



**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1982
AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2003**

**Guidance to Registration for Acupuncture, Tattooing,
Semi-Permanent Skin-Colouring, Ear Piercing, Body Piercing or Electrolysis**

Please note that this information is meant for guidance purposes only. Any person conducting the business of Acupuncture, Tattooing, Semi-Permanent Skin Colouring, Ear Piercing, Body Piercing or Electrolysis is ultimately responsible for ensuring they comply with all relevant legislation concerning that business.

1. Any person carrying on the business of tattooing, electrolysis, acupuncture, semi-permanent skin colouring/Microblading, ear piercing or body piercing within City of York Council area must be registered with City of York Council. Likewise, all persons engaged in, or assisting with, any such practice must be registered with this local authority.
2. Any such business can only be carried out in premises that are also registered with City of York Council.
3. If you are practising at a premises which are already registered then you only need to register yourself as a practitioner.
4. Once a person is registered they can visit customers at their request to carry out the procedures they are registered for.
5. If you are operating as a mobile practitioner you must still register a premises with the Council, even if you do not have customers visiting you at that address. The registered premises could be your home address or another premises where you keep and maintain any equipment you use.
6. The application form must include details of the full postal address of the registered premises. If you operate as a mobile practitioner this could be your home address or another premises where you keep and maintain any equipment you use. If no address is given, or if the address is not registered, the application may be rejected.
7. Before a premises can be registered, a City of York Council Officer will inspect the premises to ensure it complies with all relevant legislation, including health and safety and hygiene regulations.
8. If a person is carrying on the business of acupuncture, tattooing, semi-permanent skin colouring, ear piercing, body piercing or electrolysis under the supervision of a person who is registered as a medical practitioner, then neither he/she nor the premises at which he is practising needs to be registered with City of York Council.
9. All practitioners must comply with the City of York Byelaws relating to these practices.

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