

**21 NCAC 14H .0503      SANITARY RATINGS AND POSTING OF RATINGS**

(a) The sanitary rating of a beauty establishment shall be based on a system of grading outlined in this Subchapter. The Board's agent or inspector shall rate all beauty establishments based on the following grading scale:

- (1) all establishments receiving a rating of at least 90 percent or more shall be awarded a grade A;
- (2) all establishments receiving a rating of at least 80 percent, and less than 90 percent, shall be awarded grade B;
- (3) all establishments receiving a rating of at least 70 percent and less than 80 percent shall be awarded grade C; and
- (4) any cosmetic art shop or school with a sanitation grade of below 70 percent shall be awarded a failed inspection notice.

(b) Every beauty establishment shall be inspected and graded by the Board's agent or inspector and given a sanitary rating. A cosmetic art school shall be graded no less than three times a year, and a cosmetic art shop shall be graded once a year.

(c) The sanitary rating or failed inspection notice given to a beauty establishment by the Board's agent or inspector shall be posted by the owner in plain sight near the front entryway at all times.

(d) All new establishments must be graded by the Board's agent or inspector and receive a rating of at least 90 percent before a license will be issued.

(e) The operation of a cosmetic art shop or school which fails to receive a sanitary rating of at least 70 percent (grade C) shall be sufficient cause for revoking or suspending the license.

(f) A re-inspection by the Board's agent or inspector for the purpose of raising the sanitary rating of a beauty establishment shall not be given within 30 days of the last inspection unless the rating at the last inspection was less than 80 percent.

(g) All cosmetic art shops and schools with a failed inspection report shall be sufficient cause for the immediate suspension of licensure. All cosmetic art shops and schools with a failed inspection report must close until the Board's agent or inspector has reinspected and the sanitation conditions have improved to be awarded a passing grade.

(h) A copy of the itemized and graded inspection report must be provided to the operator at the time of the inspection.

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