



## OHIO STATE BARBER BOARD

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Beginning July 1, 2017, the Ohio State Board of Cosmetology and the Ohio State Barber Board initiated a cooperative plan designed to fulfill the requirements of Ohio law to merge the operations of each agency into a new agency called the State Cosmetology and Barber Board. This process must be completed by January 21, 2018.

The new Board will reside in the current facility of the existing Ohio State Board of Cosmetology located at 1929 Gateway Circle, Grove City, Ohio. The Ohio State Barber Board is currently planning to move most of its staff, assets, and operations to the new facility sometime after Thanksgiving Day. After this move, until January 21, 2018, the Ohio State Barber Board will continue to function independent of the Ohio State Board of Cosmetology. The move is simply designed to minimize any operational interruption of services during the final transition in January 2018.

Additionally, the State Cosmetology and Barber Board will have a new website and new look. This website is planned to open on January 21, 2018. More information will be forthcoming in the near future.

Moving parallel to the merger is the joint development of a new electronic licensing system, called Elicense Ohio. This new system will take the place of the current licensing system used by the Ohio State Board of Cosmetology and the Ohio State Barber Board, which will create a web-based structure for examination scheduling, applying for new licenses and license renewal, and updating licensee information. The system design process provides both the Ohio State Board of Cosmetology and the Ohio State Barber Board an opportunity to cooperatively review and recommend improvements to licensing, inspection, and examination processes that will be used by the new State Cosmetology and Barber Board. Project participants from both Boards believe barbers and cosmetology licensees will benefit from their collective wisdom and input. Serial communiques explaining the new system and how to access the features and services will be mailed to licensees during the late winter and spring of 2018.