

Shampoo Technician Frequently Asked Questions

- Do I need a license to shampoo hair?
 - If you are washing someone else's hair for money, YES, you need either a cosmetology, barber, or shampoo technician license.
- How do I get a shampoo tech license?
 - Contact a private [cosmetology school](#) and apply to attend the required 300 hours. Any school that is licensed to teach cosmetology by the Tennessee Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners (Board) may, and is equipped, to teach the required curriculum.
 - After you have attended the required hours, take a practical and theory test.
 - After receiving a passing score, apply to the Board for a license. [Tenn. Code Ann. § 62-4-110 \(e\)](#).
- What is the cost of obtaining a shampoo tech license?
 - Testing fees are \$140.00; this fee goes to the testing vendor, [PSI](#).
 - Schools may charge for hours at their discretion.
 - There is a license renewal fee of \$50.00 every two years. This is required of all other cosmetology licenses as well.
- Why do I need a license to shampoo hair?
 - "...Cleansing of the hair..." is part of the definition of cosmetology that was created by the Tennessee General Assembly. [Tenn. Code Ann. § 62-4-102\(3\)](#)
 - The Board is tasked with regulating the Cosmetology Act that is created by the General Assembly, so, the Board is required to regulate the "cleansing of the hair". This regulation is achieved through licensing.
- Can only shampoo techs wash hair?
 - NO. Licensed cosmetologists and barbers shampoo hair in shops across the state. This does not violate the constraints of their licenses.
 - If you want to only shampoo hair and do not want a cosmetologist or barber license, a shampoo tech license is a separate option.
- What will I learn in the required 300 hours of schooling?
 - Basic knowledge on technique, sanitation, and highly infectious diseases.