

Personal Appearance Services Categorisation Table

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Acupuncture			✓			QLD Health
Amputation for purely cosmetic reasons (e.g. removal of ears for cosmetic reasons)				✓	While these types of procedures are Higher Risk PAS, other considerations will also apply including, that they should only be performed following medical advice and by a medical practitioner and that additional legislation, including the <i>Criminal Code</i> may also apply depending on the circumstances. Seek further legal advice if needed.	
Beauty therapy		✓			Defined under s11 of the Act.	Local Government
BB Glow treatment	✓				The application of semi-permanent make-up is included in the definition of tattooing under s18(b) of the Act. Tattooing is considered a HRPAS under s14(d) of the Act.	Local Government
Brow threading		✓			Considered ‘Beauty therapy’ under s11(a) of the Act	Local Government

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Body or face wrap or mask		✓			Considered 'Beauty therapy' under s11(a) of the Act	Local Government
Body piercing (other than closed ear or nose piercing. (E.g. navel, nipple, genital, tongue, cheek, lip, eyebrow, non-closed ear or nose))	✓				Body piercing that does not use a closed piercing instrument (s12 of the Act) is specified under s14(a) of the Act	Local Government
Body piercing (closed ear and nose piercing only)		✓			Defined under s12 of the Act	Local Government
Botox, dermal fillers or any other cosmetic injectable*	✓				Skin penetration procedure (s17 of the Act) and injection/insertion/implantation of a substance for cosmetic purposes. See s14(b) of the Act*	Local Government
Botox for the treatment of medical conditions			✓			QLD Health
Chemical peels		✓			Considered 'Beauty therapy' under s11(a) of the Act	Local Government
Collagen induction therapy (CIT) or Direct needle therapy (DNT) or skin needling* with NO implantation		✓			Skin penetration (s17 of the Act) procedure but does not meet the definition of HRPAS as there is no insertion/implantation of a substance	Local Government

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Collagen induction therapy (CIT) or Direct needle therapy (DNT) or skin needling WITH implantation	✓				Skin penetration procedure with the insertion/implantation of a substance for cosmetic purposes. See s14(b) of the Act	Local Government
Collagen injections	✓				Skin penetration procedure with the injection/implantation of a substance for cosmetic purposes. See s14(b) of the Act	Local Government
Colonic irrigation				✓	Refer Chapter 2, section 11(1)(b)(xi) of the <i>Public Health Act 2005 (Qld)</i> and Division 4, section 27 of the <i>Public Health Regulation 2018 (Qld)</i>	QLD Health
Cosmetic application (e.g. make-up)		✓			Considered 'Beauty therapy' under s11(b) of the Act	Local Government
Cosmetic surgery that is not considered a health service (e.g. nose job for aesthetic reasons)				✓	Depending on the procedure, who performs the procedure and the type of anaesthetic or sedation administered, the surgery is likely to be considered a 'prescribed procedure' under the <i>Private Health Facilities Act</i> and required to be performed in a licensed facility	QLD Health
Cosmetic tattooing (including the application of semi-permanent makeup)	✓				Cosmetic tattooing and the application of semi-permanent make-up are included in the definition of tattooing under s18 of the Act. Tattooing is considered a HRPAS under s14(d) of the Act	Local Government

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Dermabrasion		✓			Meets the definition of skin penetration (s17 of the Act) but does not meet the definition of HRPAS. Considered 'Beauty therapy' under s11(a) of the Act	Local Government
Ear pointing or modification (e.g. elf ears) and tongue forking or splitting	✓					Local Government
Electrolysis for hair removal		✓			Considered 'Beauty therapy' under s11(e) of the Act	Local Government
Electroporation mesotherapy (needle free)		✓			An electrical pulse creates temporary pores in cell membranes through which substances like nucleic acid can pass into cells. No blood or bodily fluid is likely to be released	Local Government
Eyeball tattooing for medical conditions			✓		This procedure should only be conducted by a medically trained eye care professional for the treatment of medically diagnosed ocular conditions	QLD Health
Facials		✓			Considered 'Beauty therapy' under s11(a) of the Act	Local Government
Fish spa pedicure		✓			Considered 'Beauty therapy' under s11(c) of the Act	Local Government
Foot grating or razoring or scraping		✓			Meets the definition of skin penetration (s17 of the Act) but does not meet the definition of HRPAS. Considered 'Beauty therapy' under s11(c) of the Act	Local Government

