

# Skin piercing fees

From 1 April 2026



Category A piercing	Premises Registration fee	Practitioner Registration fee
Ear/nose piercing with a hygienic piercing instrument (gun)	£125	£26

Category B piercing	Premises Registration fee	Practitioner Registration fee
Electrolysis	£174	£158
Acupuncture	£174	£158

Category C piercing	Premises Registration fee	Practitioner Registration fee
Cosmetic body piercing	£190	£206
Tattooing	£190	£206
Semi-permanent skin colouring <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Micropigmentation</li><li>• Microblading</li><li>• Temporary tattooing</li></ul>	£190	£206

## Initial Registration

- Both the premises and the practitioner require registration, there is a separate fee for each.
- If more than one procedure is being applied for, the fee premises payable is that of the highest category.
- Each practitioner requires a separate registration.
- If the practitioner carries out more than one procedure, the practitioner fee for each procedure is charged.

## Existing Registered Premises

- Additional practitioners need to register
- If you wish to add an additional procedure, a new application must be completed. Except if you wish to add a procedure that is in the same or lower category, in this case request an alteration to your certificate. (e.g. a category c premises would like to carry out a procedure in category A or B).

## Existing Registered Practitioner

- If you wish to operate from another premises which is already registered for that procedure request a registration certificate to be issued.
- If you wish to apply for an additional procedure, a full practitioner application and if necessary premises application needs to be made.

## Please note

Registration certificates are not transferable. Registration fees are not refundable. A new premises application must be made if:

- The business moves to a new location
- The business changes ownership.

Registration is not necessary where the person practicing is a registered medical practitioner or where there is a medical doctor operating in the same premises, and the practitioner is under the direct supervision of that doctor.