

## **SKIN PIERCING APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION**

### **NOTES TO THE APPLICANT** – please read before submitting an application

1. **Registration only applies to the following practices:** acupuncture; electrolysis; ear and nose piercing; cosmetic body piercing; tattooing; semi-permanent make up and temporary tattooing; microblading. Any other skin piercing practices not listed here do not currently require registration.
2. **Before any skin piercing takes place**, each person(s) must be registered at the address at which they are practicing, as stated in Section B. This is not transferable to other premises or local authorities.
3. Registration is not necessary where the person piercing is a registered medical practitioner or where there is a medical doctor operating in the same premises, **and** the practitioner is under the **direct supervision of that doctor**.
4. Please ensure that all **information provided** is correct to the best of your knowledge. If full information is not provided or you or your premises are not ready for inspection, it may take longer to process your application, or your application may be rejected.
5. Please note that **fees are not refundable**.
6. Applicants should familiarise themselves with the local byelaws and Kent Code of Practice for Hygienic Skin Piercing <https://www.dartford.gov.uk/by-category/environment-and-planning2/Environmental-Health-Homepage/skin-piercing/skin-piercing-registration>
7. Registration is a one off process. Once registered, if any of the **registered details change**, a new application must be submitted, accompanied with the correct fee. For example:
  - (a) If you wish to carry out another piercing procedure for which you are not already registered;
  - (b) To register additional practitioners to operate from an existing registered premises;
  - (c) The registration is not transferable if you or the business moves to a new premises – you will need to complete a new application.
8. You must be registered even if you plan to occasionally undertake **home visits**. You must still be able to meet the requirements of the byelaws and associated codes of practice as far as reasonably practicable without compromising hygienic piercing guidelines. For some types of skin piercing, you may not be able to comply with the expected standards for hygienic skin piercing as a mobile practitioner.

## WHEN YOUR APPLICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED

- An email will be sent requesting the appropriate fee and copies of training certificates/evidence that you are competent to carry out the procedure
- A member of the Environmental Health team will contact you and make an appointment to carry out a registration visit.
- The inspector will check compliance with the Byelaws and Kent Code of Practice for Hygienic Skin Piercing as well as ensuring that general health and safety requirements are being met.
- During the visit, the layout of the premises will be inspected and you will be expected to answer questions about your procedures relating to hygiene, waste, customer care, record keeping etc. This may also include asking individual operators to explain their procedures.
- You may be asked to make some changes to your premises or operating procedures. This information will be provided to you during the inspection and later in writing.
- Once registered a certificate will be sent to you. Your premises may be revisited to ensure compliance with legislation and associated guidance. Visits may also be carried out if a complaint is received, or if you have asked for advice or wish to make an amendment to your registered details.

## OTHER THINGS TO CONSIDER

- Employee and public liability insurance
- Hepatitis B vaccination (if applicable)
- First aid training
- Comprehensive client records and consultation
- Written aftercare advice to be provided to the client
- Your duties under the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974.

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**DATA PROTECTION ACT 2018** - We will collect the information you have provided to administer your skin piercing registration.

Our **lawful bases** for processing your personal information are:

- our legal obligation(s) under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 (as amended)
- necessary for the performance of a task in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in us under the above legislation

**Reasons for processing** - some of the information that is collected and shared is classified as:

- special category personal data;
- criminal convictions and offences (including alleged offences).

*This is processed for reasons of substantial public interest under the laws that apply to us (see above) where this helps to meet our broader social obligations such as where it is necessary for us to fulfil our legal obligations and regulatory requirements. We have a Data Protection Policy that sets out how this information will be handled.*

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1982 (as amended)

**EAR / NOSE PIERCING WITH A HYGIENIC PIERCING INSTRUMENT**

**PLEASE ENSURE ALL SECTIONS ARE COMPLETED**

**SECTION A**

At the address listed in Section B, I wish to apply for registration for:

- Ear-piercing with hygienic piercing instrument (gun)\*
- Nose-piercing with hygienic piercing instrument (gun) with hygienic piercing instrument (gun)\*

Is this the initial registration for the treatment specified?	Yes	No
Are you adding practitioners to an existing registration?	Yes	No

The initial registration fee covers the registration of a premises for a particular 'type of piercing' and includes the registration of one practitioner.

\*If you are applying for both ear and nose piercing, you will need to pay the appropriate fee for both.

**SECTION B Premises to be registered**

Trading (practice) address .....

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Contact Number(s) .....

Email .....

Person(s) responsible for management of premises .....

Registered / Head Office address (if applicable): .....

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**SECTION C Operator Details** *(each practitioner must complete application for registration)*

Full name of applicant.....

Home address of applicant .....

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Telephone number .....

Email.....

Please tick who provided your training:

College / professional training organisation:

Supplier / manufacturer of piercing instrument:

Employer (eg manager / colleague):

Other:

If other, please state: .....

Have you had any convictions under the above Acts in last five years?      Yes      No

SECTION D Premises and Equipment			
		If you answer 'No' to any of the questions, <b>do not apply</b> until the issues have been addressed	Comments
1.	Where will piercing take place?		
2.	Which piercing equipment will you be using? (make and model)		
3.	Is there a wash hand basin in the vicinity of the piercing chair?	Yes      No	
4.	Does the wash hand basin have a supply of hot and cold running water?	Yes      No	Ideally there should be a mixer tap which is non-hand operated
5.	Is the wash hand basin(s) for the sole use of the practitioner?	Yes      No	
6.	Is there hand soap available at the wash hand basin(s)?	Yes      No	Ideally soap must be dispensed from a no touch dispenser
7.	Are there disposable paper towels at the wash hand basin?	Yes      No	
8.	Does the piercing chair have a smooth washable surface?	Yes      No	
9.	Is pre-sterilized jewellery used?	Yes      No	
10.	What cleaning products are used?	Surfaces:  Equipment:	For further information on cleaning see page 44 of the Kent Code of Practice and page 49 Tattooing and Piercing toolkit
11.	What personal protective equipment is used? (e.g. gloves)		
12.	What is used to cleanse the skin before piercing?		
13.	What skin markers are used?		These should be single use and disposable.

**SECTION E – Declaration**

**I declare that the information given is true to the best of my knowledge and belief**

Name of Practitioner ..... Date .....

Save this form and attach it to an email.

**PLEASE NOTE:** When you save the form use the following steps: Select "**Print**" then select "**Print as PDF**". NOT USING "**Print as PDF**" will result in a blank form being saved, email it to: eh.admin@dartford.gov.uk