

MEETING OF THE RHODE ISLAND
AUTO COLLISION REPAIR LICENSING ADVISORY BOARD

DATE: October 28, 2015

TIME: 10:30 a.m.

PLACE: Department of Business Regulation
Conference Room –68-1
1511 Pontiac Avenue
Cranston RI 02920

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Reynolds, Dennis Gamba, Charles Rockwell, Gerald Galleshaw, Al Olney, John Mancone

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Lt. David Doucet, Chris Hurd, Empty DBR Seat

OTHERS PRESENT: Matt Gendron, Kim Precious, John Petrarca, Jina Petrarca, Randy Bottella, Stephen Lauro, Larry Alan, Lori Moniz, Anthony Ferranti Jr, Jeff Taylor, Rob Follett, Ronald D. Piscione, Ronald J. Piscione, Dan Crotty

Chairman Reynolds called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

MINUTES: Chairman Reynolds made a motion to pass minutes from the August 26, 2015 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Mancone. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS: Certified Technician Approved Course Updates:

In the matter to review Technician Certifications classes on the technician certification memo. The Board recommends deleting SPS10 from Sections 1 and 2; delete DAM 12 and DAM 12E from Section 2, add to Section I only; all other Section 1 classes are ok, Keep MEA01 in Section 2, and Add the approved corrosion classes to memo. Chairman Reynolds motioned to accept changes to the certified technician memo to show accepted classes for each section as discussed. Seconded by Mr. Mancone. All in Favor. Board would like the Department to strongly recommend to the industry the importance of using the new educational list and not rely on the old incorrect list when taking classes for certification.

Technicians only need to retake class if they expire. Only two types of classes expire at I-Car currently. Regulation 16 proposed new wording that Technician certifications must be maintained though out term of the license. If an education provider expires a class and replaces class with new training, it will be the Boards responsibility to state when the expired class will no longer be acceptable.

Class Approval for Lombard Equipment:

In the matter to approve a course certificate sent in for approval of welding from Lombard Equipment for an auto body shop to be used for certification the Board holds this matter over until further information can be gathered for next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: Update on Submitted Drafts of Regulations 4, 7, and 16:

Clarifications/questions from Mr. Gendron to Board:

Has ABARI sent notice to shops regarding free/discounted classes for proposed certification technician courses for corrosion? Per Mr. Bottella, Yes. Would ABARI and Color Systems be ok with Department sending notice thru the Department's email list for shops? Per Mr. Bottella, and Mr. Lauro, Yes. Mr. Gendron requested ABARI and Color Systems send him copy of their flyers by email.

To clarify technician certification for A & B shops: Does every technician in the shop need to be certified in every area? What about shop employees? The previous definitions dealt of shop employee and technician were only different based on their supervision levels, but should the definition be focused on what type of work they perform? The current and likely to be proposed State minimum requirements for B shop is one technician per every five technicians need to be certified. But who does that apply to? The Board and others present indicated that a painter or painter's helper should not be included in the definition of a technician. It was suggested that those types of employees could be called shop employees, so as to distinguish that they are not a technician (they perform non-structural work). And a worker who performs mechanical, frame, and structural systems would then be defined as technicians. Also, the Board and others present understood that the required certifications could be held by 1 person, or split amongst employees. Mr. Gendron will clarify those definitions. Mr. Gendron will redefine technician and shop employee to help make it easier to understand. For B Shops that are also Salvage rebuilders the technician certification requirement is one in two technicians.

In an A Shop does everyone need to be certified? Shops need to follow manufacturer's guidelines for a Class A shop. The State is not speaking to non- structural technicians. For an A shop, every structural technician needs to be certified. Per the statute, it states, provide evidence of certification of all technicians employed by the auto body facility.

Who should be considered to be qualified for a Salvage repair license? In the current Regulation 4 draft proposal, the Department was considering language about what types of full collision licensees would be allowed to apply for a salvage vehicle repair license we will add that you need to be either an A, B, or approved Special Use in order to apply for a salvage vehicle repair license. Salvage fee in proposed regulation will be \$900.00 for the three year period.

Department is thinking of lessening the good standing certificate requirement for Applicants to make the process easier. The Board does not have a problem with that. Shops will likely be allowed to send a copy of proof of their Corporation or LLC good standing printed directly from the Secretary of State's website.

Mr. Gendron will met with senior staff soon and once we have a regulation published he will work to finalize the applications shortly thereafter. Several attendees identified that the Department should prepare at least two applications for the separate classes, if not more for the more limited licenses.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: Something for the Board to consider since an EPA number is part of the requirement of licensing. Mr. Bottella announced that his shop was visited by the Department of Environmental Management for inspection. Because the shop has other approved methods of hazardous waste disposal, DEM stated the shop no longer requires an EPA number and is being removed from the list. He did not receive anything from DEM in writing. The Department will consider revising the requirement of having an EPA number accordingly.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: (None)

Chairman Reynolds motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Gamba. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Precious
Implementation Aide