Instructions for Applying for a Tattoo License

A Tattoo License is required for an individual tattoo artist working in New York City and is designed to control and prevent the spread of infectious diseases in New York City. To obtain a Tattoo License an individual must successfully complete a three hour Infection Control Course and an Infection Control Examination conducted by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's (DOHMH) Health Academy.

The submission of an application for the Tattoo Artist License and registration for the Infection Control Course occur at the same time. The license will be mailed to the specific person named in the application after he or she has taken the course and passed the written examination. The license is not transferable to another person or entity.

License fees:  
- Tattoo License - $100 for two years, valid from the end of the month in which the applicant applied for the license. There is no convenience fee if applying in person.
- Temporary Tattoo License - $50 for a seven consecutive day period in which the license is applied for.

Training fee:  
- Infection Control Course: $26.

Please note that an Online Convenience Fee of 2.49% is added to all online payments. There is no convenience fee if applying in person.

You may apply online or in person.

**Apply On-Line**
1. Go to www.nyc.gov/healthpermits, select the license for which you are applying and review the prerequisites and required supporting documents.
2. Gather all supporting documentation that must be submitted along with the application (see Supporting Documents and Documentation Checklist below).
3. Create electronic versions of your supporting documents
4. Select Apply Online and you will register an account with the NYC Online Licensing system.
5. Complete the required information online, upload your supporting documents and submit payment.
6. Payment accepted: Credit/Debit Cards only.

**Apply In Person**
1. Obtain an application packet by:
   a. Calling 311 and asking for Mobile Food Vendor License Application.
   b. Visit the Citywide Licensing Center at 42 Broadway
2. Gather all supporting documentation that must be submitted along with the application (see Supporting Documents and Documentation Checklist below).
3. Complete the Application for a Permit form and the Supplemental Forms.
4. Submit the Application form, Supplemental Forms, and all supporting documents, along with payment, to:
   
   DCA Licensing Center, 42 Broadway, Manhattan
   
   Hours: M, Tu, Th, Fr: 9 am – 5 pm; Th: 8:30 – 5 pm
5. Payment Accepted: Money Order, Credit/Debit Cards, Checks (no cash accepted)
Checklist of Required Documentation for Tattoo Permits

Check individual permit guidelines for additional permit-specific required documentation

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Instructions for Completing the Standard Application

New York City Health Code, Section 3.19 states: “No person shall make a false, untrue or misleading statement or forge the signature of another on a certificate, application, registration, report, or other document required to be prepared pursuant to this Code. No person shall make a false, untrue or misleading oral statement to the Department as to any matter investigated by the Department.”

NOTE: Any form with alterations, corrections, whiteout, etc., will not be accepted.

Complete all sections of the application. If completing it by hand, please use ink and write in CAPITAL LETTERS.

1. License or Permit Name
   o Enter the name of the permit or license you want to obtain.

2. Section A
   o Enter the individual owner’s name, or all partners’ names or corporation name in the box labeled “Name of Corporation, partnership or individual owner” (the permit will be issued to the corporation, partnership or person named here)
   o Enter the name of the establishment in the space labeled “Trade Name/DBA”
   o Provide the address where the establishment will be located. Please include in the space labeled “Premises Location” the floor, booth number, or store number where the establishment is to be located.
   o Enter the establishment’s telephone, fax and the email address (if any). All correspondence sent by email will be sent to this address.
   o Provide your date of birth, if applying as an individual

3. Section B
   o Enter the date you expect to start operating.

4. Section C
   o Enter your New York State Tax Authority ID #. If applying as an individual, also enter your Social Security Number. If you do not have a Social Security number, you may use an Individual Tax Identification Number (ITIN)

5. Section D
   o Enter the mailing address if it is different from where the establishment is going to be located. All correspondence sent by mail will be sent to this address.

6. Section E
   o Enter the name, home address, zip code, phone number, email address and title of the owner/all partners in the business/all principal officers in the corporation

7. Section F
   o This section is required for Mobile Food Vendor permittees. It is not required for Tattoo licenses nor Mobile Food Vendor licensees.

8. Signature
   o Sign the application.
   *Note: the person who signs the Application must be named in Section E.
   o Enter the title and telephone number of the person who signed the Application for Permit
   o Indicate whether the applicant is 18 years of age or older.
   *Note: applicants must be older than 18 years of age.
STANDARD APPLICATION FOR NEW LICENSE OR PERMIT

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NAME OF LICENSE/PERMIT
(For detailed instructions on what is needed to apply please go to Business Express at http://www.nyc.gov/businessexpress)

IMPORTANT: Please type or print legibly in ink using capital letters. Allow spaces between completed words or numbers. Standard abbreviations are permitted. All section must be completed in ink.

