

STATE BY STATE REGULATIONS: MOBILE, CONCIERGE, AND EVENTS

In this chart, "mobile" refers to mobile salon units; "concierge" refers to off-site services; and events refers to spa parties, bridal services, or any group event away from a salon setting. Rules for off-site services often come with important restrictions and exceptions. While we strive for accuracy, these rules change often and are sometimes unclear. For that reason, we urge techs to confirm the current regulations with their state board.

State	Mobile units	Concierge/ off-site	Events	Comments
AL	No	No	No	No home or other out-of-salon services are allowed unless no compensation is involved.
AK	Yes	Yes	Yes	A mobile salon license is available. A licensee must display his or her current license at the off-site location. A Temporary License application for events must be submitted 30 days prior.
AZ	Yes	Yes	Yes	Mobile salons must be an extension of a licensed salon or non-salon business. They must maintain a complete and current list of appointment locations at the base. Off-site concierge services are allowed: "If mobile services are provided in a location other than a retrofitted mobile vehicle, the salon owner and manager shall ensure that equipment is disinfected before use and stored as specified in the Arizona Sanitation rules."
AR	No	Yes, homebound only	Yes, restricted	No mobile salons are allowed. No services are allowed outside a licensed establishment unless the client is homebound or handicapped. Event services are allowed, provided techs have their license with them.
CA	Yes	Yes, restricted	Unclear	Mobile units are allowed with a salon site base. In-home and convalescent home services are allowed for anyone whose illness or other physical or mental incapacitation prevents them from visiting a salon, provided appointments are made through a licensed salon.
СО	Yes	Yes	Yes	Mobile salons are allowed and licensed. There is also a "Free Lancer shop operator" license that allows services to be performed in other locations, such as private homes and events.
СТ	Yes	Yes	Information unavailable	Mobile salons are allowed. This state doesn't require a manicuring license.
DE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Mobile salons are legal. Concierge is allowed. Licensed professionals can perform services at events.
D.C. District of Columbia	No	No, new regulations are pending	Yes	Washington, D.C. is revamping its regulations to deal these issues. Currently, off-site services are dealt with on a case by case basis. Events are allowed, provided the professional has her license with her.
FL	Yes	Yes, III and homebound only	Yes	The mobile unit must maintain a permanent address at the Board; prior to the beginning of each month each mobile salon must file a written itinerary of when and where the mobile salon will be operating to facilitate inspections. Concierge cannot be performed unless the client is ill and homebound.
GA	No	No	No	No truly mobile salons are allowed: "all mobile units, including kiosks, carts, mobile homes, trailers, and motor homes, shall not be licensed as salons/shops unless they meet all requirements of the Board and are permanently anchored on the ground with wheels detached."
НІ	Yes	Yes, restricted	Yes	Mobile salons are allowed. Concierge may be performed (1) Upon patients or residents in a hospital or nursing home; (2) Upon inmates or residents of institutions of mental health or correctional institutions; (3) Upon an invalid or handicapped person in that person's place of residence; (4) Upon a person at a charitable event, on the specific day or days; (5) Educational activities conducted in connection with any monthly, annual, or other special program from which the general public is excluded, and (6) As an employee of a theatrical group, modeling agency, or photography studio.
ID	No	No	No	"It shall be unlawful to practiceexcept in a place or establishment that is licensed under the provisions of Idaho Code."
IL	Yes	Yes, restricted	Yes	A mobile salon license is available and is defined as "a self-contained facility that may be moved, towed or transported from one location to another." Professionals can work away from the salon, but the appointment must be made in the salon and they must have their license with them. They can work at events, such as spa parties, etc., as long as their license is active and they have it with them.