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Foot spa treatment		✓			Considered 'Beauty therapy' under s11(c) of the Act	Local Government
Hairdressing (incl. cutting, trimming, colouring, treating or shaving hair)		✓			Considered 'Hairdressing' under s13 of the Act	Local Government
Hair extensions		✓			Considered 'Hairdressing' under s13 of the Act	Local Government
Hair transplantation that is not considered a health service (e.g. performed for aesthetic reasons)	✓			✓	Considered a HRPAS under s14(b) of the Act unless the personal appearance service is provided in a healthcare facility. ¹	Local Government or QLD Health
Implanting natural or synthetic substances into skin (e.g. hair or beads)	✓				The implantation of a substance for cosmetic purposes is specified under s14(b) of the Act	Local Government
Injection lipolysis or fat dissolving injections	✓				Skin penetration procedure with the injection/implantation of a substance for cosmetic purposes. See s14(b) of the Act	Local Government
Intense light pulse (IPL) treatment		✓			Considered 'Beauty therapy' under s11(a) of the Act	Local Government
Massage				✓	Does not meet the definition of a personal appearance service	Local Government

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Mesotherapy or intradermal therapy that is not considered a health service (e.g. performed for aesthetic reasons)	✓				Skin penetration and injection/implantation of a substance for cosmetic purposes. See section 14(b) of the Act	Local Government
Microblading	✓				The application of semi-permanent make-up is included in the definition of tattooing under s18(b) of the Act. Tattooing is considered a HRPAS under s14(d) of the Act	Local Government
Microlipoinjection	✓			✓	Considered a HRPAS under s14(b) of the Act unless the personal appearance service is provided in a healthcare facility. ¹	Local Government
Nails (incl. manicure, pedicure and artificial nails)		✓			Considered 'Beauty therapy' under s11(c) of the Act	Local Government
Perming		✓			Considered 'Hairdressing' under s13 of the Act	Local Government
Platelet-rich plasma (PRP) therapy that is not considered a health service (e.g. 'vampire facials')	✓				Skin penetration (s17 of the Act) procedure and insertion/implantation of a substance for cosmetic purposes	Local Government

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Scarring or scarification (e.g. use of an instrument to cut or scar skin to make a permanent mark, pattern or design)	✓				Scarring or cutting a person's skin to make a permanent mark, pattern or design is specified under s14(c) of the Act	Local Government
Shaving		✓			Considered 'Hairdressing' under s13 of the Act if it involves facial or scalp hair. Considered 'Beauty therapy' under s11(a) if it involves hair elsewhere on the body.	Local Government
Skin whitening or bleaching that is not considered a health service (e.g. anal bleaching conducted by a beautician)		✓			Considered 'Beauty therapy' under s11(a) of the Act	Local Government
Spray tanning		✓			Defined under s18 of the Act and specified under s14(d) of the Act	Local Government
Tattooing	✓				Defined under s18 of the Act and specified under s14(d) of the Act	Local Government
Tattoo removal (involving the use of liquid containing injectable products)	✓				Prescribed as a HRPAS under the <i>Public Health (Infection Control for Personal Appearance Services) Regulation 2016</i> (the Regulation). Excludes tattoo removal using lasers. Refer to the <i>Health Legislation Amendment Regulation No. 3 2015</i> Explanatory Notes (pages 7 and 8)	Local Government

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Teeth whitening or bleaching conducted by a person other than a dentist		✓			Considered 'Beauty therapy' under s11(b) of the Act	Local Government
Teeth whitening conducted in a dental facility			✓		Ch4 of the PHA applies	QLD Health
Thread lift	✓				Skin penetration and insertion/implantation of a substance for cosmetic purposes. See section 14(b) of the Act	Local Government
UltraSonophoresis (ultrasound vibration skin treatment)		✓			Considered 'Beauty therapy' under s11(a) of the Act	Local Government
Waxing		✓			Considered 'Beauty therapy' and specified under 11(e) of the Act	Local Government

***As at April 2023 work is commencing to have these personal appearance services prescribed as a HRPAS under the Regulation. Service providers encouraged to provide these services in accordance with the requirements for higher-risk personal appearance services.**

Please note that this is not an exhaustive list and the table is provided as a guide only. The categorisation of the business may differ depending on the exact nature of the services provided. If uncertain, please contact your [local government](#) or [Public Health Unit](#).