



Guidelines for Establishing Beauty Therapy Businesses

Although there are no regulations regarding the set up of beauty therapy businesses, the following guidelines will help ensure that minimum hygiene practices are adhered to:

- Wash hand basins with hot and cold running water are placed in every treatment room with soap and paper towel supplied (a building consent will be required for plumbing).
- Floors, walls and ceilings in treatment rooms are of such materials that they are able to be easily cleaned and maintained in good condition.
- Adequate ventilation is available in treatment rooms.
- All towels, face cloths, robes etc are used only once per customer and then soaked in hot water and a bleach based product before washing in hot water and detergent.
- All bed coverings, pillow cases, blankets etc unless covered with single use liners, are to be used once per customer and then either dry-cleaned or washed as described for towels etc.
- Adequate lighting is installed so that there are no shadows cast.
- The amount of staff toilets meets the requirements of the building code G1.
- All equipment used in the course of beauty treatments needs to be either sterilised in an appropriate manner or be single use and thrown out after use.
- If refreshments are served to clients, then a dishwasher will need to be installed.
- No animals are allowed on the premises unless they are a companion (seeing or hearing) dog.
- A first aid kit containing at a minimum of coloured plasters and antiseptic is required.

Please talk to a planner to make sure your proposed business does not require resource consent. For any plumbing and building, a building consent will be required.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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