

ALABAMA BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY  
ADMINISTRATIVE CODECHAPTER 250-X-7  
MOBILE SALONS

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**250-X-7-.01      Definitions.**

A mobile salon is a shop, as defined in Section 34-7B-1 (23), where barbering or cosmetology is performed. Only a properly licensed person who is not an apprentice, exam candidate, or a student may operate a mobile shop.

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**250-X-7-.02      Application, License Fee, And Renewal Fee.**

An application to license a mobile salon shall be submitted on forms approved by the Board and accompanied by an application and submission of the applicable license fee. Upon receipt of the application, an inspection of the mobile salon by an inspector or authorized representative from the Board will be scheduled.

(1) An application to operate a mobile salon shall include:

- (a) The name, address and license number of the owner or licensee in charge,
- (b) The name under which the mobile salon will operate;
- (c) The types of cosmetology or barbering that will be performed in the mobile salon;

(d) The applicable mobile salon license fee;

(d) A blue print or drawing showing the layout of the floor plan and location of all equipment to be used

(f) Copies of all registration and insurance certificates showing that a mobile salon complies with all applicable requirements of the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency Department of Motor Vehicles for the inspection, registration and insurance certificates required of motorized vehicles.

**(2) An application for a renewal of a mobile salon license shall include:**

(a) Any update or change in information previously provided to the Board in the most recent application or renewal;

(b) The mobile salon license renewal fee.

(c) Copies of all registration and insurance certificates showing that a mobile salon complies with all applicable requirements of the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency Department of Motor Vehicles for the inspection, registration and insurance certificates required of motorized vehicles.

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**250-X-7-.03      Minimum Specifications For Facilities.**

(1) Each mobile salon shall contain sufficient equipment in working order to enable it to perform all services offered competently and efficiently;

(2) Each mobile salon shall have a covered galvanized, stainless steel or other non-corrosive metal container for purposes of depositing hair clippings and other waste materials;

(3) All furniture shall be anchored to the unit.

(4) The mobile salon shall prominently display at all times the most recent license issued by the Board showing the name of the mobile salon.

(5) The mobile salon shall have a sign stating "No services may be provided while this mobile salon is in motion" in letters no less than one (1) inch high, displayed in a conspicuous place;

(6) The mobile salon shall have and use stabilizing jacks;

(7) The mobile salon shall be legally parked in a fixed position and fully stationary (not in motion) when rendering services to customers;

(8) Customers shall not be exposed to any dangerous conditions inside a mobile salon resulting from vehicle emissions or vehicle maintenance.

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#### **250-X-7-.04      Service Equipment Required.**

(1) In lieu of any equipment required for operation of a shop for cosmetology, barbering, or natural hair styling, a mobile salon shall be required to have:

(a) One (1) shampoo bowl with hot and cold running water in work area

(b) One (1) shampoo chair or all purpose chair;

(c) One (1) hair dryer;

(d) One (1) work station and mirror;

(e) One (1) enclosed storage area for clean towels;

(f) One (1) covered and labeled container for soiled towels;

(g) One (1) covered and labeled trash container maintained in clean condition;

(h) One (1) covered wet disinfecting unit large enough to completely immerse items

(i) One (1) work station (standard size) for each operator;

(j) One (1) blood spill kit.

(2) In lieu of any equipment required for operation of a shop, a mobile salon offering esthetics services shall be required to have:

- (a) One (1) sink which provides hot and cold running water in the work area;
- (b) One (1) reclining facial chair/table or all-purpose chair;
- (c) One (1) hands free magnifying lamp;
- (d) One (1) enclosed storage area for clean towels;
- (e) One (1) covered and labeled container for soiled towels;
- (f) One (1) covered and labeled trash container maintained in a sanitary condition;
- (g) One (1) wet disinfecting unit for equipment used, with a cover and large enough to completely immerse items;
- (h) One (1) blood spill kit;

(3) In lieu of any equipment required for operation of a shop, a mobile salon offering manicure/nail services shall be required to have:

- (a) One (1) sink which provides hot and cold running water in the work area;
- (b) One (1) manicure station with adequate light, per manicurist;
- (c) One (1) wet disinfecting unit for equipment used, with a cover and large enough to completely immerse items;
- (d) One (1) foot bath if pedicures are offered;
- (e) One (1) blood spill kit.

(4) The executive director of the Board may, in his/her discretion, waive one or more of the foregoing equipment requirements to accommodate mobile salons offering limited services. If services offered change, the mobile salon is required to complete a new application and receive a new license.

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**250-X-7-.05      Environment.**

(1) All chemicals shall be stored in cabinets with safety catches and shall be stored separate and apart from other articles or equipment.

(2) A mobile salon shall have a fresh water tank holding a sufficient amount of potable fresh water to perform the day's business. If the potable fresh water supply is depleted, operations must cease until the supply is replenished.

(3) A mobile salon shall have a self contained, flush chemical toilet with holding tank;

(4) The wastewater holding tank and chemical holding tank of a mobile salon shall be adequate capacity and discharge shall be disposed of in a sanitary sewer system at legal discharge points that comply with federal, state, local and municipal law or regulation;

(5) A mobile salon shall have a water heater that provides fresh hot water continuously and on demand.

(6) No services may be performed outside the mobile salon or while it is in motion.

(7) A mobile salon may not be used as a residence or for any other purpose besides providing cosmetology or barbering services.

(8) A mobile salon must be registered, inspected, and approved by the Board before it can be operated as a mobile salon.

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**250-X-7-.06      Personnel.**

(1) Any person licensed by the Board who intends to offer cosmetology services in a mobile salon shall register with the Board by completing a registration form provided by the Board and shall be approved by the Board before providing services in a mobile salon;

(2) While providing services in a mobile salon, every such licensee must have his or her original license and must have in

his or her possession a copy of the approved registration for mobile salon services and a government issued photo identification;

(3) All persons registering to provide mobile salon services shall provide a permanent mailing address, telephone number and email address;

(4) A registration to provide services in a mobile salon is valid only for the person named on the approved registration and is not transferable or assignable;

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#### **250-X-7-.07      Operation.**

(1) A mobile salon shall comply with all health and safety requirements and with all other requirements of the Alabama Cosmetology and Barber Board for a shop, except as modified by this section or as otherwise indicated.

(2) An inspector may inspect a mobile salon any time the shop is open for business any number of times per year.

(3) A mobile salon that refuses an inspection will receive a score of 0 and be subject to a hearing to suspend or revoke the business license and the personal license of the person refusing the inspection.

(4) A mobile salon shall submit to the Board, upon request, in a manner specified by the Board, an itinerary for a requested time period showing the dates, exact locations and times service is to be provided.

(5) A mobile salon shall obtain applicable local licenses or permits to provide mobile services in each city or town.

(6) A mobile salon business license holder shall maintain a permanent mailing address in Alabama, other than a P.O. Box. The Board shall be notified in writing of any change of mailing address within 10 calendar days of the change.

(7) The mobile salon shall receive all Board office correspondence through the permanent mailing address.

(8) If the owner of the mobile salon changes, a new mobile salon license is required. Prior to operating the mobile salon, the new

owner shall apply for a new mobile salon license and pay all fees for such new license.

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