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ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION NO. 79- 178

Mr. H.D. Lippincott, Administrative Officer  
State Board of Barber Examiners  
109 West 9th Street, Room 518  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Re: Public Health--Examination, Registration and  
Regulation of Barbers--Qualifications for  
Certificate of Registration; Apprentice

Synopsis: Pursuant to subsection (d) of K.S.A. 1978 Supp.  
65-1815, a student who has successfully completed  
1500 hours within a period of nine (9) months at  
a school or college of barbering approved by the  
Board of Barber Examiners, but who has not met the  
graduation requirements of such school and has not  
graduated therefrom, is not qualified to receive  
a certificate of registration as a registered  
apprentice or to take the registered apprentice  
examination conducted by the Board.

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Dear Mr. Lippincott:

You request our opinion as to whether a student who has  
successfully completed, within a period of nine (9) months,  
1500 hours at a school or college of barbering approved by  
the Board of Barber Examiners, but who has not graduated from  
such school, is qualified to take the registered apprentice  
examination conducted by the Board.

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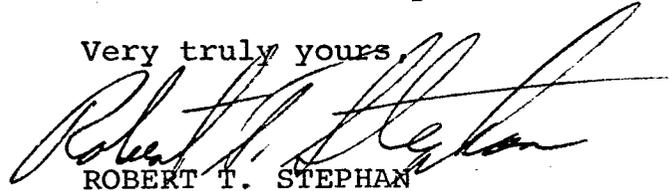
K.S.A. 65-1810 prescribes the curriculum requirements which must be met by every school of barbering, and provides, in part, as follows:

"No school or college of barbering shall be approved by the board unless it requires, as a prerequisite to graduation, a course of instruction of not less than one thousand five hundred (1,500) hours to be completed within nine (9) months of not more than eight (8) hours in any one working day . . . ."  
(Emphasis added.)

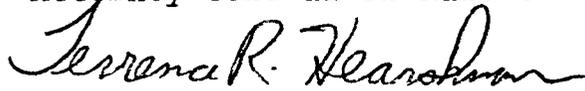
As is clear from the underscored language in the statutory excerpt above, the statute prescribes only minimum standards. A school of barbering may establish more stringent requirements for graduation than those enumerated in the statute.

Where a student has met the minimum curriculum requirements set forth in K.S.A. 65-1810, but has not met the more stringent requirements for graduation at the particular school which he attends, such student is not qualified to take the registered apprentice examination conducted by the Board. Subsection (d) of K.S.A. 1978 Supp. 65-1812 provides, in part, that one must be "a graduate of a school or college of barbering approved by the board" in order to be qualified to receive a certificate of registration as a registered apprentice. Therefore, where a student has not met the graduation requirements of the school which he attends, he is not qualified to become a registered apprentice or to take the examination conducted by the Board.

Very truly yours,



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