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IN	Yes	Yes	Yes	A mobile salon license is available and "mobile" includes both vehicles and concierge. A standardized kit must be developed and approved to show sanitation is performed according to the rules.
IA	No	Yes, With special permit	No	No mobile salons or concierge services are allowed. "It is unlawful for a licensee to practice in any place other than a licensed salon, a licensed school of cosmetology arts and sciences, or a licensed barbershop. A permit is available if the client is handicapped or ill and cannot come into a salon, or when the licensee is employed by a physician and provides cosmetology services at the place of practice of a physician and is under the supervision of a physician licensed to practice."
KS	Yes	Yes, restricted	No	Mobile salons are allowed in an RV. The client must come out to the mobile unit unless homebound. A licensed professional may provide services in the field in a place other than their licensed salon including services in a health care facility, hospital, or nursing home or in the residence or office of a person requiring home care arising from physical or mental disabilities. "The professional must be employed in a salon or clinic full time and perform services for at least 51% of the total hours per week in the salon and shall attest by affidavit that such services shall be provided only in the residence or office of the person with physical or mental disabilities receiving services."
KY	No	No	No	Mobile salons are not allowed. Licensed beauty professionals are only allowed to work in licensed facilities and rooms. No homebound, off-site, or event services are allowed.
LA	Yes, restricted	Yes	Yes	Mobile salons must be for the ill and handicapped. Concierge visits to the homebound and other off-site visits are allowed for a salon-based professional with a one-year permit from the board. Events are also allowed for the license holder.
ME	Yes	Yes, restricted	Yes	Mobile salons are allowed. The state requires a special event services permit from the board. Services must be for compensation. The services must comply with any applicable public health and safety requirements and all federal, state, and local laws.
MD	Yes	No	No	A mobile salon rule has been passed and is pending. The mobile license states the area in which the salon can work. No services can be offered in an unlicensed facility.
MA	Yes	Yes, restricted	Yes	A mobile salon is allowed for manicurists only. Manicurists can go into homes and perform off-site services, but only through a salon. The salon must get a permit from the board and then can send the manicurist off-site.
MI	No	Unclear	No	The statutes designed to discourage mobile salons are those that every mobile salon can meet and many do in other states. The statutes in this state are ambiguous. Be diligent in checking with the board for information.
МО	Yes, restricted	Yes, restricted	Yes	Missouri allows mobile salons as long as the mobile visits do not account for more than 49% of services per work week and licensee uses a required portable kit. Concierge services are allowed, but the licensed professionals must perform 51% of her services in a salon, and apply for a Certificate of Identification to perform these services.
MN	Yes	Yes, restricted	No	A mobile law was passed and pending rules will require mobile salons to maintain a permanent business address and notify the board of their locations and schedule of operation. New pending rules require a professional only perform services in a licensed facility. A Certificate of Identification is required to perform homebound services. Laws are in flux during 2016-2017, so professionals must check with the board
MS	No	Yes, homebound only	No	No mobile salons and no off-site work is allowed unless the client is homebound. A single demonstrator's permit can be applied for and used where demos are offered. No other off-site work is allowed.
MT	Pending	Yes, restricted	Yes, restricted	Mobile licensing is pending; professionals can go off-site if requested through a salon. Event services must be requested through a salon.
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NE	No	Yes, restricted	Yes	Mobile salons are not allowed. Concierge services are allowed only through a salon. The salon applies for and is given a Home Service Permit. Professionals can perform services at events.
NV	Yes	No	No	Mobile salons are allowed but must submit a monthly itinerary to the board. There are no provisions for concierge; the only off-site services allowed are donated services and work with photographers, movies, and the entertainment industry
NH	Yes	Yes, restricted	No	Mobile salons are legal. Off-site services are allowed to homebound clients only, and to nursing homes and hospitals. No events are allowed.
NJ	No	Yes, homeboundonly	No	No mobile salons are allowed; the only off-site services allowed are appointments made by a salon for professional services in the home of homebound clients. Services at events are not allowed.
NM	Yes	No	Yes	Mobile salons are allowed with a salon license. Professionals must work in an established salon or mobile unit. To work at a special event, the professional can download a form and send it in.
NY	Yes	Yes, restricted	Yes	Mobile salons are allowed. Concierge must have a salon-base, but after meeting location and license requirements (a business license and salon enhancement license) they can work off-site.
NC	Pending	Yes, homebound only	No	A bill was passed and rules are pending to allow mobile salons. Concierge is only allowed for appointments for homebound clients.
ND	No	Yes, homebound only	Yes, restricted	Concierge services are legal for the homebound and ill only. Certain events are legal.
ОН	Yes	Yes, restricted	Yes, restricted	Ohio allows mobile salons from a Class A RV. A salon-based, licensed professional can perform homebound, hospital, or nursing home services, but must apply for a permit for each client visit unless it is in a licensed room. The permit for one particular client can be approved for a year of services, but it must be renewed yearly. Each special event, such as wedding or spa party, must have a permit from the board.
OK	Yes	Yes, restricted	Yes	Mobile salons are allowed; owners must send the board their itinerary quarterly. No concierge, though homebound care is allowed with notification of the board of who, where, and when. There is no regulation of event services.
OR	No	Yes	Yes	Mobile salons are not allowed, but professionals can go off-site from their salons if they have a freelance license. This covers events also.
PA	Pending	Yes, restricted	Yes	A mobile rule is pending; concierge providers must work from a salon base that keeps records of all services. The salon is responsible for ensuring licensing.
RI	No	Yes, restricted	Yes	Mobile are not allowed. Concierge is allowed for the home bound (as defined by the rules of Medicare) or for those in medical facilities. Event services are allowed.
SC	No	Yes, limited	No	Mobile salons are not allowed. "Practice or attempt to practice professional services in any place other than a licensed salon is not allowed except in case of an emergency, including but not limited to, illness, invalidism or death"
SD	No	Yes, restricted	Yes	Mobile salons are not allowed. Regarding limited-mobility clients: "a licensee may practice cosmetology services on persons unable to come to the salon because of imprisonment, disabling sickness, or other disability so long as the licensee documents the service through a salon or booth." Special events: "a licensee may practice limited services within the scope of the license for special events, such as weddings, fashion shows, school dances, professional photography sessions, or other events approved by the commission, so long as the licensee documents the service through a salon or booth."

