

Home-based Beauty Businesses

What is a home-based beauty business?

A home-based beauty business is any business that conducts beauty therapies, hair dressing, skin piercing, colonic irrigation, or similar procedures from home. There are many benefits of operating a home-based beauty business, however they are generally only suitable for small scale businesses with limited staff and clients.

Do I need to register a home-based beauty business?

Home-based beauty businesses must register with the Public and Environmental Health Department at Wyndham City Council prior to operating. You may also need permits from the [Town Planning](#) and [Building](#) departments in addition to your registration with Public and Environmental Health. It is your responsibility to consult these departments before operating.

A good place to start is by speaking to our Small Business Support Officer, who can assist you with finding out any additional permits that you may need from other departments at Wyndham. Following this process, you can then submit a 'Beauty Business Application Form' on our website, or in person at the Civic Centre.

What risk type is my beauty business?

The risk type of your beauty business will depend on the type of procedures that you are intending to offer. Beauty businesses are categorised into [Low](#), [Medium](#), or [High-risk](#) groups based on the risk of procedures to public health. It is important to consider all the services you are planning to offer before lodging your application to Environmental Health, as this information is required to make an appropriate assessment of your risk type.

The table below shows registerable procedures in each risk category:

Low	Medium	High
❖ Hairdressing ❖ Spray Tanning ❖ Facials – application of creams etc and steam only	❖ Hair removal (waxing, threading, epilation, laser hair removal) ❖ Laser tattoo removal ❖ Eyelash tinting ❖ Eyelash extensions ❖ Microdermabrasion ❖ Manicures/pedicures ❖ Ear lobe piercing with a gun ❖ Teeth whitening	❖ Tattooing ❖ Piercing ❖ Colonics ❖ Skin needling ❖ Electrolysis ❖ Microblading ❖ Wet cupping

Do I need to submit plans?

As part of your application, you are required to submit a floor plan of your proposed business and all areas used in connection with that business. This plan can either be hand-drawn or created by an architect/draftsperson. The plan should clearly indicate the proposed locations of all equipment, furniture, and fittings, as well as specify the materials and finishes used for the floors, walls, and ceilings.

Including plans and photographs with your application is highly encouraged, as they will help inform the decision regarding your registration requirements. Please note that your plans will be reviewed as part of a formal assessment by an Environmental Health Officer (EHO).

An example of a hand drawn plan using 'Paint' can be found below:

	<u>Finishes and materials:</u> • Flooring = Laminate • Walls = Painted with waterproof * paint. • Equipment washing sink = Stainless steel double bowl sink with 1 mixer tap (depth 480mm, height 156mm, width 1135mm) • Handwash basin = ceramic 12.5L basin (depth 300mm, height 255, width 200mm)
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What if I want to operate a mobile business?

Beauty businesses performing low risk procedures may be registered with Wyndham City Council as a mobile business, that is, travelling from one location to another to conduct beauty therapy. High-risk businesses are not permitted to conduct mobile procedures. Medium and Low risk beauty businesses must register their “principal place of business” but are exempt from any requirements to register every premises on which they conduct their business.

However, you are still required to demonstrate how you will maintain hygienic practices upon inspection of your principal place of business.

Example: A hairdresser that goes into other people’s homes, is not required to register every home where they perform hair dressing in. They are only required to register their principal place of business, which may be their own home.

What are the fit-out requirements?

Hand washing sinks

All beauty businesses need to have accessible hand washing facilities that are available to beauty therapists for washing their hands before undertaking a treatment:

- Must be within the room you intend to perform beauty procedures in. If you are working out of multiple rooms, each room must have a separate handwash basin.
- Must be installed for the dedicated purpose of washing hands. This cannot be a mixed-use sink like an ensuite, toilet, or kitchen sink as they pose a contamination risk.
- Must be permanently plumbed with hot and cold water.
- If you are performing high-risk services, a hands-free tap must be used.

Equipment washing sinks

If you have reusable equipment such as brushes, scissors, sponges, bowls, cuticle nippers and so forth, you will need a designated place to wash your equipment. Your equipment washing sink requirements will depend on the amount of reusable equipment you have; an Environmental Health Officer will decide during your plan assessment based on the following:

- The amount of disposable equipment you use.
- The amount of reusable equipment you use.
- Your risk category.
- The number of clients you see per day.

If you are performing high-risk procedures and are not using disposable skin penetrative equipment, you will need an entirely separate double bowl sink installed for the dedicated purpose of sterilising equipment. For example, reusable skin piercing needles that get washed, rinsed, and run through an autoclave.

Treatment room

The treatment or procedure room must be able to be cleaned effectively with appropriate flooring and wall materials. Carpet, exposed brick, or unsealed timber are not appropriate materials within a beauty therapy business.

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