

Part 4: Risk of breaking the skin

Minimum standards for all operators

All operators who risk breaking the skin must comply with this section and also any of the relevant sections from 4A to 4C.

Precautions and aftercare

Tell your customers about the potential risks associated with the service including risk of infection.

Give your customers advice about the before and after care procedures.

Only use sterile or single-use disposable or disinfected instruments

All instruments or tools you use on customers for any service which risks breaking the skin must be:

- single-use disposable and immediately disposed of after use; or
- cleaned and sterilised as per Minimum Standard 3(21) of the COP and COP summary Part 3: Piercing of the Skin. Once sterilised you must keep them sterile.
- cleaned and then disinfected by a thermal or chemical disinfection procedure appropriate to the level of disinfection required and the item being disinfected maintaining the product-specific recommended contact time, to the satisfaction of council.

Additional standards

These standards may also be relevant.

- The New Zealand Association of Registered Beauty Therapists promotes professional beauty care and best practice in the beauty therapy industry in New Zealand. Members of the association follow to the “Code of Ethics for Members of the New Zealand Association of Registered Beauty Therapists”, “Code of Practice for Beauty Therapy Clinics, Spas and Training Establishments” and “Rules of the New Zealand Association of Registered Beauty Therapists”.
- The NZ Board of Professional Skin Therapies also promotes best practice and follows to the “Code of Ethics”, “Code of Best Practice in Health and Hygiene”.

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