Social Security Number Information for Cosmetology students provided by the State Board of Cosmetology.

A state law effective January 1997 required that applicants provide their social security numbers on all applications for licenses and licensure renewals. Section 301.1(a)(2) of Act 124 of 1996 amends the Domestic Relations Code. All government agencies are required under the Act to require the social security number of an individual on any application for a professional or occupational license. The Act also requires government agencies, including the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs, to provide a licensee’s name, address, and social security number to the Department of Public Welfare. The amendments were authorized under the Federal Welfare Reform Act known as the Federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996. The Department of Public Welfare is the state agency responsible for enforcing child support orders.

Social Security numbers are also required for students in cosmetology schools. This number is used to verify an individual’s identity for those instances when an individual contacts the board with a request for a Certification of School Hours earned. This application is a board form and requires a social security number. If the student is a legal alien who has not yet had the opportunity to obtain a social security number, the federal INS number may be substituted until a social security number is obtained.