



**Rules of
Department of Economic
Development**

**Division 267—Office of Tattooing, Body Piercing
and Branding**

Chapter 2—Licensing Requirements

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4 CSR 267-2.010 Licenses

PURPOSE: This rule outlines the requirements for obtaining a tattoo, body piercing and branding license.

(1) No person shall operate a tattoo establishment, body piercing establishment and/or branding establishment unless he or she has obtained a license for the establishment from the division. An application for an establishment license shall be notarized and accompanied by the appropriate fee. Only one (1) application shall be required for any single establishment.

(2) No person shall tattoo, body pierce and/or brand another person, use or assume the title of tattooist, body piercer and/or brander, designate or represent themselves to be a tattooist, body piercer and/or brander unless he or she has obtained a license from the division. An application for a practitioner license shall be notarized and accompanied by the appropriate fee.

(3) Within a reasonable period of time after receiving a completed notarized application for a license, the division shall either approve the application and issue a license or deny the application. If the application for license is denied, the division shall give the applicant reasons in writing for the denial and provide information about how the applicant may appeal the decision.

(4) The division shall not issue a license to a new or temporary tattoo, body piercing and/or branding establishment or a new operator at an existing establishment without completing an inspection of the establishment to ensure that the establishment complies with the requirements set forth in these rules.

(5) Applicants who are approved for licensure shall receive one (1) license. Duplicate licenses may be provided upon payment of the appropriate fee pursuant to the rules promulgated by the division.

AUTHORITY: section 324.522, RSMo Supp. 2001. Original rule filed Aug. 15, 2002, effective Feb. 28, 2003.*

**Original authority: 324.522, RSMo 1998, amended 1999, 2001.*

4 CSR 267-2.020 Fees

PURPOSE: This rule establishes and fixes various fees and charges authorized by section 324.522, RSMo.

(1) The operator of a tattoo, body piercing or branding establishment shall pay a biennial license fee to the office as follows:

(A) Tattoo establishment	\$375
(B) Body piercing establishment	\$375
(C) Branding establishment	\$375
(D) Combined tattoo, body piercing or branding establishment	\$450
(E) Renewal for a tattoo, body piercing or branding establishment	\$375
(F) Renewal for a combined tattoo, body piercing and/or branding establishment	\$450

(2) The operator of a temporary tattoo, body piercing and/or branding establishment shall pay a fee to the division as follows:

(A) Temporary tattoo establishment	\$250 per event
(B) Temporary body piercing establishment	\$250 per event
(C) Temporary branding establishment	\$250 per event
(D) Temporary combined tattoo, body piercing and/or branding establishment	\$300 per event

(3) A person who wishes to practice as a tattooist, body piercer, or brander shall pay a biennial fee to the division as follows:

(A) Tattooist	\$ 75
(B) Renewal for tattooist	\$ 75
(C) Body piercer	\$ 75
(D) Renewal for a body piercer	\$ 75
(E) Brander	\$ 75
(F) Renewal for a brander	\$ 75
(G) Combined practitioner	\$150
(H) Renewal for combined practitioner	\$150

(4) Additional Fees:

(A) Duplicate license fee	\$ 5
(B) Bad check fee	\$25

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4 CSR 267-2.030 License Renewal

PURPOSE: This rule outlines the process for renewing a practitioner's license and/or an establishment license.

(1) All practitioner and establishment licenses shall be renewed biennially. All licenses shall be renewed in odd numbered years and shall expire on June 30 as defined in 4 CSR 231-2.010. Failure of a practitioner or the holder of an establishment license to renew the license shall cause the license to expire. A practitioner who continues to practice or a holder of an establishment license who continues to operate without a valid license shall be deemed to be practicing in violation of sections 324.520 to 324.524, RSMo.

(2) Failure to receive notice shall not relieve the licensee or the holder of an establishment license of the obligation to renew and pay the required fee prior to the expiration date.

(3) Each practitioner or holder of an establishment license shall provide the division with a completed and signed renewal form containing updated information since the preceding application/renewal period, as well as the required fee for renewal.

(4) Renewals shall be postmarked no later than the expiration date of the license.

(5) Deposit of a licensee's or operator's renewal fee by the division does not constitute acceptance of the renewal application. Any practitioner or holder of an establishment license who fails to renew the license by the expiration date shall not perform any act for which a license is required.

(6) A practitioner or a holder of an establishment license who fails to renew said license by the expiration date shall reapply under the regulations in effect at the time of reapplication.

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