

TATTOO ARTIST

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Legal Authority Code of Iowa, Chapter 135.37; Iowa Administrative Code 641, Chapter 22

Job Description A tattoo artist examines a patron's skin surface for any evidence of skin infection; prepares the area to be tattooed by applying an antiseptic approved by the Department of Public Health; uses a tattoo machine and sterile cotton or gauze to puncture patron's skin and insert indelible, permanent colors through the puncture to leave permanent marks or designs; applies a sterile dressing to the tattooed area after the tattooing is complete; provides the patron with printed instructions regarding tattoo care during the healing process, and instructs patron to consult a physician if signs and symptoms of an infection develop. He or she must also verify that individual requesting a tattoo is not a minor.

Education & Experience Required An applicant does not have to meet any particular education or experience requirements. However, an applicant cannot own, control or lease, act as an agent for, conduct, manage, or operate an establishment to practice the art of tattooing or engage in the practice of tattooing without first applying for and receiving a permit from the Department of Public Health.

Continuing Education There are no continuing education requirements for license renewal.

Examination There are no examinations required.

Fees Application: \$40
Duration: One Year – (Expire on Dec. 31 of each year, regardless of issue date)
Renewal: \$40
Other: Permits are not transferable; valid only for 12-month calendar year.

SOC Code, Title, & Avg. Hourly Wage 27-1099 – All Other Art and Design Workers (\$13.18)

Number of Licenses Issued Total number of licenses active as of December 31,
2001 to 1999: N/A
1998: 131
1997: 116
1996: 83