The next step may be that building consent is required for any building or plumbing work to alter the premises. Building Compliance Officers at the Whakatāne District Council may be able to advise what is needed.

The following information is taken directly from the Health (Hairdressers) Regulations 1980. Please contact an Environmental Health Officer to discuss any queries on the regulations.

Regulation 5. Dogs on premises prohibited

- (1) No person, being the occupier, or for the time being in charge, of any hairdresser's shop shall permit any dog, other than a guide-dog for the blind (being a dog certified by the Royal New Zealand Foundation for the Blind as being a trained guide-dog) to enter or to be in that shop³.
- (2) No person for the time being in charge of any dog, other than such a guide dog, shall permit the dog to enter or be in any hairdresser's shop.
 - ¹This means at least one wash hand basin with hot and cold running water in the hair service area where hair is cut, washed, tinted etc., for hairdressers to wash their hands is required.
 - ² This means that at least one sink with hot and cold running water for washing hairdressing equipment in the hairdressing service area is required. This same sink cannot be used for staff teas and coffees.

³ Hearing dogs are allowed also.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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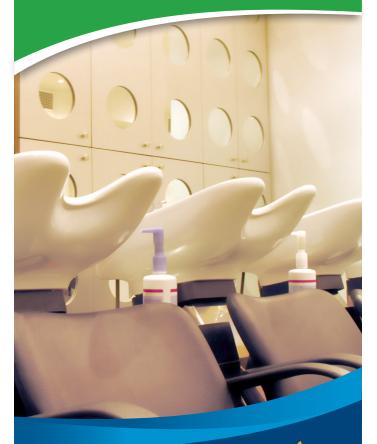


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HAIRDRESSING SHOPS

Regulation 3. Registration

No person shall use any premises as a hairdresser's shop unless the premises are for the time being registered by the appropriate local authority and he or she is the holder of a current certificate of registration in respect of those premises in accordance with the Health (Registration of Premises) Regulations 1966.

Please Note: Application forms for annual registration of the premises are available from Whakatāne District Council and also from our website: www.whakatane.govt.nz

Regulation 4. Minimum standards for hairdresser's shop

- (1) No person shall use any premises, or permit any premises to be used, as a hairdresser's shop unless the following requirements are complied with:
- a. The floor of that part of the service area where hair is cut or cleansed, and any area of wall or ceiling that is likely to be wetted or fouled, shall be surfaced with a smooth, durable material that is impervious to water;
- b. All other walls and ceilings shall have a non-absorbent surface that is capable of being easily cleaned;
- c. Lighting of not less than 300 lux shall be provided at all working surfaces adjacent to every place where customers are attended to and where instruments and tools are cleansed:
 - d. In every part of the shop, the overall light intensity shall be not less than 100 lux at a point 800mm above the floor;
 - e. All lighting shall be reasonably free from glare and distributed so as to avoid shadows:

- f. Ventilation shall be such as to prevent condensation or the formation of excessive moisture on walls and ceilings, and shall be such as to ensure the removal of objectionable odours and fumes;
- g. In the absence of fully effective natural ventilation, adequate mechanical ventilation shall be provided;
- h. The floor space shall be sufficient to permit easy access for cleaning;
- In every room in which customers are attended to, there shall be a floor area of at least 2.3 square metres for each customer who can be attended to at the same time as any other customer;
- j. Service chairs used for haircutting shall be at least 1.5 metres apart, measured from centre to centre;
- Where customers awaiting attention are admitted to the service area, an additional 0.9 square metres of floor space for each such person shall be provided for their exclusive use;
- Where separate waiting rooms or reception rooms are provided, every such room shall have a floor area of not less than 0.9 square metres for every person for whom seating accommodation is available, but in no case shall the floor area be less than 4.6 square metres;
- m. Wash-hand basins shall be provided for the use of hairdressers as follows:
 - i. At least one wash-hand basin for every 10 service chairs used for hair cutting;
 - ii. At least one such wash-hand basin within 6 metres of each such chair; and
 - iii. Every such wash-hand basin shall be supplied with hot and cold running water, soap, a nail brush, and clean towels or such other hand-drying devices as may be approved by an Inspector¹.
- n. In every hairdresser's shop in which hair is cleansed, there shall be provided, in addition to the wash-hand basins required to be provided in accordance with paragraph (m) of this regulation, sufficient shampoo

- basins or troughs supplied with hot and cold running water and used exclusively for shampooing or cleansing hair;
- No materials or equipment, other than materials and equipment being used or available for use in hairdressing, shall be stored in any service area;



- p. No service area shall be in direct communication with any room or place where food is prepared for sale, or where food that is not completely enclosed in a wrapper is stored or held for sale;
- q. Every shop shall at all times be kept in good repair, clean, and free from rubbish, foul odours, vermin, and insects;
- r. Every shop shall be provided with an adequate number of vermin-proof containers made of metal or other suitable material in which all waste materials or refuse shall be placed; and every such container shall be emptied and cleaned at least once daily, and shall be kept covered except when being filled or emptied;
- s. Every shelf, bench, or table on which tools of trade or instruments are to be placed shall be made of, or finished with, a smooth durable material that is impervious to water; and
- t. A sufficient number of sinks supplied with hot and cold running water or other suitable appliances shall be provided for the cleansing of all hairdressing tools and equipment, whether in the service room or elsewhere, but no such appliance shall be installed in any room used by staff as a meal room.²
- (2) The appropriate local authority may, if it is satisfied that undue hardship would otherwise be caused, grant in respect of any premises a certificate of exemption from such of the provisions of sub-clause (1) of this regulation as the local authority shall in any particular case specify, and any such certificate shall have effect for such period or periods as the local authority shall specify in that certificate.