Permanent Makeup Licensing Regulations by State

We recommend that you first begin by contacting your state department of health. Different departments such as the state board of cosmetology or the health department may be in charge of licensing in your particular state. There are even a few states who have absolutely no legislation regarding opening a permanent cosmetic makeup studio.

When you talk to the state official, make sure you explain to them that you are seeking information on licensing requirements for "cosmetic tattooing". Some people that you initially talk to may not know what permanent makeup is, and may believe that you are requesting information on cosmetology services. This will help the telephone personnel connect you to the right state department from the get go, and avoid frustration on everyone's part.

Permanent Cosmetic Licensing Regulations by State
Detailed information is coming soon for each of the areas.

Alabama Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulation Information

For the most current information please visit the Alabama Department of Public Health, Division of Food, Milk, and Lodging website.


Contact Information:
Alabama Department of Public Health
Division of Food, Milk, and Lodging
The RSA Tower 201 Monroe Street, Suite 1250
Montgomery, AL 36104

Phone: (334) 206-5300 (8am - 5pm) or 1-800-ALA-1818

Alaska Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulation Information

For more information please visit:
• Alaska's Board of Barbers and Hairdressers
• Applications/Forms
• Statutes and Regulations

Contact Information:
Colleen Wilson
P.O. Box 110806
Juneau AK 99811-0806
Phone: 907/465-2547
American Samoa Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulations
Arizona Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulation Information

For more information read: **13-3721. Tattoos, brands, scarifications and piercings; minors; anesthesia; exception; defense; violation; classification; definitions**.

Arkansas Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulation Information

For more information please visit:

- [Tattoos & Permanent Cosmetics Rules and Regulations](#) (pdf format - will open in a new window)
- [Tattoos & Permanent Cosmetic Artists FAQ](#)
- [Tattoos & Permanent Cosmetic Parlor Permit](#)

Contact Information:
4815 West Markham,  
Little Rock, AR 72205  
Phone: **501-661-2000**

California Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulation Information

For more information please visit:

- [Tattooing, Permanent Cosmetics and Body Piercing: Standards for Sterilization, Sanitation and Safety](#) (pdf format - will open in a new window)
- [Health and Safety Code](#)

Contact Information:
Department of Public Health  
Phone: **916-558-1784**

Colorado Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulation Information

For more information please visit:

- [Rules and Regulations for Body Art Establishment](#) (pdf format - will open in a new window)
- [Business Licensing Database: Tattoo/Body Art Parlor](#)

Contact Information:
Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment  
4300 Cherry Creek Drive South  
Denver, CO 80246-1530  
**(303) 692-2700**

Connecticut Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulation Information

For the most current information please visit the [The Connecticut Department of Public Health: Tattooist Information](#) website.

Contact Information:
Department of Public Health  
410 Capitol Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06134  
**(860) 509-8000**
Delaware Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulation Information

For the most current information please visit the Delaware Division of Public Health Body Art Establishments website.

Contact Information:
Delaware Health and Social Services
Division of Public Health
417 Federal Street
Jesse Cooper Building
Dover, DE 19901
Phone: (302) 744-1220
Fax: (302) 739-1957

District of Columbia Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulations

Florida Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulation Information

For the most current information please visit the Bureau of Community Environmental Health, Tattooing & Permanent Makeup website.

Contact Information:
Bureau of Community Environmental Health, HSEC,
4052 Bald Cypress Way, BIN A08,
Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-1710
Phone: (850) 245-4277

Georgia Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulation Information

Guam Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulation Information
The downloads are to pages found on the Island of Guam Legislature website and pertain to the current tattooing laws and rules/regulations:

- Article 13 Tattoo Shops §41301. Definitions
- Title 9 - Criminal & Correctional Code
- C 76 S L Article 1. General Class. Article 2. Special Service ...

Hawaii Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulation Information

For the most current information and for statewide contact information please visit Hawaii's Department of Health website.

Idaho Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulation Information

For more information please read:
Illinois Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulation Information

For more information please read: [PART 797 BODY ART CODE](#)

Contact Information:
Illinois Department of Public Health
535 W. Jefferson St.
Springfield, IL 62761
217-782-4977

Illinois Department of Public Health
122 S. Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60603
312-814-2608

Indiana Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulation Information

For the most current information please visit the [Indiana Department of Health website on Tattoo and Body Piercing](#) website.

