

Cosmetology Licensure COMPACT

Cosmetology Licensure Compact Commission

Title of Rule: Rule on Commission Fees

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Meeting at which Rule will be discussed and voted on:

Effective: 30 Days after Full Commission Approval

History for Rule: June 4, 2026: Rules Committee votes to forward to full Commission
July 16, 2026: Commission votes to adopt Rule on Commission Fees

Chapter 3: Rulemaking on Commission Fees

Authority: Article 3: Member State Requirements

Article 4: Multistate License

Article 5: Reissuance of a Multistate License by a New Home State

Article 9: Establishment of the Cosmetology Licensure Compact Commission

Article 11: Rulemaking

Purpose: Pursuant to the authority granted in the Cosmetology Licensure Compact, the Commission adopts this Rule to establish and administer fees related to the issuance and renewal of multistate licenses, as well as one-time state assessments, to support Commission operations. The Rule provides for the collection and disbursement of Commission and Member State fees and establishes a review process to ensure transparency and fiscal accountability.

3.1 Definition(s): (a) “**Commission Assessment**” means an assessment paid by each member state to the Commission pursuant to this Rule.

(b) “**Commission Administrative Fee**” means a non-refundable fee paid to the Commission by Member States for each Multistate License Transaction.

(c) **“Member State Fee”** means a fee set and collected by a Member State, other than the Commission Administrative Fee, for each Multistate License Transaction.

(d) **“Multistate License Transaction”** means the occurrence of a Multistate License issuance or renewal.

3.2 Commission Assessment: A one-time assessment of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) shall be paid by each Member State to the Commission within 30 days from the date of invoice remitted by the Commission. The Commission will make every reasonable effort to send the invoice for the Commission Assessment to each Member State on the first business day of the Commission’s fiscal year, as defined in the Bylaws. The amount and timing of payment of the Commission Assessment is established to support the Commission’s operational costs and is subject to future changes through the rule-making authority of the Commission.

3.3 Commission Administrative Fee: An Administrative Fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) shall be paid to the Commission by Member States for each Multistate License Transaction. This fee is non-refundable and may not be waived, including for applicants whose state has waived the Member State Fee. The Administrative Fee is established to support the Commission’s operational costs and is subject to future changes through the rule-making authority of the Commission.

3.4 Member State Fee: Each Member State shall establish a Member State Fee in accordance with its laws and procedures. Any change to a Member State Fee shall be in accordance with the Member State’s laws and procedures. Member State Fees shall be retained in full to the respective Member State board or licensing authority minus the Administrative Fee. A Member State may waive or reduce the Member State Fee at their discretion, but such waiver does not apply to the Commission Administrative Fee or other Commission fees. If a Member State waives or reduces collection of the Commission Administrative Fee for a Multistate License Transaction, the Member State is responsible for the amount not collected and will remit such waived Commission Administrative Fee to the Commission.

3.5 Collection and Disbursement of Fees: The Commission shall provide and administer a process to collect Commission Administrative Fees from Member States on a monthly basis. Member States shall remit collected Administrative Fees to the Commission in accordance with the provisions of this rule. Upon receipt of notice from the Commission, each Member State shall confirm the number of Multistate License Transactions and remit collected Administrative Fees to the Commission within 30 days of notice from the Commission of the due amount.

3.6 Failed Payments or Failure to Remit Payment to the Commission: Fees for non-sufficient funds, returned checks, overdrafts or any merchant/service/administrative fees charged by a Member State’s financial institution are the responsibility of the Member State. Failure or refusal by a Member State to remit the full amount of Commission Assessments and Commission Administrative fees due to the Commission by the due date shall result in additional fees or penalties to the delinquent Member State. Such penalties and fees shall be in an amount equal to the direct and indirect costs to the Commission for collection and enforcement of the provisions of this Rule.