

Tattooist, Piercing and Electrolysis Registration Guidance

What are the procedures before I get my registration?

An inspector will undertake an inspection of the premises. If the inspector considers the applicant's procedures and the premises to be suitable, then registration will be approved.

The Inspector will also check compliance with the bye-law requirements as well as ensuring that general health and safety requirements are being met. The inspector will be pleased to offer any advice or give any help if you are unsure as to how to meet these obligations.

What are the by-laws?

The by-laws consist of laws in which a potential tattooist, piercing professional, electrolysis professional or acupuncturist have to abide by to receive their registration from the Local Authority. They ensure the health and safety of the public and the professional at work.

Premises by-laws that must be adhered to:

- All surfaces in any part of the premises used by clients must be kept clean and in good repair
- All furniture and fittings in the treatment area must be kept clean and in good repair
- Tables, couches, seats etc used in the treatment area must have a smooth, impervious surface which is regularly wiped down with disinfectant and covered by a disposable paper sheet, changed after each client.
- A 'No Smoking' sign must be prominently displayed.
- Cleanliness of operatives
- Any overall worn by the operative should be clean and in good repair
- The operative's hands and nails must be kept clean
- Any open cut, wound, sore or boil must be suitably covered by an impermeable dressing
- The operative should not smoke nor drink in the treatment area
- The operative should have sole use of the washing facilities which must provide hot and cold running water, soap (or a similar cleanser) and a nail brush

Equipment by-laws that must be adhered to:

- Any needle, metal instrument or other item of equipment used in the treatment must be in a sterile condition and kept sterile until it is used

- If pre-sterilised items are not used then adequate facilities must be provided for the purpose of sterilisation.

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