



## Hairdressing – setting up a new premises

Under the Hairdresser's Regulations 1980 all premises used as a "hairdresser's shop must be registered with the local authority. These regulations are to ensure cleaning, health and hygiene standards are met and maintained to prevent the spread of disease.

Once a possible site is determined the first person the prospective proprietor should speak to is:

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- The **Council's Planning Officer** to confirm the proposed type of operation is permitted in the particular zone, and any requirements on operating hours, signs, car parking, etc
- The **Building Officer** should be contacted and a Building Consent application submitted. You must indicate the intended use as being a Hairdressing Salon, and provide plans of any plumbing/structural alterations
- Once this is established a floor plan should also be submitted to the **Environmental Health Officer**. Any questions relating to the Hairdresser's Regulations can be discussed with the Environmental health officer

The basic requirements for a Hair Salon from the Regulations are:

1. Ensure all wall, ceiling and other surfaces are yielded smooth, impervious and easily cleanable in all parts of the process, preparation and service areas.
2. Ensure the floor surface is a smooth impervious and easily cleanable surface.
3. Ensure there are sufficient Shampoo basins, a separate hand basin and separate washing up sink, with a continuous supply of hot and cold running water in compliance with the Building Act 2004.
4. Ensure adequate space in the salon (2.3m<sup>2</sup> per service chair).
5. Ensure adequate lighting and ventilation on site.
6. Provide adequate storage space and ensure
7. towels are kept clean and free from contamination.
8. Provide a separate area for storage of all cleaning equipment and solvents used for the

premise (separate from hair and treatment products).

9. Provide suitable refuse containers for the premises fitted with closable lids. Ensure all refuse is removed from the premises regularly.
10. Ensure the disinfectant used for combs and other hair equipment is of a commercial standard and suitable for the purpose. "No Frills", "Pine" and "Budget" cleaners are not acceptable.

If you require further information on the above matters, please do not hesitate to contact the **Environmental Health Officer** on phone 570 6666.

## HAIRDRESSER'S – DISINFECTION OF APPLIANCES AND OTHER EQUIPMENT

Item/Situation	Cleaning and Disinfection
Shaving brushes Mugs Sponges	Shall be rendered hygienic by immersion in boiling water for at least five minutes after each use
Electric clippers, Electric shavers, Appliances with non-detachable parts	Cleaned by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Thoroughly brushing the teeth with a clean brush, (kept specifically for this purpose) to remove all hair</li> <li>2. Wipe the blades with clean cotton wool or a clean cloth, saturated with disinfecting fluid</li> </ol>
Strops	Cleaned after each use by wiping with a clean cloth or sponge, saturated with disinfecting fluid
Any appliance, tool, or equipment that is dropped on the floor, or likewise contaminated	To be cleaned and rendered hygienic by the methods given as suitable for that specific item
All hairdressing brushes, tools and other instruments and utensils <div data-bbox="180 1106 639 1249" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p><b>Note:</b> the Health (Hairdresser) Regulations 1980, section 2, define alcohol and disinfecting fluid</p> </div>	To be cleaned after each use on each customer <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hair and other foreign material removed</li> <li>2. Washed in water and detergent at a temperature of at least 43° celsius</li> <li>3. Rendered hygienic by one of the following methods:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Immersion in a suitable disinfecting fluid for at least 15 minutes; or</li> <li>b. Exposure to confined live steam for at least five minutes: or</li> <li>c. Immersion in boiling water for at least five minutes: or</li> <li>d. Exposure for at least 15 minutes to effective ultraviolet radiation in a type of apparatus approved by the Medical officer of Health and subject to conditions of use, operation, or maintenance as prescribed</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<b>When not in use:</b> All appliances, tools, and equipment	To be kept in containers provided for the purpose <p><b>Storage containers</b></p> Shall be kept closed except when articles are being placed in or removed from them
	Shall be cleaned at least once daily <p>Internal surfaces to be wiped with a cloth saturated with a disinfecting fluid</p>

Reference: THE HEALTH (HAIRDRESSERS) REGULATIONS 1980, Section 9