

Registration of hairdressing and low risk beauty therapy businesses – Information for Proprietors

The Victorian Government has simplified the registration requirements for hairdressing and low risk beauty therapy premises. From 1 March 2016, eligible businesses – those that solely provide hairdressing and/or low risk beauty therapy services at their premises – will be able to apply for "on-going" registration.

1. What services does hairdressing include?

Hairdressing services include:

1. cutting hair with scissors or razors; and
2. colouring and styling hair.

Proprietors of businesses that offer these services are eligible to apply for on-going registration.

2. What services does "low risk beauty therapy" include?

Low risk beauty therapy is defined as the application of cosmetics that does not involve skin penetration or tattooing. Low risk beauty therapy includes the application of the following:

1. temporary make up;
2. henna tattoos;
3. spray tans; and
4. eyelash and eyebrow tinting.

Proprietors of businesses that offer one or more of the services described above are eligible to apply for on-going registration.

3. What if the proprietor of a hairdresser and/or low risk beauty therapy business offers other services?

If a proprietor of a hairdressing and/or low risk beauty therapy business premises also offers other services at the same premises such as:

1. tattooing;
2. piercing or other skin penetration services;
3. colonic irrigation; or
4. beauty therapy services such as permanent or semi-permanent make-up application (cosmetic tattooing), facial or body treatments, manicure or

pedicures, application or mending of artificial nails, or epilation by electrolysis or wax,

the existing periodic registration requirements will continue to apply.

4. How can existing businesses transition to the new registration system?

To transition to the new system, eligible business proprietors should wait until their periodic registration is due to lapse.

Council will forward Renewal of Registration application forms to businesses in the usual manner towards the end of 2016. Complete the form and select the activities that apply to your business.

Upon receipt of the application form and the on-going registration fee, council will issue an on-going Registration Certificate to eligible businesses. This will not require annual renewal.

5. Which businesses will be required to apply for on-going registration from 1 March 2016?

From 1 March 2016 proprietors of the following hairdressing and low risk beauty therapy business premises will be required to apply for a new business registration:

1. proprietors of new businesses;
2. proprietors whose business premises moves location; or
3. proprietors that transfer their business to a third party.

These proprietors will make an application, accompanied by an on-going application fee, to Council for the new on-going business premises registration.

Councils will then issue these businesses with a new on-going certificate of registration. In the case of businesses that transfer to a third party, the on-going certificate of registration will be issued to the new business owner.

