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Acupuncture, skin piercing and tattooing

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If you carry out acupuncture, piercings, electrolysis, tattooing or semi-permanent make up you need to apply to the council to be registered for body treatments. Registration is made under the [Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1982, Part VIII](#).

Registration is required to ensure that operators meet the relevant cleanliness, hygiene and health and safety standards in order to lessen the risk of infection.

Both the premises where the treatments take place, as well as all persons providing the treatments, need to be registered.

Apply for a body treatment registration

The council must be satisfied that the premises are suitable.

Download and complete the [application form \[PDF 94KB\]](#) and return with the correct fee depending on whether you are applying for a personal registration, premises registration, or both.

After a successful inspection by a specialist public protection officer you will be issued with a certificate of registration.

[Apply online now](#)

Tacit consent

Tacit consent **does not** apply. It is in the public interest that Blackpool Council must process your application before it can be granted. If you have not heard from us within a reasonable period, please email us licensing@blackpool.gov.uk

Failed application redress/Licence holder redress

Please contact Blackpool Council's licensing service in the first instance.

Complaints

- Consumer complaint: We would always advise that in the event of a complaint the first contact is made with the trader by you. Preferably in the form of a letter (with proof of delivery). If that has not worked, if you are located in the UK, [Citizens Advice Consumer Service](#) can give you advice. From outside the UK contact the [European Consumer Centre for Services](#).
- Other redress: Complaints about the operation of the premises should be directed to [Blackpool Council licensing service](#)

Contact

Licensing service

Municipal buildings, Corporation Street, Blackpool, FY1 1NF

Telephone 01253 478397

Email licensing@blackpool.gov.uk

The licensing service is available to contact by telephone between 10.00am and 2.00pm Monday to Friday or visit in person by appointment only at the licensing desk at Blackpool Council's Customer First Centre on Corporation Street .

Additional information

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- Cosmetic piercing byelaws
- Ear piercing and electrolysis byelaws
- Semi permanent pigmentation byelaws
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