

**Effective November 24, 2014, the State Board of Cosmetology will no longer require a hands-on practical examination in order to acquire a license for the following: Cosmetologist, Esthetician, Nail Technician, Natural Hair Braider, Cosmetology Teacher, Esthetics Teacher, Nail Technology Teacher and Natural Hair Braiding Teacher.**

**As of November 25, 2014, candidates will be required to take a new “combined” theory/procedural skill computer based exam. Any candidate who has not passed both the current theory/practical exams as of November 24<sup>th</sup> will be required to take the new combined theory/procedural skill exam.**

**The release date of the new exam will go live on November 25, 2014. The exam for early test takers will be available on December 17, 2014.**