SECTION A – NAME, ADDRESS AND CONTACT INFORMATION OF ENTITY TO WHICH LICENSE/PERMIT IS TO BE ISSUED

READ CAREFULLY: Enter the corporate name and location of business establishment. If not incorporated, enter your name(s) and location of business establishment.

NAME OF CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP, PARTNERS OR INDIVIDUAL OWNER (Last Name First) | TELEPHONE NUMBER (AREA CODE) |
---|---|
TRADE NAME/Doing Business As (DBA) | FAX NUMBER (AREA CODE) |
BUILDING NUMBER | STREET |
CITY OR TOWN | STATE ZIP CODE |
E-MAIL ADDRESS |

DATE OF BIRTH (If applying as an individual) | MONTH | DAY | YEAR |
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GENDER: ☐ Male | ☐ Female | What language do you speak? ________________

☐ I agree to receive all official notices from the Department of Health only by email at the email address provided in this application form. An official notice is any correspondence from the Department of Health that requires a response by a date certain. These include, but are not limited to, permit or license renewal notices; notices of fines or fees owed; collection letters and Dunning Notices, and Notices of Violations.

☐ I would like to receive Department of Health publications, including information about new regulations, newsletters, fact sheets and other educational material, only by email at the email address provided in this application form.

SECTION B – DATE EXPECTED TO OPEN/START OPERATING

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SECTION E – LIST NAMES (LAST, FIRST) OF OWNER – PARTNER – CORPORATE OFFICERS

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SECTION F

ALL APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE THE WORKERS’ COMPENSATION AND DISABILITY BENEFITS INSURANCE INFORMATION REQUESTED BELOW AND PROVIDE COPIES OF PROOF OF CURRENT INSURANCE.

YOUR APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IF YOU DO NOT COMPLETE THIS SECTION AND PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION AND PROOF.

Please check the appropriate box:

☐ The business described in this application has Workers’ Compensation and Disability Benefits Insurance as identified below:

Workers’ Compensation Insurance Carrier: ____________________________ Policy #: ____________________________ Expiration Date: ________________

Disability Benefits Insurance Carrier: ____________________________ Policy #: ____________________________ Expiration Date: ________________

OR

☐ Form CE-200 was submitted to the Worker’s Compensation Board stating such coverage is not required for this business and a copy with the New York State-assigned Exemption Certificate Number is attached.

Certificate Number: ____________________________ Issuance Date: ____________________________

Form CE-200 attesting to an exemption of this requirement can be found at http://www.wcb.ny.gov

Legal reasons for an applicant to qualify for this exemption are listed on Form CE-200. Please review Form CE-200 to see if your business qualifies for this exemption and is not required to obtain Workers’ Compensation and Disability Benefits Insurance.

By signing this application for a permit, I agree that I will comply with provisions of the Health Code and other laws that apply to the permitted activity, and that all the statements made in this application are true and complete. Making a false statement is an offense punishable by fines, imprisonment or both. (NYC Administrative Code § 10-154.)

SIGNATURE OF BUSINESS OWNER, PARTNER, OR CORPORATE OFFICER

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IF YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE WHERE YOU LIVE NOW, WOULD YOU LIKE TO REGISTER TO VOTE HERE TODAY?

☐ YES  ☐ NO

Applying, or declining to apply, to register to vote will not affect the amount of assistance you will be provided by this agency. If you would like help in filling out the voter registration application, we will help you.
Affidavit of Home Address

This form is to be completed only by the person with whom you (the applicant) live. It should also be signed by you where indicated. You must bring this form with a recent utility bill or lease in the name of that individual.

(Please type or print legibly)

TO: Citywide Licensing Center
42 Broadway
New York, NY 10004

__________________________________________________________
(Enter name of the person with whom the applicant lives - must be the same as on the utility bill or lease)

residing at __________________________________________________________________________________________________________
(Street Address, Borough, State and Zip code)

states that: __________________________________________________________________________________________________________
(Enter name of the person applying for permit/license)

is my _______________________________________________ and lives with me at the above address.
(Relationship to applicant, e.g., wife, husband, sister, brother,
mother, father, son, daughter, aunt, uncle, cousin, friend)

________________________________________________________________________
SIGNATURE                     PRINT NAME
(Note: This name must match the name on the accompanying utility bill or lease)

I _____________________________________________________ attest to the truth of the above information.

Print name of applicant

____________________________________ *
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

* Please note that submitting false or misleading information is a violation of Section 3.19 of the New York City Health Code and may be prosecuted civilly or criminally as a misdemeanor. It may also result in the revocation of any license or permit issued.