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TN	No	No	No	A salon located in a mobile unit must be on a permanent foundation or otherwise rendered immovable. No concierge is allowed. No events are allowed.
TX	Yes	No	Yes	Mobile salons are legal with a GPS. They must have a physical address as a base. Going into a home or business is not allowed; the client must be ambulatory to get into the van. In approved nursing homes, hospitals, and other places for disabled clients the services must be performed in a salon-licensed room. Work at events is now legal.
UT	TBD	TBD	TBD	Mobile salons, concierge, and events are governed at the local level. The state licenses the profession, but leaves the activities allowed to local authorities. Contact your city or county for local regulations.
VT	No	Yes, restricted	No	No mobile salons are permitted. A licensee may provide services outside a licensed salon as long as they are limited only to "patients or residents within a hospital, nursing home, community care home or any similar facility; are persons who are homebound, disabled, in a hospice or similar program or to deceased persons in a funeral home; are part of a special occasion event so long as these services are limited to hairstyling and makeup, and the sanitation standards are as those of licensed shops are followed."
VA	Yes	Yes	Yes	Mobile salons are allowed. Off-site services are considered salon services and allowed if the professional meets all regulations. Events are allowed if regulations are met.
WA	Yes	Yes, restricted	Information unavailable	"it is illegal to engage in the commercial practice of cosmetology except in a licensed salon/shop/mobile unit or the home, office or other location selected by the client for obtaining the services of a personal service operator, or with the appropriate individual license when delivering services to place bound clients. 'Place bound' clients are defined as persons who are ill, disabled, or otherwise unable to travel to a salon/shop."
WI	No	Yes, restricted	No	Mobile salons are not allowed. "Licensees shall not provide personal care services outside of a licensed establishment except for persons who are unable to leave their homes because of illness or disability or for persons who are in hospitals, nursing homes, correctional institutions or other institutions."
WY	No	Yes	Yes	"[Nail technicians] may practice in the following unlicensed locations: (a) The personal residence of a patron; (b) The office, place of business, or place of regular employment of the patron; (c) The hospital, health care facility, senior citizen center, nursing or convalescent home in which the patron is presently living or staying; (d) The hotel, motel or boarding facility in which the patron is presently living or staying. Section 2. Limitations. (a) Persons other than those actually living in the personal residence or working in the office, place of business or place of employment may not be serviced in those places. (b) Service to patrons in a hotel, motel, office, place of business, or place of employment shall be provided in the individual room, rooms, or office of the patron. If a room in such a facility is used for servicing more than one patron, that room shall be licensed as a salon."



