



Barbers

Pathway to Registration for Internationally Educated Professionals (IEP) in New Brunswick

Barbers are regulated professionals in New Brunswick (NB). Registration with the [New Brunswick Registered Barbers' Association \(NBRBA\)](#)—the regulatory authority—is required to practise and use the title “registered barber”, “master barber”, or any related designations as outlined in [An Act to Incorporate The New Brunswick Registered Barbers' Association](#).

Barbers cut and trim hair according to client's instructions or preferences; shave and trim beards and moustaches; may shampoo hair and provide other hair treatment, such as waving, straightening and tinting and may also provide scalp conditioning massages; may book appointments and order supplies; and may train and supervise other barbers and barber apprentices.¹

For work opportunities and other information, visit [NBjobs.ca](#).



STEPS TO REGISTRATION

PART 1: COMPETENCY ASSESSMENT

Step 1 – Language Proficiency: The NBRBA does not require a language test for registration. However, working proficiency in English or French² is helpful when serving clients. Language testing may be required for immigration or academic upgrading.

Step 2 – Credential Assessment: The minimum educational requirement to practise in NB is a grade 12 education (or equivalent) and at least 1500 hours of instruction from a recognized barber school or barber shop. All candidates must demonstrate equivalency. Applicants must complete the [NBRBA application form](#) and submit all required documentation³. Once an application is accepted, candidates receive a six-month Temporary License and may practise while their credentials are being assessed. International applicants must pay the Reciprocal Barber fee listed in the application form.

PART 2: REGISTRATION WITH THE NEW BRUNSWICK REGULATORY BODY

Step 3 – Certificate of Registration: International applicants who meet the minimum requirements and hold a barber certificate from a regulator in another jurisdiction may be registered with NBRBA without examination. Applicants from unregulated jurisdictions may also be registered without examination if eligibility requirements can be verified to the satisfaction of NBRBA. If requirements cannot be verified, candidates must pass the [practical and written exams](#) to prove competence. All other applicants must complete training and/or apprenticeship before

¹ [National Occupational Classification \(NOC\)](#) main duties.

² English and French are the official languages of New Brunswick.

³ All documents must be officially translated into English or French.

becoming eligible for a certificate of registration. Current exam fees are listed in the [application for examination](#).

If you're in New Brunswick: Contact a [WorkingNB office](#) for help navigating the registration process and to access employment counselling services.



REGISTRATION COSTS AND TIMELINE⁴

Total fees to become a Registered Barber are approximately \$225 CAD without examination, or \$350 CAD if an examination is required. Additional costs will be incurred if additional training and/or apprenticeship is required. The NBRBA benchmark for processing applications is six weeks.

Pre-arrival: You may complete the entire registration process with NBRBA before you arrive in Canada.



WORKING IN CANADA

To work legally in Canada, you must be a Canadian citizen, a permanent resident, or hold a valid work permit. For immigration assistance, visit [Immigration New Brunswick](#). If you are already in Canada, WorkingNB employment counsellors are available to assist you prior to your arrival in New Brunswick. Email: vecs.svce@gnb.ca to set up an appointment.



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⁴ Fee and timeline estimates are as of November 2025 and are subject to change. Individual situations may increase costs and timelines—some examples include: document translation into English or French, international couriers, travel to exam sites, any professional liability insurance requirements, etc.