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Health and Hygiene Bylaw Review

Information Sheet



Health and Hygiene Bylaw

Auckland Council is reviewing the Health and Hygiene Bylaw 2013.

This Bylaw (or local law) protects the health of people using commercial services that pierce the skin, risk breaking or burning the skin, or risk transferring infection.

The Bylaw sets out the types of commercial services that require a licence, must meet minimum standards, or are exempt.

The following commercial services require a licence:

- tattooing, traditional tattooing, body piercing, acupuncture, electrolysis, red vein treatment, derma rolling
- hair removal, manicure, pedicure, exfoliation
- sun-beds, pulsed light, laser treatment

Minimum standards apply to all of the above services, as well as colon hydrotherapy, swimming pools and commercial sexual services.

Minimum standards are contained in a code of practice made by Auckland Council under the Bylaw.

Exempt services

Commercial services currently exempt are:

- services undertaken by health practitioners
- acupuncture undertaken by members of the New Zealand Register of Acupuncturists/New Zealand Acupuncture Standards Authority
- traditional and non-commercial tā moko undertaken on or under the authority of a marae
- ear-piercing services in a pharmacy.

Bylaw review process

We are currently seeking feedback from key stakeholders on the appropriateness of the Bylaw and whether any changes should be made.

The feedback provided by stakeholders will be included in a findings report in early 2018.

Based on these findings, council will determine whether the bylaw should remain unchanged, be amended, or be revoked.

The reviewed Bylaw will be publicly notified later in 2018 so the public can have their say before a final decision is made.