

Hairdressing, Beauty & Skin Penetration: Construction & Fit-Out of Premises

The premises must be structurally adequate to allow for the safe and hygienic procedures. The right fit-out will:

- Minimise the accumulation of dirt and other matter that poses a public health risk
- Provide adequate facilities for staff to effectively wash their hands;
- Ensure facilities are provided for effective cleaning of equipment; and
- Provide safe and adequate storage of implements and equipment.

Floors and walls

Floors in operational areas need to be durable, smooth, impervious to moisture and capable of being easily clean (i.e. tiles). Walls in operational areas need to be durable, smooth and capable of being easily cleaned. Walls adjacent to the hair wash basin, utility sink, hand wash basin and other sink/basin are to be constructed of material that is durable, smooth, impervious to moisture and capable of being easily clean (i.e. tiles).

Hand Wash Basins (All Premises)

A separate hand wash basin is to be provided in addition to the hair wash basin and/or utility sinks.



The location of the hand wash basin should be so that it does not provide opportunity to recontaminate clean hands through contact with doors and curtains. Ideally, hand wash

basins should be located within the procedure area or each treatment room.

Hot and cold potable water is to be provided through a single spout. It must be capable of reaching a minimum temperature of 40°C. Best practice is to install lever-type, foot operation or sensor taps to enable hands-free operation.

Liquid soap or alcohol based cleaner/sanitiser and single use paper towels in a dispenser or an automatic hand dryer are to be provided adjacent to the hand wash basin.

Utility Sinks

A utility sink is to be provided for the purpose of cleaning equipment associated with the business – separate from the hand wash basin.

The utility sink is to be provided with potable hot and cold water and capable of reaching a minimum temperature of 40°C.

Fittings

Furniture and fittings in operational areas are to be rigid, smooth, impervious to moisture and capable of being easily cleaned.

Storage Facilities

The premises shall be provided with sufficient space and facilities suitable for the storage of equipment, appliances, utensils and operational supplies.

Lighting

There should be adequate light and ventilation in accordance with the Building Code of Australia.

Specific attention may be required for the ventilation of nail premises due to the chemical fumes and dust that result from these procedures.

Mobile Operations

- All equipment and supplies must be stored in resealable containers
- All storage containers are to be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition



- All equipment must be adequately cleaned after use on a client and prior to be reused on another client
- Liquid soap and single use towels are to be available and taken to the clients premises for use
- Spare towels, capes and gloves are to be available on each client
- Hand sanitising gel or spray is to be provided for use by the operator should adequate hand wash basin not be available

More information

Visit NSW Health website for more information:

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/skinpenetration>.

Alternatively, contact Council and ask to speak to the Environmental Health Officer.