

Registration for Skin piercing

Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council have adopted the following byelaws under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, as amended by the Local Government Act 2003, relating to skin piercing activities:

Byelaws – Acupuncture:
Electrolysis:
Semi-permanent skin colouring
Tattooing.
Cosmetic piercing (incl. ear piercing)

The byelaws include requirements on the cleanliness of premises and fittings, persons, and cleansing and sterilisation of instruments, materials and equipment required for the skin piercing activity.

For any of these skin piercing activities that are carried out in the borough of Solihull, then both the practitioner and the premises at which the skin piercing is to be carried out are required to be registered with the local authority.

Mobile practitioners who are registered do not need to register premises where they only sometimes visit people at their request.

Businesses carried out under the supervision of a registered medical practitioner do not require registration under these provisions.

Registration with the local authority does not need to be renewed annually, it is only when there is a **change in practitioner** or a move to new premises that new registration details are required.

Application forms are available from Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council. There is a charge for registration.

Fees

The current fees can be found on the website and on the application forms. The fees are reviewed each year on 1 April so please ensure that you complete the current application form which can be found on the following link..

<http://www.solihull.gov.uk/Business/Licences/leisureandpersonaltreatmentlicences/tattooingcosmeticpiercingacupunctureandelectrolysisregistration>

Process

Upon receipt of an application for registration of the premises, details will be given to a health and safety inspector who will then contact you to arrange a suitable time to inspect the premises. The inspector will examine the equipment and hygiene facilities and assess the cleanliness of the premises. The applicant's operating procedures will also be scrutinised.

If the inspector considers the applicant and the premises to be suitable, the registration will be approved. Following approval, confirmation of the registration will be provided in

the form of certificates which must be displayed on the premises in the vicinity of the treatment room.

Additional Information

A practitioner working under the direct supervision of a medical practitioner does not require registration, however, if that person rents space at the local medical centre and is not under the supervision of a medical practitioner, then they need to register.

Where a person is registered to practice at one premises, i.e. their home and subsequently moves house, they will have to register the new premises.

Where a company has more than one premises registered for the same purpose within the Borough, a person who is registered at one premises can also practice at the other.

The local authority will, upon becoming aware that a person is carrying out treatments for which they are not registered and/or it is found that the premises are not registered, investigate and take the appropriate action.