

Beauty Business Information

Laws are in place for skin penetration operators to provide clients with confidence in the services they offer. These laws help prevent the spread of viral, bacterial and fungal infections. The legislation and regulations applies to any operator performing a skin penetration procedure including tattooists, body piercers, beauty therapists and acupuncturists.

Skin penetration is "a procedure where the skin is cut, punctured, torn or shaved or the mucus membrane is cut, punctured or torn" and includes:

- tattoos
- piercing
- waxing / tweezing
- electrolysis
- dermal anchors
- 3-D art or body modifications (for example beading).

The Role of the Shire

The Shire of Coolgardie is responsible for administering and enforcing the Health (Skin Penetration Procedure) Regulations 1998 (the Code) within the district. As the responsible enforcement agency, the Shire undertakes a range of activities to ensure the health and safety of the community.

These activities include, but are not limited to:

- Assessing & registering new beauty premises
- Inspections to ensure compliance with the Code
- Investigating complaints relating to beauty premises

The Shire will conduct annual inspections of beauty premises to ensure compliance with the relevant laws and regulations.

Registration of beauty businesses

If you are considering starting up a beauty business in the Shire, you must notify the Environmental Health Department. You can do this by submitting the following information and details to the Shire's Health Department:

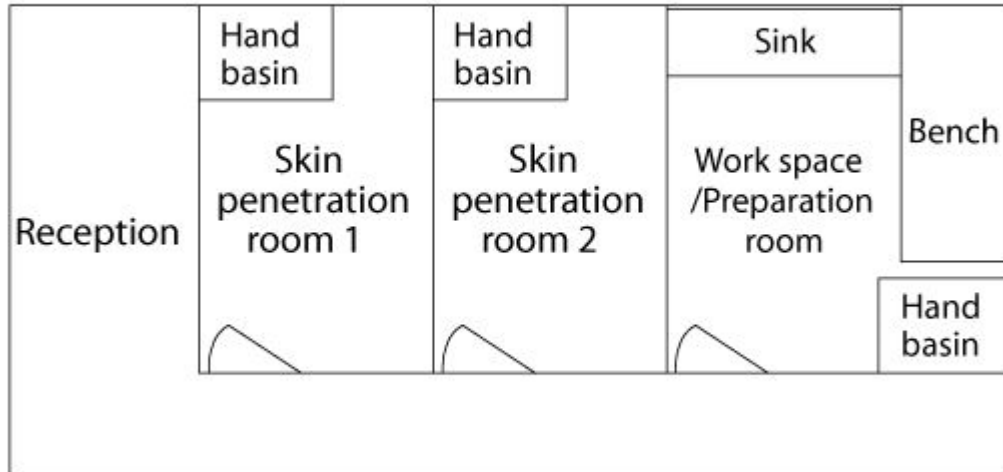
- Proof of prior Development (planning) Approval for the premises
- A fully completed Skin Penetration / **Hairdresser** Notification form
- Full payment of associated application fees
- A to-scale, detailed floor plan of the proposed premises
- Photos showing floor coverings, wall finishes, handwashing stations, instrument/equipment storage areas, medical waste receptacles

Once this information has been received and assessed, the Shire's **Environmental** Health Officer will conduct an inspection prior to opening and issuing a Certificate of Registration.

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The diagram below is provided by the Western Australian Department of Health and provides a guide to an appropriate layout for a procedural area of a skin penetration business.

Example layout



An example of a skin penetration establishment.

Further information

Further information can be found at:

https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/Advice-for-the-beauty-therapy-industry.

Alternatively, please call the Shire of Coolgardie on (08) 9080 2111 or email mail@coolgardie.wa.gov.au