be allowed under a barber or esthetic scope of practice, but not under hair design.

Service	Scope of Barbering?	Scope of Hair Design?
Scalp Massage	Yes	Yes— but only in conjunction with hair related service.
Neck Massage	Yes	Yes— but only in conjunction with hair related service.
Face massage	Yes	No
Applying creams, lotions, oils and other cosmetic preparations to face and scalp, by hand or using	Yes	No -- because not hair related.

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Shampooing and conditioning hair	Yes	Yes-- including shampooing and conditioning the beard and mustache
Styling hair	Yes	Yes
Cutting hair	Yes	Yes
Applying hair products <u>to hair</u>	Yes	Yes
Applying tonics and aftershaves to skin after shaving beard and mustache.	Yes	No -- because not hair related.
Shaving, trimming and cutting beard and mustache	Yes	Yes
Singeing hair	Yes	Yes
Permanent waving	No	Yes
Relaxing hair	No	Yes
Bleaching hair	No	Yes
Permanent coloring	No	Yes
Applying hair dressings, tonics and rinses	Yes	Yes
Apply water to hair (via towel or otherwise) whether that hair is on scalp or face	Yes	Yes
Apply water to face and scalp (via towel or otherwise) if hair is not involved and purpose is for skin care.	Yes	No – because not hair related.

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¹ Not galvanic or faradic.