



Beauty Therapy

This factsheet is designed to provide guidance to beauty therapists who are either planning to set up a Beauty Therapy business or purchase an existing business in the Gladstone Region.

Introduction

Beauty therapy can be defined as a procedure, other than hairdressing, intended to maintain, alter or enhance a person's appearance, including:

- Facial or body treatments;
- Application of cosmetics;
- Manicure or pedicure;
- Application, or mending, of artificial nails; and
- Epilation including by electrolysis, or by hot or cold wax.

Do I need a Licence?

The Public Health (Infection Control for Personal Appearance Services) Act 2003 categorises beauty therapy as a non-higher risk personal appearance service and therefore does not generally require a licence from Council. Even though you may provide a service that is not licensed (e.g. a non-higher risk activity), you must still take all reasonable precautions and care to minimise risk of infection to clients. If your business is conducting any other activities which are not defined above, such as body piercing, contact Council for details on higher risk personal appearance services. Skin needling does not require a license.

Starting or buying an existing beauty therapy business

To start a new business or renovate an existing Beauty Therapy business, you need to seek a relevant planning approval by lodging a Development Application. For more information phone Council's Planning Division on (07) 4977 6830.

Other licenses/permits you may need:

- Discharge trade waste into the sewerage system. For enquiries phone Council's Development Services Division on (07) 4977 6851

When designing a new beauty therapy business premises, important structural items to include are:

- Suitable hand washing facilities;


- Suitable equipment washing facilities;
- Floors, walls, ceilings, benches and cupboard surfaces finished in materials suitable to enable easy cleaning;
- Adequate vermin-proof cupboards for clean linen and clothing; and
- Adequate waste receptacles.

Hygiene hints for operating a beauty therapy business

Anyone operating a beauty salon is required to comply with the Public Health (Infection for Personal Appearance Services) Act 2003 and the Infection Control Guidelines for Personal Appearance Services 2012. The Act requires that business proprietors and operators who provide personal appearance services to the public must take all reasonable precautions and care to minimise infection risks to clients. A copy of the Infection Control Guidelines for Personal Appearance Services 2012 can be found at www.health.qld.gov.au

For more information please contact Council's Regulatory Services Division on (07) 4977 6821.

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