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Application for Tattooing Permit Guidance

- All fields below are required to be completed.
- **Applications (including fee(s)) shall be submitted and paid 30 days prior to current permit expiration date or anticipated date to begin tattooing.**
 - A delay in scheduling is possible if applications are received and paid less than 30 days in advance.
- **Applications for Pop-Up and Temporary Events must be submitted and paid no less than 30 days prior to the event date.**
- Permits are issued to an individual at a specific location. Permits are non-transferable to a different location or person.
- A separate application is required for each permit. Guest artists are required to have a permit.
- For an application to be considered complete, fee(s) must be paid. Applications will not be reviewed or scheduled until application and fee(s) have been submitted.
- **No tattooing can take place without a valid permit. Anyone who tattoos without a permit is guilty of a misdemeanor in accordance with § 130A-25.**
- Complete NC Rules Governing Tattooing may be found at <https://ehs.dph.ncdhhs.gov/docs/rules/294306-13-3200.pdf>

§ 130A-283. *Tattooing regulated. (b) Prohibited Practice. - No person shall engage in tattooing without first obtaining a tattooing permit from the Department. Licensed Physicians, as well as physician assistants and nurse practitioners working under the supervision of a licensed physician, who perform tattooing within the normal course of their professional practice are exempt from the requirement of this Part. (c) Application. - To obtain a tattooing permit, a person must apply to the Department. Upon receipt of the application, the Department, acting through the local health department, shall inspect the premises, instruments, utensils, equipment and procedures of the applicant to determine whether the applicant meets the requirements for a tattooing permit set by the Commission. If the applicant meets these requirements, the Department shall issue a permit to the applicant. A permit is valid for one year and must be renewed annually by applying to the Department for a permit renewal. (d) Violations. - The Department may deny an application for a tattooing permit if an applicant does not meet the requirements set by the Commission for the permit. The Department may suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew a permit if it finds that tattooing is being performed in violation of this Part. In accordance with G.S. 130A-24(a), Chapter 150B of the General Statutes, the Administrative Procedures Act, governs appeals concerning the enforcement of this Part.*

**N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Division of Environmental Health**

APPLICATION FOR TATTOOING PERMIT

1. **Date of Application:** _____ ☐ New Permit/Renewal ☐ Special Event

2. **Tattoo Artist Information:**

Name: First _____ Last _____ MI _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email: _____

3. **Tattoo Establishment Information:**

Name of Establishment: _____

Street Address: _____

Business Hours: _____

Number of Tattoo Artists in Establishment: _____

4. **Complete ONE of the following:**

Current Artist Expiration Date (from permit) _____ **OR** New Artist Start Date: _____

OR Special Event Date and Time: _____ Location: _____

5. **Tattoo Artist Signature:** _____

INSTRUCTIONS

Purpose: To allow tattoo artists to apply for tattooing permits as required in General Statutes 130A-283 and 15A NCAC 18A .3202. A separate application must be completed for each permit.

Preparation: Each tattoo artist must complete and sign a separate application for each location where he or she will engage in tattooing within the State of North Carolina. The completed application must include the full name, mailing address and signature of the tattoo artist, the name and street of the tattoo establishment, and the anticipated date of commencing operation.

Submission: **The completed application must be submitted to the local health department in the county where the tattoo establishment is located at least 30 days before commencement of operation.** The local health department may require payment of fees or additional information upon submission of the application.

Disposition: This form may be destroyed in accordance with Standard 8.B.6., of the *Records Disposition Schedule* published by the N.C. Division of Archives and History.

Additional Forms may be ordered from: Division of Environmental Health

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