



Shire of **EAST
Pilbara**
AUSTRALIA'S LARGEST SHIRE

BODY ART & PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Legislation
Requirements for
Hairdressing and
Skin Penetration
Businesses.



HAIRDRESSING

Proprietors must be fully aware of the potential dangers of hairdressing procedures and must know and take all necessary precautions to reduce the risk of infection or spread of diseases.

The Hairdressing Establishment Regulations 1972 sets out standard practice requirements and implementation of these standards as required by law.

Detailed drawings must be submitted for all proposed Hairdressing establishments, including any alterations. Approval will not be granted until satisfactory plans have been received.

ALL applications must be submitted to the Shire of East Pilbara. The Building, Planning and Health sections at the Shire will assess submitted plans.

The floor plan and specifications must include the following details;

- The use of every room (e.g. Hairdressing, laundry, kitchen, toilets, storage)
- The structural finishes of every wall, floor and ceiling.
- The position and type of every fixture and fitting (Including wash basins)

CHECKLIST OF LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:

- All shelving, benches and tables shall be constructed and finished using smooth, impervious and durable material.
- Cupboards, cabinets, shelves or similar fittings to be provided for the storage of clean towels, neck cloths, neck protectors, throw-overs and similar articles.
- A sufficient number of suitable receptacles, constructed of smooth durable materials will be required for reception of soiled linen, towels and cloths and a separate receptacles for hair, paper and other waste.
- Hand wash basins with hot and cold water are to be provided in the ratio of, where customers chairs are not completely separated by a division, one hand wash basin or trough per two chairs.
- The room in which hair dressing is being carried out is not to be used for any other purpose. A substantial wall must be constructed to separate any other activity within the premises.
- The floor of the hair dressing establishment must have a smooth, impervious, washable surface in the working area.



DISINFECTANTS:

- Disinfecting Solutions to be provided in adequate quantities (at least 1L per work station). Disinfectants approved by the Regulations include:
 - 1 Ethyl Alcohol 70% (v/v) minimum with or without any other disinfectant or antiseptic
 - 2 Glutaraldehyde solution of 1% (v/v)
 - 3 Hypochlorite solution of 0.5% (v/v) that has been freshly made up on the day of its' use
 - 4 Isopropyl Alcohol 70% (v/v)
- All instruments, other than clippers, shall be deemed to be disinfected if subjected to washing in cold water with soap or detergent and immersed in an alcohol based solution for 15 minutes or in the case of razors, for 30 minutes.
- Where instruments are disinfected they shall be stored in such a manner so as to prevent contamination.
- All instruments are to be disinfected before using on any person.
- Every towel, neck cloth, neck protector or wash cloth shall be laundered after each use.
- Towels or neck protector made of paper or cotton shall be discarded after use and not used on any other person.
- If refreshments are served to customers, the refreshments are to be prepared in a completely separate room from the hairdressing section.
- Bleeding to be arrested by suitable styptic in powder or liquid form on sterile cotton wool.
- The Regulations also make requirements and restrictions on handwashing, hairdresser's clothing, smoking and people with infectious skin conditions (including hairdressers).

THE COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF REQUIREMENTS IS SET OUT IN THE REGULATIONS, IT IS IMPORTANT TO REFER TO THE REGULATIONS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.





SKIN PENETRATION

Skin penetration premises are required to comply with the *Health (Skin Penetration Procedures) Regulations 1998* and the *Code of Practice for Skin Penetration Procedures*.

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A skin penetration procedure is any procedure which involves the tearing, cutting, puncturing or shaving of the skin and includes services such as:

- Beauty Therapy
- Tattooing
- Nail salons
- Acupuncture
- Body piercing
- Cosmetic enhancements

Before opening the premises please contact the Shire's Environmental Health department to arrange an appointment time to ensure that the premises complies with the relevant legislation.

The Department of Health has produced some advice notes to assist businesses to comply. These include *Advice for the Beauty Therapy Industry* and *General Requirements for Operating a Skin Penetration Establishment*. Once approval is given the premise is then subject to routine inspections by the Shire's Environmental Health Officer.

Please note that all temporary or itinerant businesses conducting skin penetration activities are required to notify (using the appropriate notification form) the Shire's Environmental Health department before carrying out any business within the Shire.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information regarding information on this brochure, please contact the Shire's Environmental Health Officer on 9175 8000 or go to eho@eastpilbara.wa.gov.au