

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
**THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

**To:** School Districts and BOCES **Date:** July 29, 2014  
**From:** Eric Suhr, Bureau Chief  
**Subject:** Implementing Secondary CTE Approved Barbering Programs

While barbering programs currently exist at the secondary level, they have not undertaken the program approval process and cannot offer students in those programs the benefits associated with a CTE approved program. School districts and BOCES have been unable to complete the program approval process needed to establish state-approved secondary barbering programs due to the Regents CTE policy requirements. Because of the field's continuing interest in implementing approved barbering programs, a review was done to identify the specific barriers to program approval in this occupational area.

It was found that the major obstacle to program approval was the lack of a written technical assessment. Unlike other licensing exams they administer, The New York State Department of State requires only