Skin piercing fees

1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026



Type of piercing	Registration fee – Premises	Registration fee - Practitioner
Category A		
Ear/nose piercing with a hygienic piercing	£166	£45
instrument (gun)		
Category B		
Electrolysis	£218	£148
Acupuncture	£218	£148
Category C		
Cosmetic body piercing	£293	£200
Tattooing	£293	£200
Semi-permanent skin colouring	£293	£200
 Micropigmentation 		
 Microblading 		
Temporary tattooing		

Initial Registration

- Both the premises and the practitioner require registration, there is a separate fee for each.
- If more than one procedure is being applied for, the fee premises payable is that of the highest category.
- Each practitioner requires a separate registration.
- If the practitioner carries out more than one procedure, the practitioner fee for each procedure is charged.

Existing Premises Registered

- Additional practitioners need to register
- If you wish to add an additional procedure, a new application must be completed. Except if you wish to add a procedure that is in the same or lower category, in this case request an alteration to your certificate. (e.g. a category c premises would like to carry out a procedure in category A or B).

Existing Practitioner Registered

- If you wish to operate from another premises which is already registered for that procedure request a registration certificate to be issued.
- If you wish to apply for an additional procedure, a full practitioner application and if necessary premises application needs to be made.

Please note

Registration certificates are not transferable.

Registration fees are not refundable.

A new premises application must be made if:

- The business moves to a new location
- The business changes ownership.

Registration is not necessary where the person practicing is a registered medical practitioner or where there is a medical doctor operating in the same premises, and the practitioner is under the direct supervision of that doctor.