Contact Information:
Indiana State Department of Health
2 North Meridian Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204
(317) 233-1325

Iowa Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulation Information

For the most current information please visit the [Iowa Department of Public Health Tattoo Program](#) website.

For additional information on the tattoo program, please call: (515) 281-7726.

Kansas Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulation Information

For the most current information please visit the [Kansas Board of Cosmetology](#) website.

Contact Information:
714 SW Jackson Suite 100,
Topeka, Kansas 66603
Phone: (785) 296-3155
Fax (785) 296-3002
Email: kboc@kboc.state.ks.us
Kentucky Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulation Information

For the most current information please visit the Kentucky Department for Public Health Tattoo, Body Piercing and Ear Piercing Programs website.

Contact Information:
Cabinet for Health and Family Services
Office of the Secretary
275 East Main Street
Frankfort, Ky. 40621

502 229 4188
Email: jeff.lunsford@ky.gov
Fee: for license $100 per year and $20 more for each artist work with you.
Phone: 1-800-372-2973

Louisiana Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulation Information

For the most current information please visit the Louisiana Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Sanitarian Services Commercial Body Art website.

Contact Information:
Louisiana Department of Health & Hospitals
Physical Address:
628 N. 4th Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Mailing:
P.O. Box 629
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-0629
Phone: (225) 342-9500

Maine Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulation Information

For more information please download: Chapter 210: Rules Relating to Tattooing from the states Department of Health and Human Services.

Contact Information:
Department of Health and Human Services
221 State Street
Augusta, ME 04333
Phone: 207-287-3707
Fax: 207-287-3005
TTY: 800-606-0215

Maryland Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulation Information

Maryland has very few State regulations regulating tattoo parlors. The State of Maryland does not require tattoo artists or peircers to be licensed. The regulations that do exist are in COMAR--the Code of Maryland
Administrative Regulations.

However, local county and city government are often involved in the regulation of tattooing, please check with your local government for more details.

Massachusetts Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulation Information

For the most current information please visit the Massachusetts Health and Human Services, Community Sanitation: Body Art website.

Contact Information:
Office of Health Services
250 Washington Street 6th Floor
Boston, MA 02108
Phone: (617) 210-5000

Michigan Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulation Information

For more information please read:

- 333.13101 Definitions.
- 333.13102 Tattoo, brand, or body-piercing on minor; consent of parent or guardian required; individual under influence of alcoholic liquor or controlled substance.
- 333.13104 Tattooing, branding, or performing body-piercing; licensure of body art facility required; application; form; issuance; duration; fees.
- 333.13107 Owner of body art facility; duties.

Minnesota Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulation Information

For the most current information please visit Tattooing Information and Guidelines for Tattooists and Consumers from the Minnesota Department of Health.

Contact Information:
P.O. Box 64975
St. Paul, MN 55164-0975
651-201-5000
888-345-0823 - For Minnesota callers outside the metro area (toll-free)

Mississippi Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulation Information

For the most current information please visit Mississippi State Department of Health - Regulations website.

Contact Information:
Mississippi State Department of Health
570 East Woodrow Wilson Drive
Jackson, MS 39216
Phone: 601-576-7400 (8am-5pm)
Missouri Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulation Information

FOR STATE OF MISSOURI TATTOO LICENSE, YOU WILL NEED THE FOLLOWING:

- 300 hours training, to include 50 supervised procedures (must be signed off by instructor)
- BloodBorne Pathogens Standard Course (not provided by Facial Designs)
- CPR/First Aid Course (not provided by Facial Designs)
- Copy of your Training Certificate, BloodBorne Pathogens Certificate, and CPR/First Aid Certificate
- Missouri State form, list of fifty (50) procedures performed, signed by applicant and instructor
- Missouri State Form of Completion, signed by instructor

For the most current information please visit the Missouri Office of Tattooing, Body Piercing & Branding website.

Contact Information:
Office of Tattooing, Body Piercing & Branding
3605 Missouri Boulevard
P.O. Box 1335
Jefferson City, MO 65102-1335
573.526.8288 Telephone
573.526.3489 Fax
800.735.2966 TTY
800.735.2466 Voice Relay
tattoo@pr.mo.gov

Montana Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulation Information

For the most current information please visit Montana's Department of Public Health & Human Services, Food & Consumer Safety (FCSS) website.

