

March 29, 1965



Mr. Leon F. Burton
Secretary-Treasurer
State Board of Barber Examiners
131 Capitol Building
Jefferson City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Burton:

This letter is in answer to your request for an opinion of this office on the question which you have stated as follows:

"Under Section 328.127 it states 'Any graduate of a barber school or college who fails to register as an apprentice within three years after certification or who fails to complete the required eighteen months apprenticeship during the three year period of registration, may be registered as an apprentice in good standing by showing to the satisfaction of the Board:'

"As an example, would an apprentice in two years from graduation have three years longer to serve the eighteen months apprenticeship or is he required to serve the eighteen months in the three year period from the date of graduation of school. In either case, does the apprentice also have to pass the examination in said period, or just complete the required eighteen months apprenticeship."

Section 328.080 RSMo 1959, provides for the issuance by the Board of Barber Examiners to a graduate of a barber school of a certificate of registration entitling him to practice barbering in this state. This section requires, among other things, that the applicant be a registered apprentice in good standing at the time of application.

Section 328.127 RSMo 1959, provides that a graduate of a barber school who fails to register as an apprentice within three years after certification, or who fails to complete the eighteen months of apprenticeship during the three-year period of registration, must satisfy certain enumerated further requirements in order to be registered as an apprentice in good standing.

Under Section 328.123 RSMo 1959, a barber school graduate, after he has been certified to the Board of Barber Examiners as having completed a course of study in a barber school pursuant to Section 328.120 RSMo 1959, is allowed three years within which to register as an apprentice. After he has registered as an apprentice, the graduate is allowed another three years within which to complete the eighteen months apprenticeship required for certification by the board.

Therefore, in the example given in your inquiry, an apprentice who registers as an apprentice two years after graduation has three more years within which to serve the eighteen months of apprenticeship under Section 328.123 supra, and is not required to serve the eighteen months in the three-year period after the date of graduation from the school.

Further, an apprentice must pass the examination prerequisite to certification to practice barbering while he is a registered apprentice in good standing at the time of application. § Section 328.080(4).

If he fails to complete the eighteen months of apprenticeship during such three year registration period, he may be registered as an apprentice in good standing under provisions of Section 328.127 supra.

Yours very truly,

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