

## Body Art Licensure Requirements:

All the requirements for body art can be found in the First District Health Unit (FDHU) Rules and Regulations for Body Art Establishments. Tattooing (either body tattooing or cosmetic tattooing) and piercing are the two types of body art procedures that are allowed in FDHU. In order to become completely licensed to perform any type of body art procedures, the following license types are required:

### 1. Facility license.

- A. Facility licenses are good for one calendar year, and always expire on December 31.
- B. Applications are available on the FDHU website ([www.fdhuh.org](http://www.fdhuh.org)).
- C. To begin the licensure process, a complete application packet must be submitted to FDHU that contains:
  - a. A completed application,
  - b. The license fee,
  - c. A copy of the exposure control plan for the facility, and
  - d. A copy of the plan mandated in Section 2-3 (B) of the code detailing the procedures and steps that the license holder will follow to meet all code requirements.
- D. Facility license application packets will not be processed until there is at least one person that has obtained an operator's license (see #2 below) and that has committed to working in the facility.**

### 2. Operator license.

- A. Each person that performs body art procedures is considered to be a body art operator. Each body art operator is required to have a body art operator license issued in their name.
- B. These licenses are good for one calendar year and always expire on December 31.
- C. There are two ways a person can qualify for a body art operator's license
  - 1. Apprenticeship. Complete an apprenticeship as detailed in Section 2-5 of the code under an operator licensed in FDHU.
    - 1. 100 hours of training,
    - 2. 1000 hours of practical experience,
    - 3. 400 completed procedures.
  - 2. Experience. Provide acceptable documentation showing that:
    - 1. They are currently licensed to perform body art by the regulatory authority in another jurisdiction,
    - 2. Their license is in good standing and they have not been involved in any outbreaks or implicated for any major code violations,
    - 3. They have been practicing body art as a profession under their license for at least three years,
    - 4. They have completed at least 400 procedures, and
    - 5. They completed an apprenticeship that is fundamentally equivalent to that mandated under Section 2-5.
- D. Once a person meets Part C above, they become eligible to apply to take the FDHU Body Art Operator's Exam.
  - a. To take the exam, they must submit an application packet, including:
    - 1. A completed application along with the application fee,
    - 2. Documentation that they have completed the Hepatitis B vaccination series,

3. Documentation that they have completed an OSHA approved, body art specific blood borne pathogens training course,
  4. Complete an approved CPR certification course.
- b. The exam is intended to test the applicant's knowledge of the OSHA blood borne pathogens standard (29 CFR 1910.1030) and the FDHU body art regulations (2013 Edition of the FDHU Rules and Regulations for Body Art Establishments). Both documents are available online for review, and it is highly recommended that the applicant study both, and be very familiar with both prior to attempting the exam.
  - c. An applicant must score 70 percent or higher on the exam in order to pass.
  - d. If an applicant fails the exam, they must wait 30 days before attempting the exam again.
  - e. If an applicant fails the exam 4 times, they become ineligible for licensure.