



Board for Barbers and Cosmetology

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Guidance Document: License Required for Certain Procedures

Interpretation of what license is required to perform eyelash extensions, eyebrow embroidery/microblading, and microneedling under Code of Virginia §54.1-700 et. seq.

Applying eyelashes, as referenced in §54.1-700, refers to applying any natural or synthetic extension to an individual's natural eyelashes. This practice may be known as eye tabbing or eyelash extensions. These services require a cosmetology or esthetics license.

Strip, band, or bundle eyelashes, which adhere to the skin, are services that are ancillary to makeup, and exempted under §54.1-701.10.

Microblading, also called eyebrow embroidery, refers to the application of a semi-permanent ink to the skin of the eyebrow. This practice, when performed with a needle or group of needles, requires a tattooing or permanent cosmetic tattooing license. Microblading performed with a scalpel is beyond the scope of licensure and should not be performed by a licensee of the Board.

Microneedling, also known as dermarolling, is the application of a series of needles on a roller device used to stimulate collagen production. This practice is beyond the scope of licensure and should not be performed by a licensee of the Board.