
PART 15 – HIGHER RISK PERSONAL APPEARANCE SERVICES

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Purpose

To minimise the risk of infection in a *place of business* where *higher risk personal appearance services* are provided.

Application

This standard applies to *places of business* where *higher risk personal appearance services* are provided to the public as part of a *business transaction*.

Referral Agency

There is no referral agency for this code.

Where the *acceptable solutions* of this standard are not adopted, the local government has the jurisdiction, under section 20 of the *Standard Building Regulation 1993*, to assess the building work for compliance with the *performance criteria* of this standard.

Associated Requirements

- *Public Health (Infection Control for Personal Appearance Services) Act 2003.*
- *Plumbing and Drainage Act 2002*
- *Standard Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2003*
- *Standard Building Regulation 1993.*

Definitions

Note: Italicised words within the body of the text are defined.

Acceptable solution - means solutions which are deemed to satisfy the *performance criteria*.

Body piercing - means the process of penetrating a person's skin or mucous membrane with a sharp instrument for the purpose of implanting jewellery or other foreign material through or into the skin or mucous membrane.

Body piercing does not include the process of piercing a person's ear or nose with a closed piercing instrument that-

- (a) does not come into contact with the person's skin or mucous membrane; and
- (b) is fitted with a sterilised, single-use disposable cartridge containing sterilised jewellery and fittings.

Business transaction - means a transaction in which a service is provided for payment or other consideration.

Higher risk personal appearance service - means a personal appearance service involving any of the following *skin penetration* procedures in which the release of blood or other bodily fluid is an expected result-

- (a) *body piercing*;
- (b) implanting natural or synthetic substances into a person's skin, including, for example, hairs or beads;
- (c) scarring or cutting a person's skin using a sharp instrument to make a permanent mark, pattern or design;
- (d) *tattooing*;
- (e) another *skin penetration* procedure prescribed under a regulation made under the *Public Health (Infection Control for Personal Appearance Services) Act 2003*.

Performance criteria - means the outcome that must be achieved for an element of a building or structure or part of a building or structure.

Place of business - means premises where a *higher risk personal appearance service* is provided.

Skin penetration - means a procedure for the purpose of altering or enhancing a person's appearance that involves the piercing, cutting, scarring, scraping, puncturing or tearing of a person's skin or mucous membrane with an instrument.

Tattooing - means to penetrate a person's skin and insert into it colour pigments to make a permanent mark, pattern or design on the skin. *Tattooing* also includes any process, for example the process known as cosmetic *tattooing* or semi-permanent make-up, that penetrates the skin and inserts into it colour pigments to make a semi-permanent mark, pattern or design on the skin.

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Functionality

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| P1 | <p>A <i>place of business</i> must be suitably planned and fitted out to effectively minimise infection risks, taking into consideration-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) separation of clean or sterile items from contaminated items; and (b) convenient access by operators to hand basins from a number of rooms. | A1 | <p>A <i>place of business</i> consisting of a single room or multiple rooms incorporates-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) a clean zone within a room, or rooms where clean or sterilised items are stored and a hand basin complying with A2(a) is located; and (b) a dirty or contaminated zone within a room, or rooms where contaminated items are placed to await cleaning, and where the cleaning sinks, instrument washers and sterilisers complying with A2(b) are located. |
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Hand washing, instrument and equipment cleaning facilities

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| P2 | <p>A <i>place of business</i> must be provided with suitable hand washing and instrument cleaning facilities to provide and maintain hygienic conditions.</p> | A2 | <p>A <i>place of business</i> is provided with hand washing and instrument cleaning facilities which consist of-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) at least one hand-washing basin for each five workstations or part thereof with- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) bowl dimensions of not less than 400mm x 250mm; and (ii) reticulated cold water controlled by non-touch taps and includes wrist, elbow, knee, foot or sensor operated taps; and (iii) unobstructed space |
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above it, not less than 600mm wide and extending not less than 750mm above the fixture; and

- (iv) the basin situated not more than 5m from any work station unobstructed by walls or fixtures; and
- (v) each hand-washing basin located between 800mm and 1000mm above the floor; and

(b) at least one sink solely for washing and cleaning instruments and equipment with-

- (i) a bowl not less than 400mm long; and
- (ii) reticulated hot and cold water; and
- (iii) each sink located between 800mm and 1000mm above the floor.

Finishing Materials

P3 The floors, walls, ceilings, benches and cupboard surfaces, workstations and any areas used in conjunction with workstations, must be finished in materials suitable to enable easy cleaning.

- A3**
- (a) The finished floor surface consists of a material that is free of cracks, irregularities, and imperfections and includes-
 - (i) ceramic tiles; or
 - (ii) sealed cork tiles; or
 - (iii) plastic tiles or sheeting; or
 - (iv) polyurethane sealed

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- timber; or
 - (v) epoxy resin sealed concrete; or
 - (vi) carpet that can withstand fluids and can be easily cleaned.
- (b) The finished wall surfaces consist of a material that is easily cleaned when painted or sealed and includes-
- (i) sealed smooth concrete; or
 - (ii) rendered hard plaster; or
 - (iii) smooth concrete masonry; or
 - (iv) smooth clay masonry; or
 - (v) timber boards; or
 - (vi) timber sheeting; or
 - (vii) washable vinyl wallpaper; or
 - (viii) plasterboard.
- (c) The finished ceiling surfaces consist of a material that is easily cleaned when painted or sealed and includes-
- (i) sealed smooth concrete; or
 - (ii) rendered hard plaster; or
 - (iii) plasterboard; or
 - (iv) timber; or
 - (v) timber boards or sheeting; or
 - (vi) vinyl faced board.
- (d) All joinery and other finished surfaces including benches, cupboards, shelves and work station areas on which instruments are placed

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consist of a material that can be easily cleaned, is smooth and free from cracks and crevices and includes-

- (i) gloss paint or stain; or
- (ii) laminate; or
- (iii) glass; or
- (iv) stainless steel; or
- (v) epoxy resin.

(e) The intersections between floors and walls are provided with-

- (i) coving at least 50mm high; or
- (ii) continuous skirting at least 50mm high consisting of timber, ceramic tiles or the like.

Finishes – joining system

P4 Internal wall, ceiling and floor finishes must have a suitable joining system to facilitate the maintenance of hygienic conditions.

A4 Joints between-

- (a) wall and ceiling linings are flush with the surface; and
- (b) ceramic wall and floor tiling are filled with heavy duty 100% epoxy, acid resisting grouting in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations; and
- (c) wall and floor flexible PVC sheeting have heat welded seams; and
- (d) polypropylene sheeting has proprietary plastic mouldings.