

Skin piercing, tattooing and electrolysis FAQs

What comes under cosmetic piercing?

- Ear piercing and cosmetic body piercing

What comes under electrolysis?

- This is the permanent removal of hair from the face and body. This can be done using Galvanic electrolysis, thermolysis or a blend of both

What comes under acupuncture?

- Acupuncture is a treatment derived from ancient Chinese medicine. Fine needles are inserted at certain sites in the body for therapeutic or preventative purposes. This can be used for pain such as:
 - o chronic (long-term) pain
 - o chronic tension-type headaches
 - o migraines
 - o joint pain
 - o dental pain
 - o postoperative pain

What comes under semi-permanent skin colouring?

- Micropigmentation, semi-permanent make-up, and temporary tattooing

What are the age restrictions for piercings?

- There is no legal age limit for most general piercings, however it is illegal to perform genital piercings on under 18s. Most Studios have a set age limit set by themselves. The most common rule that studios follow is no piercings without parental consent under 16 or 18 years of age.

What are the age restrictions for tattoos?

- The legal age to give consent to a tattoo is 18 years. It is an offence to tattoo anyone who is below 18 years. Staff should be aware that there are no circumstances whereby consent can be given for a tattoo for a young person below 18 years of age.

Once I have a licence, can I work anywhere?

- No, you can only work in the premises where you're licenced

Do I have to display a copy of my licence anywhere?

- Yes. You must display a copy of your certificate or licence and the North Herts byelaws in a prominent place on the premises.