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OHLA oversees regulation of nearly 5,000 businesses statewide ranging from sole proprietorships to national corporations, as well as 7,000 independent contractors. OHLA monitors these businesses and independent contractors to ensure compliance with licensing and safety and health regulations while collaborating with other regulatory entities on cross-jurisdictional issues, such as worker safety concerns with the [Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Division](#).

OHLA licenses and regulates facilities in the following professions: barbering, body piercing, electrology, esthetics, hair design, nail technology and tattooing. Independent contractors lease stations and are subject to inspections separate from facility inspections.

OHLA enforcement officers check for violations of Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) and Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR), and also look for opportunities to educate licensees about regulatory requirements as part of OHLA's goal of promoting a positive business environment.

Enforcement officers will often issue warnings initially if it appears the licensee or facility owner isn't willfully violating state standards meant to protect the safety and health of the public. However, OHLA has the authority to suspend, put on probation, or revoke a license holder, particularly if there is an immediate threat to public health and safety.

OHLA monitors facilities for adherence to stringent standard precautions for sterilization of needles (or use of one-use disposable needles) and equipment such as autoclaves (laboratory results showing microorganisms, including spores, have been destroyed, must be available), biohazard waste disposal and infection control practices formulated to state and national standards, disclosure forms, client records, spa filter systems and inks and dyes approved by the U.S. Food & Drug Administration.

Authorizing Laws & Rules

This program exists under the regulatory oversight of the Oregon Health Licensing Agency (OHLA). Profession-specific statutes and rules (see individual profession fact sheets) link to OHLA's overarching statutes (ORS 676.600-992) and rules (OAR 331, Divisions 1-30) for all OHLA-regulated professions.



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