



Premises must fulfil the requirements of level 2 and 3, as well as:

- the proprietor of the business and all tattoo artists practising from

the premises must be a member of a trade or professional body whose aims and objectives include promotion of safe and hygienic tattooing practice, with a level of membership appropriate to their operational level e.g. Tattoo and Piercing Industry Union, British Tattoo Artists Federation, Chartered Institute of Environmental Health or Royal Society for Public Health

- arrangements are in place to encourage staff to be immunised against Hepatitis B
- a training programme shall be tailored to ensure that all staff have access to training to ensure that they are competent, records shall be kept.

How do I join?

Please phone the Environmental Health Service on 01609 779977 and request an application form or download one from the council's website by searching for the Tattoo Hygiene Rating Scheme. Advisory visits can be requested before you join the scheme.



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TATTOO HYGIENE RATING SCHEME

Information for tattooists



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What is it?

The voluntary Tattoo Hygiene Rating Scheme is a national scheme which aims to inform members of the public planning to get a tattoo of the standards they can expect, by recognising tattoo studios that demonstrate very good hygiene practices.

The scheme is now being taken up by Local Authorities around the UK. Research conducted by the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health shows that 93% of customers considering having a tattoo would be influenced by the scheme.

What are the benefits of joining the Tattoo Hygiene Rating Scheme?

- The tattoo hygiene ratings will make it easier for customers to choose studios with good hygiene standards and help studios demonstrate their commitment to maintaining good hygiene standards
- Studios will be encouraged to meet best practice thereby ensuring that you are doing everything reasonably practicable to safeguard your customers from infection
- You will be given a sticker which can be displayed in the window or door and a certificate so that customers can easily see your hygiene rating. Customers will be able to look up your hygiene rating on the council's website



How does it work?



Studios are awarded a rating from one (needs improvement) to four (very good) based on criteria such as the provision of hot running water, cleanliness of the premises, personal hygiene, level of aftercare advice and record keeping. The scheme also requires tattoo studios to encourage tattoo artists to be vaccinated against Hepatitis B.

Participation in the scheme is by application. Studios will be supported before joining the scheme so they are clear on what improvements will need to be made in order to achieve the best rating. Participating premises and the local authority will be bound by the rules of the scheme.

Participating premises will be allocated a rating following a programmed inspection from the local authority. The rating can be displayed in the premises in certificate form and on the window with a window sticker.

You can appeal if you think your hygiene rating is wrong or unfair - in other words it does not fairly reflect the hygiene standards found at the time of your inspection. The appeal must be made in writing within 28 days of the notification of the rating score, stating the grounds for the appeal.

What are the rating assessment criteria?

Premises will be rated into 4 categories:



Premises not achieving the requirements of level 2



All requirements must be fulfilled in relation to:

- cleanliness of the premises and fittings
- treatment area

- cleansing and so far as is appropriate, the sterilisation of needles, instruments, materials and equipment
- record keeping
- cleanliness and personal hygiene of operators



Premises must fulfil the requirements of level 2, as well as adding the following to the client record:

- form of identification used to verify date of birth
- brand and batch number of the ink used on the client
- written aftercare advice provided for the client