

## Tattoo Facility and Artist FAQs

- 1. Can tattoo artists perform microblading, permanent makeup, and/or micropigmentation procedures?** No. State law provides, “It is unlawful for a tattoo artist to tattoo any part of the head, face, or neck of another person.” See SC Code Section 44-34-100(E). In addition, state regulation prohibits tattoo artists from “perform[ing] micropigmentation or permanent cosmetic procedures” and notes that these “procedures shall be provided only by physicians or other legally authorized healthcare providers.” See Regulation 61-111, Sections 100.V and 900.L.
- 2. How long does it take to receive a license to operate a tattoo facility?** State law and regulation have very specific requirements for tattoo facilities, so carefully review the [application](#) and be prepared before each step to help speed up the process. DHEC’s default payment option for applicants is online for quicker processing. Note that persons intending to apply for a license are required by state law to advertise in the local newspaper at least once a week for three consecutive weeks pursuant to [S.C. Code Section 44-34-110\(C\)](#).
- 3. How does DHEC measure the certification measurement?** State law requires the distance to be computed by following the shortest route of ordinary pedestrian or vehicular travel along the public thoroughfare from the nearest point of the grounds in use as part of the church, school, or playground.
- 4. Where should I submit initial, renewal, and change request applications?** Email all applications to [tf@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:tf@dhec.sc.gov).