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## Indiana Department of Health Guidance on Pre-existing Eyelash Extension Certification Requirements

The Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) is responsible for recognizing eyelash extension programs in Indiana. The eyelash extension rule located in [410 IAC 1-8](#) imposes various requirements on eyelash extension programs interested in becoming an IDOH recognized program, including instructor specific requirements. This guidance document serves to aid instructors and programs looking to determine if the instructor's qualifications comply with Indiana's rule for eyelash extension specialists.

As dictated by Indiana's rule for Operation of Facilities where Eyelash Extensions are Applied ([410 IAC 1-8-12](#)), all professionals instructing eyelash extension certification programs must be either:

- An eyelash extension specialist certified by an IDOH-recognized certification program with, at minimum, two (2) years practical experience
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- A licensed cosmetologist or esthetician with at least two (2) years of practical experience in applying eyelash extensions

Because IDOH did not begin recognizing certification programs based on the criteria of the current rule until the eyelash extension rule took effect Sept. 7, 2022, further clarification may be required for instructors who were legally applying eyelash extensions prior to that date. This could include individuals practicing as eyelash extension specialists in other states and instructors teaching in other states.

Individuals certified as eyelash extension specialists prior to Sept. 7, 2022, with five (5) years practical experience, may serve as instructors even though the certification was obtained from a non-IDOH recognized program.

These exempt individuals are required to self-attest to employers that they have the appropriate level of education and experience and provide proof, if able, of any certifications acquired. Additional proof that can be provided includes, but is not limited to, curriculum or transcripts from trainings completed.

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Employers must outline requirements of exempt individuals in their hiring policy should they choose to employ these individuals.

#### QUESTIONS?

Please contact IDOH at [EyelashCert@health.in.gov](mailto:EyelashCert@health.in.gov) or 317-234-2804.