

**THE CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982  
(LICENSING OF SKIN PIERCING AND TATTOOING) ORDER 2006  
CONDITIONS RELATING TO THE CARRYING ON OF A BUSINESS WHICH PROVIDES  
SKIN PIERCING OR TATTOOING**

1. Separate rooms will be provided for the waiting area; and the carrying out of skin piercing or tattooing.
2. The licence-holder will require to display in the waiting area, a notice advising:
  - i) that skin piercing and tattooing will not be carried out on any person under the influence of alcohol or drugs;
  - ii) that skin piercing will not be carried out on any child under the age of sixteen unless accompanied by a person who has parental rights and responsibilities in respect of that child and who has also given their consent in writing to the skin piercing; and
  - iii) that tattooing will not be carried out on any person under the age of eighteen.
3. The room to be used for the purposes of carrying out the skin piercing or tattooing will require to have the following facilities:
  - i) a wash hand basin with hot and cold running water and which uses non-hand operated taps;
  - ii) a paper towel holder containing paper towels;
  - iii) a soap dispenser containing soap;
  - iv) a washable bench or chair with disposable paper sheet;
  - v) a dispenser containing alcohol solution;
  - vi) a waste bucket with a pedal operated lid;
  - vii) a sharps container for storage of needles after use; and
  - viii) a first aid kit.
4. The premises will require to have a general purpose sink with hot and cold running water on the premises separate from the wash-hand basin required under 3. above.
5. Unless only disposable instruments are used within the premises for skin piercing or tattooing, the following equipment will require to be stored and properly maintained for use on the premises -
  - i) ultrasonic cleaners;
  - ii) instrument baths; and
  - iii) autoclaves and autoclaves pouches.
6. The premises will require to be well ventilated and illuminated for the purposes of skin piercing and tattooing.

### **Where the activity is to be carried out wholly or mainly in premises**

1. The accommodation and facilities within the premises will require to be maintained in good repair and in a good state of cleanliness.
2. Only sterile single use disposable needles may be used for skin piercing or tattooing.
3. For the purposes of tattooing, only sterile pigment dispensed into single use pots or ink pre-packed in single use vials may be used.
4. The activity of tattooing or skin piercing, other than acupuncture, must be carried out by an operator wearing disposable non latex gloves, which must be changed for each client.
5. Subject to condition 6. the activity of acupuncture must be carried out by an operator who has washed their hands immediately before carrying out the activity of acupuncture on each client.
6. The activity of acupuncture must be carried out by an operator wearing disposable non latex gloves that have not previously been used with another client where—
  - (a) the operator has an open lesion on their hands;
  - (b) the operator is handling items that may be contaminated with blood or other body fluids;
  - (c) the client is bleeding or has an open lesion on an exposed part of the client's body; or
  - (d) the client is known by the operator to be infected with a blood-borne virus;
7. A supply of the following must be maintained -
  - i) disposable non-latex gloves;
  - ii) sterile disposable single use needles; and
  - iii) where tattooing is provided within the premises, disposable razors.
8. Any equipment which is not disposable shall be sterilised, if practicable, or be thoroughly cleaned with fresh disinfectant after each use.
9. Skin piercing shall not be carried out on a child under the age of sixteen unless accompanied by a person who has parental rights and responsibilities in respect of that child and who has also given their consent in writing to the skin piercing.
10. Any equipment which is disposable must be disposed of immediately after use in an appropriate waste receptacle.
11. For ear piercing, a sterile cartridge for ear piercing and pre-sterilised jewellery supplied in packaging which indicates the part of the body for which it is intended must be used.
12. For tongue piercing, a sterilised clamp must be used.
13. Information, in an easy to understand format, must be provided to prospective clients to explain -
  - i) the process of the skin piercing or tattooing;
  - ii) the risks of the procedure; and
  - iii) the after care requirements of the procedure.

**Where the activity is not to be carried out wholly or mainly in premises**

1. Disposable non latex gloves must be worn and changed for each client.
2. The skin piercing or tattooing may only be carried out through the use of disposable razors or single use needles.
3. Any seating used for the skin piercing or tattooing must be washable and covered with a disposable paper sheet which shall be renewed after each use.
4. Any equipment which is not disposable shall be sterilised, if practicable, or thoroughly cleaned with fresh disinfectant after each use.
5. Any equipment which is disposable must be disposed of immediately after use in an appropriate waste receptacle.
6. For tongue piercing, a sterilised clamp must be used.
7. For ear piercing, a sterile cartridge for ear piercing and pre-sterilised jewellery supplied in packaging which indicates the part of the body for which it is intended, must be used.
8. Skin piercing shall not be carried out on a child under the age of sixteen unless accompanied by a person who has parental rights and responsibilities in respect of that child and who has also given their consent in writing to the skin piercing.
9. Information, in an easy to understand format, must be provided to prospective clients to explain -
  - i) the process of the skin piercing or tattooing;
  - ii) the risks of the procedure; and
  - iii) the after care requirements of the procedure.

**Additional conditions relating to all applicants/licence-holders**

1. On being granted a licence for the first time an applicant shall be furnished by the Legal and Democratic Service with a licence.
2. The Licence holders shall ensure that they are covered by an adequate policy of Third Party Liability Insurance to a limit of not less than £2 million with a reputable company and an appropriate certificate shall be displayed at all times on the premises or, where the activity is not carried out mainly from a premises, be available for inspection
3. Any person carrying on a business which provides skin piercing or tattooing, will always have with him/her his/her licence, which he/she shall keep at all times clean and legible, and shall exhibit it on demand to an Environmental Health Officer, any Police Officer, or such other officer as may be described by the Council in the licence.
4. The licence-holder shall be bound to renew his/her licence at three yearly intervals, or sooner if directed by the Legal and Democratic Service.
5. The licence-holder may not lend or allow another person to use his/her licence.
6. Any licence-holder who ceases to carry on a business which provides skin piercing or tattooing for the unexpired period of his licence, or whose licence has been suspended by the Council, shall, within three days thereafter deliver said licence to Legal and Democratic Services, Angus Council, and shall be in contravention hereof if he/she shall fail to deliver said licence within three days.
7. The Council may order suspension of this licence if in its opinion the holder of the licence is no longer a fit and proper person to be the holder of such a licence, whether because of convictions for offences which have taken place since the grant/renewal of the licence or that the knowledge skill, training and experience can no longer be demonstrated in relation to the activity or activities being carried out

**These are the conditions relating to the carrying on of a Business which provides Skin Piercing or Tattooing Licence No..... issued to ..... in respect of premises at ..... of even date herewith.**

Date .....

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Authorised Signatory