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**From:** Seavers, Dennis  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 12:55 PM  
**To:** barber-schools  
**Subject:** Change to scheduling of written exams

Dear schools,

This email explains a change in the way we're scheduling exams. Although this change really affects the applicants rather than the schools directly, I know many of you work closely with your graduates to help them with the exam. You may also get questions from your students. In addition, this change came at the request of some schools.

### Summary

To help students take the written exams sooner after graduation, we are scheduling some of their written exams on different days than their practical exams.

### Explanation

For applicants who must take both the written and practical exams, we have normally scheduled both exams on the same day. However, we have had to schedule so many exam days due to pandemic-related considerations that there has been a backlog of exams. As a result, individuals who recently graduated from school have had to wait a few months to take the exams. (That backlog is being reduced, but we still have a large number of exams to get through.)

I know that taking the written exam a few months after graduating from school can be a challenge for many applicants. **Therefore, we've started scheduling written exams on separate days from practical exams.** This approach allows us to schedule the written exams much sooner, since it's easier to provide facilities for written exams than practical exams. Please note that there may be several weeks' difference between the written exam date and the practical date as we eliminate the backlog.

There's a few things I want to emphasize:

- The exam notices tell them that they will receive a separate notice for the practical exam.
- Students will have to appear at different locations on different days for each exam type. Their notices will tell them where and when to appear, but they shouldn't assume that their practical exam locations will be in the same place as their written exam location.
- I understand that there may be some applicants who prefer to have both exams in a single day. Applicants can ask us to reschedule the written exams. They must do that in writing at least 10 days before the exam date, unless there is an undue hardship that prevented them from asking at least 10 days in advance.
- As we move to this new approach, some applicants will still have both exams on the same day, especially if we've already scheduled them. Their notices will explain what types of exams they're taking, as well as where and when the exams will take place.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

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