

New license requirements by the Connecticut Department of Public Health for the following professions:

On and after July 1, 2020, except as allowed by law, no person may practice as an esthetician without obtaining a license or temporary permit from the Department of Public Health. “Esthetics” means services related to skin care treatments, (A) including, but not limited to, cleansing, toning, stimulating, exfoliating or performing any similar procedure on the human body while using cosmetic preparations, hands, devices, apparatus or appliances to enhance or improve the appearance of the skin; makeup application; beautifying lashes and brows; or removing unwanted hair using manual and mechanical means, and (B) excluding the use of a prescriptive laser device; the performance of a cosmetic medical procedure, as defined in section 19a-903c; any practice, activity or treatment that constitutes the practice of medicine; makeup application at a rented kiosk located in a shopping center or the practice of hairdressing and cosmetology by a hairdresser and cosmetician licensed pursuant to this chapter that is within such licensee's scope of practice.

On and after July 1, 2020, except as allowed by law, no person may practice as an eyelash technician without obtaining a license or temporary permit from the Department of Public Health. “Eyelash technician” means a person, who for compensation performs individual eyelash extensions, eyelash lifts or perms and eyelash color tints.

On and after January 1, 2021, except as allowed by law, no person may practice as a nail technician without obtaining a license or temporary permit, or a nail technician trainee license from the Department of Public Health. “Nail technician” means a person who for compensation cuts, shapes, colors, cleanses, trims, polishes or enhances the appearance of the nails of the hands or feet, excluding any practice, activity or treatment that constitutes the practice of medicine.

To obtain the appropriate license, you must contact the Connecticut Department of Public Health at 860-509-8000 or visit their website at portal.ct.gov/dph.