

MEMORANDUM

TO: Applicants

FROM: Vanessa Beauchamp
Executive Director

RE: Practitioner Requirements

All individuals applying for a practitioner license are required to submit proof of the following:

- 1) A bloodborne pathogen training program (or equivalent) which includes infectious disease control; waste disposal; handwashing techniques; sterilization equipment operation and methods; and sanitization, disinfection, and sterilization methods and techniques (Example: “Preventing Disease Transmission” (American Red Cross) and “Bloodborne Pathogen Training” (U.S. OSHA)); and
- 2) First aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR); and
- 3) An apprenticeship, which shall include at least three hundred (300) documented hours of practical experience that includes at a minimum of fifty (50) completed procedures in each area that the applicant has filed an application for licensure. The documented work shall be certified and supervised by a currently licensed Missouri practitioner or by a practitioner who is licensed to practice tattooing, body piercing, and/or branding in another state, territory, or commonwealth whose requirements for licensure are substantially equivalent to the requirements for licensure in Missouri. The supervising practitioner shall be present during the entire procedure and shall be licensed in the same field of practice in which the applicant has filed a license application; or
- 4) In lieu of an apprenticeship, an applicant may submit proof that he/she has successfully completed a course of study in tattooing, body piercing, and/or branding in a school licensed or accredited as a school by any state or federal agency. The course of study must have been completed in the same practice area that the applicant has applied for a license.
 - A. The course of study shall consist of at least three hundred (300) documented hours of instruction and/or training which shall include, at a minimum, instruction in sanitation, equipment handling, disease control, skin treatment and/or skin infections, design and/or artistry, and clinical practice. Applicants shall submit an official transcript demonstrating compliance with the requirements of this section. Official transcripts must be mailed directly to the Division by the school.
 - B. A person applying under this subsection shall also submit proof of practical experience that includes at least twenty-five (25) completed procedures in the same field that the applicant has applied for licensure. For purposes of this subsection, proof of practical experience may be certified to by a school which meets the

requirements of this rule or by any person licensed to practice tattooing, branding, or body piercing in another state, territory, or commonwealth; or

- 5) Alternatively, and in lieu of an apprenticeship, an applicant may submit proof or other evidence which verifies that he/she has, within the last seven (7) years, practiced for a minimum of three (3) years in the same practice area that the applicant has applied for licensure. Sufficient proof or evidence may include, but is not limited to:
 - A. Affidavits from prior employer(s) or supervisors;
 - B. W-2 or 1099 forms; or
 - C. Tax returns verifying occupational status.

- 6) Reciprocity. A person licensed to practice tattooing, body piercing, and/or branding in another state, territory, or commonwealth may apply for licensure by reciprocity in the same practice area if the other state, territory, or commonwealth has requirements that are substantially equivalent to the requirements of Missouri for the license sought. Applicants for licensure by reciprocity shall submit or cause to be submitted the following:
 - A. A completed notarized application and the accompanying application fee;
 - B. A copy of a current tattoo, body piercing, and/or branding license from the other state, territory, or commonwealth;
 - C. A current copy of the rules and regulations pertaining to tattooing, body piercing, and/or branding from the other state, territory, or commonwealth; and
 - D. A letter of license verification mailed by the state, territory, or commonwealth licensing agency to the division which shall include—
 1. Verification that the applicant holds a valid and unexpired license;
 2. The license issuance date;
 3. The license expiration date; and
 4. A statement verifying whether the applicant has ever been subject to discipline or if there are any complaints or investigations pending against the licensee.
 5. Upon request, a consent that allows the office to examine disciplinary, complaint, and/or investigative records of the other licensing authority.
 - E. A person applying for licensure by reciprocity from a state, territory, or commonwealth whose licensing requirements are less stringent than those in force in the state of Missouri shall be required to meet the requirements of 20 CSR 2267-2.010(2).