

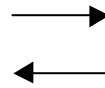
SKIN PIERCING REGISTRATION

DEFINITION

A person who wishes to carry on the practice of acupuncture or the business of tattooing, ear-piercing or electrolysis must register with the Local Authority.

LEGISLATION/GUIDANCE

Registration is granted in accordance with the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982



The legislation does not extend to the practice of acupuncture, business of tattooing, ear-piercing or electrolysis by or under the supervision of a person who is registered as a medical practitioner or a dentist or a premises on which the above is carried on by or under the supervision of such person.



A person who is registered with the Local Authority to carry on the practice of acupuncture or business of tattooing, ear-piercing or electrolysis at their premise does not contravene the Act merely because he/she sometimes visits people at their request to give them treatment or tattoo them, pierce their ears or give them electrolysis.



PROCEDURE

Stage 1

To carry on the practice of acupuncture, business of tattooing, ear-piercing or electrolysis the person and the premises need to be registered with the Local Authority.

To register the applicant must complete the application form and return it to the Licensing Team at the Council along with the appropriate fee – see Environmental Health homepage.



Stage 2

When the application has been received the Licensing Officer will contact the applicant and arrange to inspect the premises. The inspection will focus on the cleanliness of the premises and equipment to be used etc.



Stage 3

On successful completion of the application the Local Authority will issue the applicant with a certificate of registration.



FURTHER INFORMATION

- If you have any further queries regarding this matter please contact The Licensing Team, Environmental Health, North Devon Council, Civic Centre, Barnstaple, Devon, EX31 1EA, or telephone 01271 388870 or email: ehdirect@northdevon.gov.uk
- We welcome your comments on how we can improve the way we deliver our services. If you have any comments, compliments or feel you need to complain about our service delivery, please write to Mr Jeremy Mann, the Environmental Health Manager at North Devon Council, Civic Centre, Barnstaple, Devon, EX31 1EA.
- Please note that the Council has a set procedure for dealing with complaints. You will be advised of the outcome of the investigation, together with what action the Council proposes to take.