

**Barbers—Apprentices—Registration—Schools of Barbering.**

Graduates of an accredited school of barbering maintaining a course of continuous instruction of six months and not

less than eight hours in any working day are eligible to take the examination before the board of barber examiners.

Mr. Edwin I. Forsman,  
Secretary,  
State Board of Barber Examiners,  
Anaconda, Montana.

March 22, 1932.

My dear Mr. Forsman:

I have your request for an opinion on section 3 of chapter 127, laws of 1929, as amended by chapter 18, laws of 1931.

The law provides the qualifications for apprentice barbers before such persons may be eligible to take examination to become registered barbers.

First, those who learn their trade or profession in a barber shop where they are required to serve eighteen months under the immediate personal supervision of a registered barber.

Second, those who are graduates of an accredited school of barbering where a course of continuous instruction of six months of not less than eight hours in any working day is given.

The legislature evidently intended that six months in an accredited school of barbering should be the equivalent of eighteen months service in a barber shop and that an apprentice serving either term of preparation should then be eligible to take the examination before the board of barber examiners.

Therefore, it is my opinion that six months' study in a school of barbering as provided by the act, or eighteen months' practice as a registered apprentice in a barber shop under the personal supervision of a registered barber will qualify the applicant to take the examination to become a registered barber.

Very truly yours,

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Attorney General.