



# CHANGES TO THE BODY ART REGULATIONS FOR GEORGIA TATTOOING, PIERCING AND MICROBLADING STUDIOS AND ARTISTS EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 6, 2023

On October 6, 2023, new Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) regulations went into effect that will affect all counties' body art studios and individual artists who perform tattooing, piercing, and/or microblading services in Georgia..

## ARTISTS

### NEW ARTISTS

All new body artists will need to obtain a Georgia DPH permit starting October 6, 2023.

All Body Artist certification testing for Gwinnett, Newton, and Rockdale counties will be administered **ONLY** at Gwinnett Environmental Health. **Call 770-963-5132 to schedule.** Upon passing the exam, DPH will send the Body Art Artist Permit Application to the body artist applicant. Each Body Art Artist permit is valid for one year and may be renewed on a standard date to be determined by DPH.

### TEMPORARY AND GUEST ARTISTS

All temporary or guest artists will need to obtain a temporary permit in the county they will be working in according to DPH's requirements that went into effect on October 6, 2023.

### CURRENTLY PERMITTED ARTISTS

Individuals who are currently permitted by the county in which they work will see their permit expire after October 5, 2024, even if their current permit has an expiration date after that date. All artists will need to be permitted by the Georgia Department of Public Health before October 6, 2024.

## STUDIOS

### NEW STUDIOS

New studios will need to apply for a permit through the county in which they operate and will need to comply with the new Georgia Department of Public Health Body Art Studio regulations that went into effect on October 6, 2023.

### EXISTING PERMITTED STUDIOS

Existing permitted studios will need to comply with updated Georgia Department of Public Health Body Art Studio regulations by October 6, 2024. This process will include submitting a new Body Art Studio Application to the local Environmental Health Office in the county in which the studio will operate.



Scan the QR Code for more information on Body Art Forms and Applications!

[www.gnrhealth.com/services/environmental-health-index/body-art-forms-and-applications/](http://www.gnrhealth.com/services/environmental-health-index/body-art-forms-and-applications/)



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