

Artist Registration Requirements

Anyone that pierces or tattoos must register as an artist.

To register as an artist:

Initial fee is \$125, re-newal is \$50, (\$125 for new registration when switching from apprentice to artist).

3701-9-04(M)

(M) Persons performing body art services have received appropriate training, as evidenced by:

(1) Training to include the following:

(a) Records of completion of courses or seminars in body art offered by authorities recognized by the board of health as qualified to provide such instruction;

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or

(b) Written statements of attestation by individuals offering body art apprenticeships that the person has received sufficient training of adequate duration to completely perform body art services; or

(c) Other documentation acceptable to the board of health.

[and]

(2) Demonstrated knowledge of the principles of sterilization.

(3) Records of completion, courses or seminars provided by licensed physicians, registered nurses, organizations such as the American Red Cross, accredited learning institutions, appropriate governmental entities, real-time online providers or other authorities recognized by the board of health as being qualified to provide training in the following:

(a) First aid; and

(b) Standard precautions for preventing transmission of bloodborne and other infectious diseases.

Defined in OAC-3701-9-01, "Standard precautions" means a set of minimum infection prevention guidelines and controls, published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that include:

- (1) Hand hygiene;
- (2) Use of protective equipment;
- (3) Safe needle practices;
- (4) Safe handling of potentially contaminated equipment or surfaces;
- (5) Respiratory hygiene/cough etiquette.

(The Tattoo and Body Piercing Safety Course offered by Mahoning County Public Health has been designed to meet all of the above requirements.)

For the purposes of these rules "standard precautions" include "universal precautions" as used in section [3730.10](#) of the Revised Code.

County Rules

Section 2: Registration

- (A) It shall be unlawful for any individual to engage in the practice of tattooing or body piercing without first obtaining a registration in accordance with the provisions hereof. It shall be unlawful for the owner or operator of any establishment to permit any individual to engage in the practice of tattooing or body piercing within the establishment unless such individual has obtained a registration in accordance with the provisions hereof.
- (B) Each registration issued hereunder shall expire annually on December thirty-first of each year. Initial registrations granted on or after October first shall be effective from the date of issuance until December thirty-first of the following year, unless suspended or revoked under Section 5(A) of this regulation.
- (C) Each application for registration shall be on a form provided by the Board of Health. Any application fee established by the Board of Health shall accompany each application and shall be non-refundable. Any change in registration shall require a new application and registration, with payment of fees thereof.
- (D) Each individual applying for registration to engage in the practice of tattooing or body piercing shall provide evidence of having received appropriate training, in accordance with Chapter 3701-9 of the Ohio Administrative Code.
- (E) Persons seeking registration as a tattooist/body piercer previously practicing in another state or health district must have been verifiably sanctioned by a government agency. Such persons must provide documentation verifying sanctioning (i.e.: licenses, registrations, inspection reports, etc.). Applicants having operated in substantial compliance with the sanctioning agency for at least one (1) year prior to the application

shall be considered as having received appropriate training in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code rule 3701-9-04(M)(1). Applicants must also include evidence of having received all other appropriate training in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code rules 3701-9-04(M)(2) & (3).

- (F) Each individual applying for registration to engage in the practice of tattooing or body piercing as an apprentice shall provide a statement signed by the person(s) registered with the Board of Health as a tattooist or body piercer acknowledging the applicant as an apprentice under their direct supervision. It shall be unlawful for any individual to engage in the practice of tattooing or body piercing as an apprentice unless such procedures are conducted under the direct supervision of the person(s) recognized by the Board of Health as offering the apprenticeship.
- (G) Individuals successfully completing an apprenticeship may apply for the appropriate registration. Applications must include a notarized statement provided by the Board of Health and signed by the person(s) offering the apprenticeship attesting that the individual has received sufficient training of adequate duration to competently perform tattoo or body piercing services. Persons offering apprenticeships must be verifiably sanctioned by a government agency. For the purposes of this paragraph, “sufficient training of adequate duration” shall be defined as follows:
 - (1) Not less than one-hundred eighty (180) clock hours of hands-on experience for tattooing;
 - (2) Not less than eighty (80) clock hours of hands-on experience for body piercing;
 - (3) Not less than two-hundred sixty (260) clock hours of hands-on experience for combined tattooing and body piercing.

Applications must also include evidence of having received all other appropriate training in accordance with Chapter 3701-9 of the Ohio Administrative Code and must be accompanied by the non-refundable application fee as established by the Board of Health.