

Rātonga Hauora Taiao

Environmental Health Services



Annual newsletter 2022

Health licences — who needs them?

If you are a hairdresser, septage contractor, or if you run a camp ground or a funeral home, you need a health licence to operate. Here's some information to help you apply.

H

How do I apply for a health licence?

You guessed it. The easiest way to get a licence is to fill in an application form and send it to us. You'll find it on our website at www.fndc.govt.nz, search for *health licence applications*.



E

Environmental Health Officers, building teams and duty planners all play a part in assessing your health licence application. It takes a team! This is to make sure your premises meet the legal requirements that keep our communities safe (namely the Health Act 1956, Building Code and Resource Management Act 1991).



A

Annual checks

We inspect your business annually to ensure you comply with regulations relevant to your business on an ongoing basis. This way we all stay on track and up to date.



L

Let's talk!

Before applying for a health licence, call us on 0800 920 029. Our duty planners will advise if you need a resource consent. If you're building new premises or making alterations to existing premises, you'll need to talk to our building officers too.



T

The application fees can be found by searching *fees and charges* on our website www.fndc.govt.nz. Fees vary depending on what you need the licence for and whether you are a charitable organisation or not.



H

Health licence – you've got it, now what?

Displaying your registration assures customers you are registered. You must display and renew your registration every year before 1 July, but don't worry we'll send you a reminder.



Unite
against
COVID-19

Please keep up to date with the COVID-19 alert level restrictions and any guidelines that may impact your business.

Go to covid19.govt.nz

Know Your Regulations

Campground operators

Campgrounds on private water supplies or wastewater systems must:

- produce records to confirm the wastewater system has been serviced.
- provide annual water reports from an accredited lab to confirm the water supply is safe.

Ministry of Health recognised laboratories in our district are:

- Ventia 0508 836 842
- Far North Lab 020 440 6000

For more info refer to the **Camping-Grounds Regulations 1985.**

Funeral home operators

please refer to:

- Health (Burial) Regulations 1946
- Burial and Cremation Act 1964



Septage contractors

please refer to:

- Health Act 1956



Hairdressers

please refer to:

- Health (Hairdressers) Regulations 1980



Ownership change

If your business changes hands, you need to apply for an amendment to your health licence by submitting a *Change of Ownership* form within 14 days.

When DONT YOU need to register?

You don't need a health licence in the Far North District to do:

- tattooing
- customary tattooing
- skin piercing
- laser hair removal
- beauty therapy.

BUT you DO need to follow health and safety guidelines, including:

- Guidelines for safe piercing of skin
Ministry of Health
- Customary tattooing guidelines for operators
Ministry of Health
- Safe use of lasers and intense light sources in health care
Standards New Zealand
- Health and hygiene guidelines for beauty professionals
NZ Association of Registered Beauty Professionals Inc.

Trading in a public place

To operate a mobile shop, provide alfresco dining, set up a stall in a public place or become a hawker, you need to apply for approval.

Approvals can be requested to trade on a seasonal or annual basis. To apply, visit our website and complete the appropriate form. Search for *fees and charges* to find out your application costs.

Applications to trade on a Council reserve or road corridor need approval from the District Facilities team, as well as the Northland Transportation Alliance. We'll provide you with contact details if this applies to you.

Health nuisances

can spread disease and be annoying.



Things like:

- a smelly compost heap that attracts flies and rats
- rubbish which is not put out for collection
- shellfish left on the ground to rot rather than being buried.

Council does not provide bait or traps for pest control.

Land with uncontrolled vegetation that poses a fire hazard must be reported to Fire & Emergency New Zealand. Go to <https://www.firehazard.nz/hazards> for more information.

Northland Regional Council responds to air quality and odour issues, chemical pollution, and water pollution. You can call them on 0800 002 004.

**Want to report a public health hazard?
Please take a photo and call us on 0800 920 029.**

Any suggestions for our next newsletter?

Email us: ask.us@fndc.govt.nz
You can also visit: www.fndc.govt.nz/Our-Services/Licences-and-permits