

# SAFE BODY ART ACT (AB 300)

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Question 1: Is there a law regarding body art practitioners and body art facilities?**

**Answer:** YES, AB 300 - The Safe Body Art Act – California Health and Safety Code Section 119300 et seq. requires that all body art practitioners and body art facilities be registered and permitted by July 1, 2012.

Full text of AB 300, as enacted, may be viewed at:

[http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201320140AB1168](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201320140AB1168)

### **Question 2: Are there Registration / Permit fees?**

**Answer:** Yes, there is an annual registration for practitioners and an annual permit fee for facility owners. Fees are prorated to the month permit is obtained.

See the fee Schedule at: <http://www.co.merced.ca.us/1740/Fee-Schedule>

Applications and fees shall be brought to:

**Merced County Community and Economic Development Department Division of Environmental Health: 260 E. 15th St., Merced, CA 95341**

You may email applications to:

<mailto:Shannon.Warkentin@countyofmerced.com?subject=Body Art Registration/Facility Application>

### **Question 3: What if you are a practitioner and owner of a body art facility? Do I pay for both fees?**

**Answer:** As a practitioner and owner of a body art facility you are required to pay both the registration and facility permit fee.

If you do not practice body art and only own the facility you are not required to pay the practitioner permit fee.

### **Question 4: What do I need to submit with my practitioner application?**

**Answer:** Practitioners are required to provide/submit the following documents along with their application and fees, as specified in section 119306 of The Safe Body Art Act:

1. Body Art Registration/Renewal Form
2. Hepatitis B Declination Form
3. Approved Bloodborne Pathogen Certificate Pertaining to Body Art
4. Copy of Photo ID
5. Pay the Registration Fee

**Question 5: What is the specific training requirement for body art practitioners?**

**Answer:** A practitioner is required to undergo no less than two hours of a Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Control training annually and prior to registering with the local health department.

**Question 6: Is there a list of approved BBP training courses?**

**Answer:** Yes, there is. Below is the current list of approved BBP training courses.

<https://www.co.merced.ca.us/DocumentCenter/View/23747/Bloodborne-Pathogen-Training-11-05-20?bidId=>

**Question 7: What do I need to submit to open a new body art facility?**

**Answer:** Body art facility owners are required to provide/submit the following items for review for a new proposed location:

6. Floor plan with finishes
7. Completed Infection Prevention Control Plan (IPCP)
8. Consent Form
9. Medical Questionnaire
10. Aftercare Form
11. Health Permit Application

**Question 8: Are there requirements for the floor plan/layout of a Body Art facility?**

**Answer:** YES, as specified in Sections 119314 (a). Body art facility must comply with the following:

1. Surfaces in the procedure area are smooth, easily cleanable, and nonabsorbent.
2. Hand wash sink with hot and cold water with a mounted soap and paper towel dispenser in the procedure and restroom areas.
3. Completely separate from all hair and nail activities.
4. Completely separate from any residential areas.
5. Have adequate toilet facilities equipped with a proper hand wash station.
6. All Sinks must be Permanently plumbed.
7. Decontamination and sterilization areas must be separated from the procedure area by a minimum of five feet or cleanable barrier.
8. Decontamination and sterilization areas must be equipped with a sink with hot and cold water and a mounted soap and paper towel dispenser.

**Question 9: Can I conduct body art at my home or other locations?**

**Answer:** NO, body art must be conducted at an approved and permitted facility.

Body Art Applications and additional information regarding the Safe Body Art Act may be viewed at <https://www.co.merced.ca.us/3833/Body-Art> or contact the Merced County Community and Economic Development Department, Division of Environmental Health at (209) 381-1100.