

## **How to become licensed in Oklahoma for Body Piercing and Tattoo**

As per 310:233-9-2(c)(8), and individual who wishes to become licensed in Oklahoma for body piercing or tattooing must be a minimum of eighteen (18) years of age to be eligible for a license and have: (You must have a license to tattoo and a license to pierce, the license does not allow you to do both)

- (a) Two (2) years license from another state; or
- (b) Proof of a completed approved apprentice program that the Dept. can verify.

If the individual cannot produce proof of either, the individual can go through an Apprentice program with an approved sponsoring artist and then become licensed. (See Section on Body Piercing and Tattoo Apprentice Program)

To apply, the candidate shall submit an application identifying what type of license they are applying for and the application shall require the following:

- (1) Name;
- (2) Date of birth;
- (3) Sex;
- (4) Residence address;
- (5) Mailing address;
- (6) Telephone number;
- (7) Place(s) and licensed license number of employment as an artist;
- (8) Notarized copy of his/her credentials and professional resume of satisfactory completion of any programs they have completed for proof of experience:
  - (A) Two (2) years license from another state; or
  - (B) Proof of a completed approved apprentice program;
- 9) Current bloodborne pathogen certification recognized from a nationally accredited program; and
- (10) Current first aid certification; and
- (11) Current CPR certification.
- (12) Notarized copy of the applicant's driver's license or other similar photo identification;
- (13) Affidavit of Legal Presence

License fees shall be as follows:

- (1) \$250.00 for an initial license;
- (2) \$250.00 for a renewal license;
- (3) \$350.00 for late renewal when the license is not renewed within thirty (30) days after expiration; and
- (4) \$250.00 temporary artist license, not to exceed 30 days.

An individual who has acceptable experience in performing tattooing or piercing may be deemed to have met the Department approved preparedness requirements status as per 310:233-9-2(8)(A and B). The Department shall notify the applicant in writing of its decision to approve or disapprove within 30 days after receipt of a completed application.

An applicant who is eligible for the testing process must present a letter of notification from the Department to administer the test given by Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education.

Testing fee shall be \$200.00 and paid directly to Career Tech.

A candidate shall have a minimum passing score of 70% on the written examination that will include:

- (1) Knowledge of Anatomy, Physiology, and Disease;
- (2) Theory and application of ink;
- (3) Safety and Aseptic Technique;
- (4) Professionalism; and
- (5) Client Consultation Services.

A candidate who does not meet this score can retest up to two (2) times. A candidate who does not pass the written examination must wait at least seven (7) days before retesting. Any candidate who is unable to attain competency after three attempts shall be required to enroll or re-enroll in an apprentice program.

The Department shall accept the test administered by the Oklahoma Department of Career Technology with results to be evidenced by a completed testing verification provided to the Department by the Oklahoma Department of Career Technology.

Upon completion of the testing process, the applicant is eligible for a Body Piercing/or Tattoo Artist license. In order to get a license, the candidate must have submitted the following to the Department:

- (1) Completed application for each license, if applying for both, as specified in 310:233-9-2(i)(1-4); and
- (2) License fee of \$250.00 for each license application.
- (3) Affidavit of Legal Presence