

# Hair Braider Registration

**Aligned Program of Study:** Cosmetology

## Description

The Hair Braider Registration is required to offer hair braiding services in Tennessee. This registration signifies sixteen hours of training in health, hygiene, and sanitation and is not equivalent to the Natural Hair Stylist License. In Tennessee high schools, this training must be provided by a licensed cosmetology instructor **using materials chosen by the instructor**. This registration must be renewed biennially.

*Hair Braider Definition: A person that uses techniques that result in tension on hair strands, such as twisting, wrapping, weaving, extending, locking, or braiding of the hair, by hand or mechanical appliances for compensation, without cutting, coloring, relaxing, removing, chemically treating, or using other preparations to straighten, curl, or alter the structure of the hair.*

## Certification Information

Governing Body: [Tennessee Board of Cosmetology & Barbering Examiners](#)

Registration site: To register a student as a hair braider, go to the [Cosmetology and Barber Examiners website](#), choose Apply/Renew License, and attach training documentation as described in the following note.

*Note: This opportunity for students is called a registration. Students are trained by a licensed cosmetology instructor for sixteen hours on topics including health, hygiene, and sanitation. There is not a test vendor/owner as teachers create the training and testing process for their own programs. Following training, the instructor will provide the student with a document/certificate detailing the 16 training hours, instructor name and licensure, and school. This document must be attached to the student's online registration. Following the registration process, the student will receive a registration card from the Tennessee Department of Commerce & Insurance for use in their place of business.*

## Preparing to offer the certification

Required Instructor Qualification: Licensed Cosmetology Instructor

<b>Materials and resources vary by high school program.</b>	
<b>Governing Body</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
<a href="#">Tennessee Board of Cosmetology &amp; Barbering Examiners</a>	<a href="https://www.tn.gov/commerce/regboards/cosmo.html">https://www.tn.gov/commerce/regboards/cosmo.html</a>