On February 11, 2013, the Board issued the following guidance: A licensed esthetics school with an approved esthetics program conducting an assessment of a student’s competence in esthetics, may utilize documentation of hours and performances provided to the student by a school, as provided for in Section 18 VAC 41-70-230, in addition to the successful completion of a board-approved competency examination administered by the school when giving credit towards the requirements specified in subsections B & C of Section 18 VAC 41-70-190, and subsections A & B of Section 18 VAC 41-70-200.

This guidance document is intended to assist its licensees and the public in understanding and applying the Board for Barbers and Cosmetology regulations. The law that governs the respective professions can be found in the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, in Title 54.1, Chapter 7. Regulations in electronic format can be found online at www.dpor.virginia.gov. The Board for Barbers and Cosmetology can be reached by phone at (804) 367-8509 or by email at barbercosmo@dpor.virginia.gov.