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Uniform Granting Authority to Act Affirmation

_________________________________________ affirms the truth of the following:

(Applicant Name)

1. I am the ________________________________ of _______________________________
   (State relationship to business)  (Name of business as it appears on the
   Certificate of Partnership and/or Business)
   which is located at _________________________________________________________
   (Street Address, Borough, State, and Zip Code)
   whose phone number and email address are _______________ and _____________________
   (Area code & Number)      (Email address)

2. I hereby authorize __________________________ of ____________________________
   (Full name of designated representative)  (Full name of representative’s business)
   who maintains an office/resides at _______________________________________________
   (Street Address, Borough, State, and Zip Code)
   and whose telephone number and email address are ____________________ and
   (Area code & Number)
   _______________________ to represent me before the license, permit, or certificate issuing
   Agency in regard to the preparation and submission of my application for a license/permit
   ______________________________.
   (License/Permit/Certificate Category)

3. I understand that I will be legally bound by the representations made in said applications and
   will be held responsible by the license, permit, or certificate issuing Agency for any
   inaccuracies or misrepresentations.

4. I understand that I may revoke/withdraw the Authority to Act being submitted in connection
   with this application for a license, permit, or certificate in person by appearing at the
   Citywide Licensing Center prior to the date of the submission of the permit (license)
   application and informing the Director of the Citywide Licensing Center of this decision
   (The office of the Citywide Licensing Center is located at 42 Broadway, New York, NY
   10004). I also understand that in the alternative I may notify the Citywide Licensing Center
   in writing of the revocation/withdrawal of this authority to act on my act.

___________________________________           _____________________________
SIGNATURE      PRINT NAME

Date: _____________________________

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TATTOO LICENSE FEES

Payment methods: Personal Check (accepted only when applying in person), Certified Check (made payable to the New York City Department of Health & Mental Hygiene; accepted only when applying in person), Money Order (made payable to the New York City Department of Health & Mental Hygiene; accepted only when applying in person). Payment by credit card (American Express, Discover, MasterCard or Visa) require a convenience fee of 2.49%

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Complete all sections of the application. If completing it by hand, please use ink and write in CAPITAL LETTERS.

1. Application date:
   • Write the application date in a 2 digit month, 2 digit day and 2 digit year format.

2. Licensee Name:
   • Write your last name first, then your first name, then you middle name.

3. Type of License:
   • Put a check mark in the box Two Year if the type of license you are applying for is a Two Year license.
   • Put a check mark in the box Temporary if the type of license you are applying for is a Temporary license.

4. You must answer the following question:
   • Put a check mark in the yes box if you have been convicted of criminal tattooing of a minor in violation of section 250.21 of the New York State Penal Law within the past year.
   • Put a check mark in the no box if you have not been convicted of criminal tattooing of a minor in violation of section 250.21 of the New York State Penal Law within the past year.

5. Email Affirmations:
   • Check the corresponding box if you want/don’t want all official notices sent to you only by email.
   • Check the box corresponding if you want/don’t want to receive publications from the Health Department by email.

6. You must read the last two paragraphs regarding good health practices.
INITIAL APPLICATION FOR TATTOO LICENSE

APPLICATION DATE
MONTH | DAY | YEAR
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APPLICATION SPECIFIC INFORMATION

LICENSEE NAME

LAST | FIRST | MIDDLE
--- | --- | ---

TYPE OF LICENSE:

☐ TWO YEAR ☐ TEMPORARY

YOU MUST ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

Have you been convicted of criminal tattooing of a minor in violation of section 250.21 of the New York State Penal Law within the past year? ☐ YES ☐ NO

EMAIL AFFIRMATIONS:

Do you want all official notices sent to you ONLY BY EMAIL? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Do you want to receive publications from the Health Department by email? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Please Note: Steps should be taken to avoid tattoo-associated skin infections by using sterile water, not tap, bottled filtered or distilled water to dilute ink. Sterile water is readily available for purchase at most drug stores. Once a sterile bottle has been opened and used, it should no longer be considered sterile. Discard open bottles of sterile water after a single use. Though using sterile water to dilute tattoo inks will help prevent infections from occurring, it is also critical that all other infection control tattoo practices be followed. This information will be added to the 3-hour Infection Control Course and Infection Control Examination that is required for new tattoo licenses and renewals. The current infection control manual is available online at http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/downloads/pdf/hany/tattoo-manual.pdf

As a reminder, you are required to give the customer written instructions on how to care for the tattoo. If your customers notice any signs of infection (e.g., pus, redness, swelling), advise the customer to seek medical attention immediately. Both the customer and the tattoo artist should report the infection to the Health Department by calling 311. Thank you for your cooperation.

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