



# Construction Standards For Hairdressers & Barbers Premises

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## INFECTION CONTROL

Hairdresser and Barber practices allow for the potential for contact with human body products, which can spread infection to members of the public. Such infection can include the spread of skin diseases. Hair and skin cells have the potential for the spread of bacteria from one person to the next.

Construction standards ensure that the necessary facilities are available to maintain hygiene standards. This is necessary to protect both staff and clients from unnecessary risk of infection.

Hairdresser and Barbers activities are not considered as 'skin penetration' practices, however the Skin Penetration Code of Best Practice – March 2001 can be referred to for the implementation of infection control practices, included are the Cleaning and Disinfection sections of the Code.

## REGISTRATION

- Details of all Hairdressers and Barbers shops are to be submitted to Council, together with the annual inspection fees under the Local Government Act 1993 as notified.
- Changes to the registration details such as owners and procedures, must be notified to Council within 14 days of the change.
- The annual fee must be paid for Council Approval to take effect.

## CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

### Flooring

- To be durable, smooth and impervious to moisture.
- Flooring must be free from cracks, joints and faults.

### Walls

- The area from floor level to a height of 450mm above the top of the wash basin and from the centre of the wash basin to 150mm beyond each side is required to be covered with material that is durable, smooth, impervious to moisture and easily cleaned.

### Coving

- Coving shall be fitted at the junction of walls and floors.

## **Storage Facilities**

- Shelving and cupboards are to be provided to ensure that all equipment is stored in a safe and hygienic manner.
- Shall be constructed of or covered with material that is durable, smooth, impervious to moisture and easily cleaned.

## **Sinks**

### ***Hand Wash Basin***

- Premises must have a hand wash sink that is accessible at all times.
- Hand wash basins are to be fitted with a common spout for the supply of hot and cold running water.
- Soap or another hand cleaning substance is required at the handbasin.
- Paper towel or other single use hand drying equipment is required at the hand basin.

### ***Equipment Sink***

- To be provided with hot and cold water
- Separate to hair and hand basins.  
**NOTE:** Double bowl sinks are not sufficient unless installed prior to June 1998

### ***Hair Wash Basins***

- Hair basin plumbing to be set up in a way as to prevent scalding.

## **Fittings**

- Chairs are to have smooth surfaces that are easily cleaned.

## **Hygiene**

- The premises must be clean and in good repair.
- The premises must be provided with facilities that are adequate for the purpose of keeping hairdressing appliances and utensils clean.

## **Waste Disposal**

- Hair is to be disposed of in a plastic bag before joining the general waste stream.
- Razors must be placed into a sharps container and **not** disposed of in general waste stream.

## **Prohibited Activities**

- Staff are not to eat or smoke in work areas
- Linen is not to be used on more than one client and must be washed between each use

Premises are to be provided with facilities with washing, drainage, ventilation and lighting facilities adequate for hairdressing.

If any of the above requirements are not adequate or in a healthy condition an order can be served under the Local Government Act section 124 for compliance.

**For more information, please contact Coffs Harbour City Council on 6648 4000.**