Contact Information:
Food and Consumer Safety Section
1400 Broadway, Room C214
Helena, MT 59620
Phone: (406) 444-5622

Nebraska Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulation Information

For the most current information please visit Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services Body Art website.

Contact Information:
Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services
301 Centennial Mall South,
Lincoln, Nebraska 68509
Phone: (402) 471-2117
FAX: (402) 471-3577
Nevada Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulation Information

There are no state statutes or regulations directly regulating tattoo establishments or tattoo artists.

Tattoo establishments are regulated locally under district and local boards of health. The Health Authorities responsible are:

• Clark County Health District (Body Art Page)
• Washoe County District Health Department (Main Page)
• Carson City Environmental Health Department (Main Page)

Please email them directly if you don’t find the information you are looking for on their web site.

The State Health Division has responsibility as the Health Authority for the other rural and frontier counties. The Health Division does not currently have regulations related to tattooing.

New Hampshire Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulations

For the most current information please visit:
• New Hampshire Body Art Practitioner website
• New Hampshire Statutes: Chapter 314-A: Body Art

Contact Information:
LICENSING AND REGULATIVE SERVICES
Department of Health and Human Services
129 Pleasant Street
Concord, New Hampshire 03301
Phone: (603) 271-0277
Fax: (603) 271-5590
Contact person: Connie Beliveau
E-mail: cbeliveau@dhhs.state.nh.us

New Jersey Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulation Information

For the most current information please visit The Public Health, Sanitation and Safety Program of the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services website.

Contact Information:
New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services
John Fitch Plaza, PO Box 360
Trenton, N.J. 08625-0360

New Mexico Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulation Information

For the most current information please visit New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department Board of Barbers and Cosmetologistst website.
New York Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulation Information

For the most current information please visit New York State Department of Health, Body Art - Tattooing and Body Piercing website.

Contact Information:
New York State Department of Health
Center for Environmental Health Bureau of Community Environmental Health & Food Protection
547 River Street, Room 515
Troy, NY 12180-2216
(518)-402-7600 or Toll free (800)-458-1158, extension 2-7600
e-mail: bcehfp@health.state.ny.us

North Carolina Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulation Information

For the most current information please visit North Carolina Department of Environmental Health Services Tattoo Program website.

Contact Information:
Environmental Health Services Section
1632 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1632
Phone: 919-733-2884
Fax: 919-715-4739

North Dakota Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulation Information

For more information please visit:

• North Dakota Century Code and North Dakota Administrative Code pertaining to Tattoo and Body Art Facilities (pdf format - will open in a new window)
• North Dakota Division of Food and Lodging

Contact Information:
Food & Lodging
Phone: 701.328.1291
Toll Free: 1.800.472.2927
Fax: 701.328.1890
Northern Marianas Islands Permanent Cosmetics Legislations

Please read [Pl 12-48](#) from the CNMI Law Revision Commission's home page. (pdf format - will open in a new window)

Ohio Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulation Information

For the most current information please visit the [Ohio Department of Health Tattoo and Body Piercing Services](#) website.

Contact Information:
Department of Health (DOH)
246 North High Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215
Phone: **614-466-3543**

Oklahoma Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulation Information

Oklahoma, requires specific training requirements. Oklahoma state law says that a person must attend a permanent cosmetic makeup class of the state's specification, for 450 hours. The student must also pass a state exam, and then is required to work in the office of a physician.

For the most current information please visit the [Oklahoma State Department of Health - Body Piercing and Tattooing](#) website.

Contact Information:
Consumer Protection Division
1000 N.E. 10th Street
(405) 271-5243, FAX (405) 271-3458
Contact: Tressa Madden, Director

Oregon Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulation Information

For the most current information please visit [Oregon's Advisory Council for Electrologists, Permanent Color Technicians and Tattoo Artists website](#).

Contact Information:
Electrologists, Permanent Color, Tattoo Artists
700 Summer St. NE Suite 320
Salem OR 97301-1287
Fax: (503) 585-9114
TTY: **(503) 373-2114**

Pennsylvania Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulation Information

Puerto Rico Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulation Information
Rhode Island Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulation Information

For more information please visit:

- Rhode Island General Law §23-1-39 Tattooing and/or Body Piercing
- Rhode Island General Law §11-9-15 Tattooing of Minors
- Rhode Island Rules and Regulations of Tattoo Artists and Tattoo Parlors (This is a pdf file and will open in a new window)

Contact Information:
Rhode Island Department of Health
3 Capitol Hill
Providence RI 02908
Voice: 1-800-942-7434 (out of state 401-222-5960)

South Carolina Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulation Information

For the most current information please visit the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control - Tattoo Information website.

