



Division of Registrations Office of Barber and Cosmetology Licensure

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Director's Position Statement #3

Threading Service is not the Practice of Cosmetology

Pursuant to Section 12-8-103 (9), C.R.S. which defines the practice of cosmetology, states in part, “removing superfluous hair from the body of any person by the use of depilatories or waxing or by the use of tweezers; and the trimming of the beard.” The practice of threading is not specifically included in the definition of Cosmetology.

Given that the statute is silent about threading, a person performing that type of service is not practicing cosmetology and therefore, a cosmetologist license is not required. In the event other hair removal services are offered such as waxing, a license would be required.

It is recommended; however that any person who is performing this threading service follow the cleaning and disinfecting guidelines listed in the Office of Barber and Cosmetology rules, specifically, Rule 2 to ensure that Colorado consumers are receiving services with clean and disinfected tools.