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Body Piercing

Body Piercing Technicians

Body piercing technicians perform piercing services, including earlobe piercing, in licensed facilities. Body piercing technicians must be registered and adhere to stringent universal precautions for sterilization of needles and equipment, biohazard waste disposal and infection control practices formulated to state and national standards. There is no volunteer citizen board or council representing the body piercing profession; OHLA runs all aspects of the regulatory system.



Body piercing services are provided in a number of different settings, from specialized full-body piercing facilities to temporary booths at community festivals and county fairs, to facilities that provide earlobe-only piercing services. Earlobe-only piercing businesses such as jewelry stores and large retail stores must meet the same safety and infection control requirements as full-service piercing facilities.

Qualifications

- At least 18 years of age
- High school graduate or equivalent
- Current training in basic first aid, blood-borne pathogens and aftercare procedures

Many technicians learn the occupation by serving as apprentices in established facilities under the training and direct supervision of a registered practitioner. However, apprenticeship is not required. Apprentices may provide support services only, as Oregon law requires all body piercing technicians to be registered.

Authorizing Laws & Rules

This licensing program exists under the regulatory oversight of the Oregon Health Licensing Agency (OHLA). The program's profession-specific statutes (ORS 690.500-690.570 and 690.992) and rules (OAR 331, Divisions 200-225) link to OHLA's overarching statutes (ORS 676.600-992) and rules (OAR 331, Divisions 1-30) for all OHLA-regulated professions.

For more information, visit www.oregon.gov/OHLA/BP