Contact Information:
S.C. DHEC
2600 Bull Street
Columbia, SC 29201
(803) 898-3432

South Dakota Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulation Information

For the most current information please visit South Dakota Legislature - Administrative Rules: Tattoo & Body Peircing website.

Tennessee Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulation Information

For the most current information please visit Tennessee's Division of General Environmental Health website.

Contact Information:
Division of General Environmental Health
425 Fifth Avenue, North
Cordell Hull Building, 6th Floor
Nashville, TN 37243
(615) 741-7206

Texas Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulation Information

the State of Texas requires that a person fill out paperwork, submit a fee of approximately $950, and then will obtain a "studio license". Notice in the State of Texas, the studio itself is licensed, not the technician.
For the most current information please visit the Texas Department of State Health Services, Drugs and Medical Devices Group: Tattoo and Body Piercing Studios website.

Contact Information:
Division for Regulatory Services
P. O. Box 149347
Austin, Texas 78714-9347
(512) 834-6770

Utah Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulation Information

For more information please read:
76-10-2201. Unlawful body piercing and tattooing of a minor -- Penalties.

For more information, please contact your local Health Department.

Vermont Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulation Information

For the most current information please visit the Vermont Secretary of State - Office of Professional Regulations - Tattooists website.

Contact Information:
Office of Professional Regulation
National Life Bldg, North FL2
Montpelier, VT 05620-3402
Phone: (802) 828-1505

Virginia Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulation Information

The State of Virginia requires that you attend a class taught by a state approved trainer.

For the most current information please visit the Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation - Board for Barbers and Cosmetology website.

Contact Information:
Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation
9960 Mayland Drive
Suite 400
Richmond, Virginia 23233-1463
Phone: (804) 367-8509
Email: Board for Barbers and Cosmetology

Virgin Islands Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulation Information

Washington Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulation Information
The following links are to pages found on the Washington State Legislature website and pertain to the current tattooing laws, rules/regulations, and bills:

Revised Code of Washington (RCW):

RCW 70.54.320  
Electrology and tattooing - Findings.

RCW 70.54.330  
Electrology and tattooing - Definitions.

RCW 70.54.340  
Electrology and tattooing - Rules, sterilization requirements.

RCW 70.54.350  
Electrology and tattooing - Practitioners to comply with rules - Penalty.

RCW 26.28.085  
Applying tattoo to a minor - Penalty.

Washington Administrative Code (WAC):

Chapter 246-145 WAC  
Electrology and tattooing standards for sterilization procedures and infection control

Bills:

SB 5180 - 2007-08  
Regulating tattooing and body piercing.

SB 5821 - 2007-08  
Regulating body art facilities.

If you have any other questions, please visit the Access Washington Help Center at:

http://support.access.wa.gov/

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West Virginia Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulation Information

For the most current information please visit the West Virginia Department of Health & Human Resources, Tattoo Studio website.

Contact Information:  
West Virginia Department of Health & Human Resources  
State Capitol Complex, Building 3 Room 206  
Charleston, WV 25305  
Phone: (304) 558-0684  
Fax: (304) 558-1130
Wisconsin Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulation Information

For the most current information please visit the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

Contact Information:
Telephone: 608-266-1562
Email: webmaildph@dhfs.state.wi.us
Mailing Address:
Division of Public Health
Food Safety and Recreational Licensing
PO Box 2659
Madison WI 53701-2659
Location Address:
Division of Public Health
Food Safety and Recreational Licensing
1 W Wilson Street, Room 150
Madison WI 53703

Many areas in Wisconsin are regulated by local public health departments rather than the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. If your facility is not in one of the jurisdictions where the State has jurisdiction, then you should contact the Local Public Health Department.

Wyoming Permanent Cosmetics Legislation & Regulation Information

For more information please read:

14-3-107. Performing body-art on persons who have not reached the age of majority; penalties; definition

Local licensing requirements may exist. Contact the City Clerk’s Office for more information.

More info on STATE LAWS