

Occupational Licensing

The Problem

Overly-burdensome occupational licensing laws have become the norm across Nevada.



**More than one in four Nevadans requires a license to work (highest in USA).
Nevada is the 2nd most broadly and onerously licensed state.**

Because the majority of occupations which require licensing are lower-income (e.g., barber, painter, landscaper), it is often the most disadvantaged individuals who are hurt by current policies, leaving many low-income individuals with less opportunity to pursue financial success.

**TO DO
1,500 HOURS
18 MONTHS EXPERIENCE
4 EXAMS
\$165 IN FEES**

To become a licensed barber in Nevada, an applicant must complete a long “To Do” list which, on average, takes nearly 2 ½ years.

Licensing boards too often serve as cartels for their respective industries, shutting out innovators and would-be competitors.

Did you know?

The majority of occupations which require licensing are lower-income (e.g., barber, painter, landscaper).

Most occupations pose virtually no risk of harm to the public.

Licensing laws also harm consumers, innovators and would-be business owners:

- Onerous licensing costs Nevada more than \$3 billion in economic value, annually (Institute for Justice, 2018)
- Reducing Nevada’s licensing burdens to more reasonable levels could increase statewide employment by 8.5% — that’s tens of thousands of new jobs! (Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty, 2017)

Solutions

Restrict occupational licensing to professions that meet a narrow definition for “substantial risk of physical harm.” Lawmakers should immediately repeal all occupational licensing requirements for professions that do not pose a substantial risk of physical harm to consumers when the occupation is not performed by a trained professional.

For more information visit occupationallicensing.com/state/Nevada/

