



## **Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 (as amended)**

Applications for Registration for Acupuncture, Tattooing, Semi-Permanent Skin Colouring, Ear Piercing, Body Piercing or Electrolysis.

**Please note: These notes are meant for guidance purposes only. Any person conducting the business of Acupuncture, Tattooing, Semi-Permanent Skin Colouring, Body Piercing or Electrolysis is responsible for ensuring that they comply with all relevant legislation surrounding that business.**

- Any person carrying on the business of tattooing, electrolysis, acupuncture, semi-permanent skin colouring, ear piercing or body piercing must be registered with the local authority. Likewise, all persons engaged in, or assisting with, any such practice must be registered with the local authority.
- Any such business can only be carried out in premises that are also registered with the local authority.
- If you are practising at a premises already registered by the local authority then you only need to register yourself as a practitioner.
- Once a person is registered he can visit customers at their request to tattoo them or, as the case may be, to pierce their ears, give them electrolysis or to provide acupuncture treatment.
- If you are operating as a mobile practitioner you must still register a premises with the local authority, even if you don't have customers visiting you at that address. The registered premises could be your home address or another premises where you keep and maintain any equipment you use.
- The application form must include the full postal address of the registered premises. If you operate as a mobile practitioner this could be your home address or another premises where you keep and maintain any equipment you use. If no address is given, or if the address is not registered, the application may be rejected.
- Before a premises can be registered, a Public Protection Officer will inspect the premises to ensure that it complies with all relevant legislation, including health and safety and hygiene regulations.
- If a person is carrying on the business of tattooing, electrolysis, acupuncture, ear piercing or body piercing under the supervision of a person who is registered as a medical practitioner then neither he nor the premises at which he is practising needs to be registered by the local authority.

- All practitioners must comply with all byelaws regarding the cleanliness of persons employed in premises used for the relevant practice(s) in regard to both themselves and their clothing.
- The fee to register a premises is £72.00
- The fee to re-register a person is £43.00

The Licensing Business Unit can help you with any queries or give advice on how to complete the application form. You may also wish to consider other sources of advice such as a relevant trade body, or by engaging professional assistance, such as legal advice.

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Send the completed application form, together with the appropriate fee, to:

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