

The Nail Specialist's Law Book Florida Edition



Essential Legal Guidelines for Practitioners

Perfect 10 Nail & Technology School, Inc.

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A Student-Friendly Guide to Florida Statutes Chapter 477 and Florida Administrative Code 61G5

"A license is not just a paper — it is proof of your accomplishment, professionalism, safety, and dedication to your craft in the beauty industry. Protect it, respect it, and let it protect you."

~Denise Cross~

Director of Perfect 10 Nail School

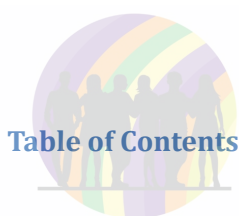


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Purpose of This Book

This book is designed to help nail specialist students in Florida understand the laws and rules that govern their profession. It is based on the **Florida Statutes, Chapter 477 (Cosmetology)** and the **Florida Administrative Code, Chapter 61G5**.

While the official statutes and rules are written in legal language, this guide explains them in **plain English**, with examples and notes, so students can clearly understand what is required before, during, and after licensure.

The purpose is threefold:

1. **Education** – To ensure every student is prepared for exams and safe professional practice.
2. **Compliance** – To prevent violations by knowing both the rules *and the penalties*.
3. **Professionalism** – To build confidence and credibility as a licensed nail specialist in Florida.

How to Use This Guide

- **Study for Exams** – Use this book alongside your nail technology curriculum. Questions on the midterm and final exams will come directly from these laws and rules.
- **Understand Penalties** – Each section outlines *not only the requirements, but also the consequences* if those rules are ignored. Many violations occur because nail specialists underestimate the penalties.

- **Reference in Practice** – Keep this book as a quick reference in your professional career. Knowing the law helps protect both you and your clients.
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Important Reminder

- This book is a **training tool** for Perfect 10 Nail & Technology School, Inc.
- It summarizes the law, but it is **not a substitute for the official Florida Statutes or Administrative Code**.
- The most current versions of the law are always available online at:
 - Florida Statutes Chapter 477
 - Florida Administrative Code 61G5



Eligibility for a Nail Specialist License

To qualify for a Nail Specialist license in Florida, applicants must:

- Complete a **minimum of 180 hours** of training in a licensed nail or cosmetology school. *(F.S. §477.019)*
 - Be at least **16 years old**, or have earned a high school diploma or its equivalent. *(F.S. §477.019(2))*
 - Complete a **Board-approved 4-hour HIV/AIDS course** before submitting their application. *(FAC 61G5-32.001)*
 - Submit a complete application and fee to the **Department of Business & Professional Regulation (DBPR)**.
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Application Process

1. Finish all required training hours at a Florida-licensed school.
 2. Successfully complete the 4-hour HIV/AIDS pre-licensure course.
 3. Submit the **Nail Specialist License Application** to DBPR, including:
 - Proof of completed training hours.
 - Proof of HIV/AIDS course completion.
 - Required application fee.
 4. Receive the official **license** issued by DBPR once approved.
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License Display Requirement

- Once issued, a Nail Specialist license must be **displayed in public view at the workstation or reception area.** (*FAC 61G5-20.007*)
 - Failure to properly display a license may result in a fine.
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Practicing Without a License

Practicing nail technology without a valid license is a serious violation.

- **Penalty:** It is considered a **misdemeanor criminal offense** and may result in **fines up to \$5,000 per violation.** (*F.S. §477.0265; F.S. §477.028*)
 - Repeat offenders may also face **suspension of future licensure eligibility.**
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Key Takeaways for Students

- You **cannot practice or take clients** until DBPR approves your application and issues your license.
- Even if you “know how” from prior experience, **working without a license can lead to fines, criminal charges, and loss of future career opportunities.**
- Displaying your license is just as important as earning it — inspectors will check this first.



Renewal Cycle


- Florida Nail Specialist licenses must be **renewed every two years (biennially)**. (*F.S. §477.0201*)
- The renewal deadline is set by DBPR and is the same for all licensees in the cycle.
- Renewal requires payment of the renewal fee to DBPR.

Continuing Education (CEU) Requirements

To renew a license, Nail Specialists must complete a **Board-approved CEU program** that includes:

- **HIV/AIDS Update** (1 hour)
- **Sanitation & Safety** (minimum 2 hours)
- **Florida Laws & Rules** (2 hours)
- **Additional subjects** as determined by DBPR or the Board of Cosmetology

(*FAC 61G5-32.001, 61G5-22.009*)

 **Note:** The HIV/AIDS course must be completed **before initial licensure** and again as part of continuing education.

License Display