



New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department  
**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS DIVISION**  
**NEW MEXICO BOARD OF BODY ART PRACTITIONERS**

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**APPRENTICE APPLICATION**  
**For Body Artist, Body Piercing-Scarification**  
**& Permanent Cosmetics**

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WRITE NAME  
 BEHIND PHOTO

I am applying for (check one):

- INITIAL APPLICATION - **\$50.00 FEE**  
 Body Piercing-Scarification - 1200 Hours  
 Body Artists - 1400 Hours  
 Permanent Cosmetics – 255 Hours

**\*\*ALL FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE. \*\***  
**\*\*ALL LICENSING INFORMATION IS PUBLIC INFORMATION\*\***

THIS IS A FILLABLE FORM. Use your computer to enter information or print legibly.

**PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	SUFFIX
NAME AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT TO APPEAR ON OFFICIAL LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE			
MAILING ADDRESS			
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	
PERSONAL PHONE	BUSINESS PHONE		
EMAIL	<input type="checkbox"/> PERSONAL OR <input type="checkbox"/> BUSINESS		
DATE OF BIRTH	INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER		

**BUSINESS INFORMATION: (where training program will take place)**

ESTABLISHMENT NAME		
ESTABLISHMENT ADDRESS		
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
NAME OF SPONSOR	SPONSORS NM LICENSE NUMBER:	
PREFERRED MAILING ADDRESS: <input type="checkbox"/> PERSONAL OR <input type="checkbox"/> BUSINESS		

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**LICENSURE INFORMATION:** List all states or countries in which you are or have been licensed, regardless of current status (attach additional pages if necessary):

Current or Previous New Mexico License Number (if applicable):

Previous New Mexico Apprentice License Number (if applicable- enter N/A if not applicable):

STATE/COUNTRY	OBTAINED BY EXAM/CREDENTIALS/ RECIPROCIITY	LICENSE NUMBER	FIRST INITIAL ISSUE DATE	LICENSE STATUS	EXPIRATION DATE

**QUESTIONS:** Read the following carefully, **Circle Yes or No**. “Yes” answers for questions 2 thru 9 require an explanation and a copy of the final judgment order (if applicable).

1.	Have you ever used another name under which records relating to your application, education, training or experience may be filed? Enter other names(s) used:	YES	NO
2.	Have you ever received a deferred prosecution or judgment or been convicted of, or pled guilty or nolo contendere to a felony or misdemeanor (not including traffic violations) in any state, territory or district of the United States or a foreign country?	YES	NO
3.	Has any disciplinary action ever been started against you as result of your services or any license you hold or have held to practice as a body artist, permanent makeup technician or body piercer? (Note: disciplinary action includes but is not limited to suspension, probation, practice limitations, reprimand, letter admonition, censure, and any allegations currently pending.)	YES	NO
4.	Have you ever been a defendant in a legal action involving professional liability (malpractice), or had a professional liability claim paid in your behalf, or paid such a claim yourself?	YES	NO
5.	Have you ever voluntarily surrendered a license or certification to athletic training in any state, foreign country, territory, or institution?	YES	NO
6.	Do you have any personal or legal problems with alcohol or drugs that in any way affect your ability to be a body artist, permanent makeup technician or body piercer?	YES	NO
7.	Have you ever pled guilty or nolo contendere to or been convicted, of driving under the influence of driving while intoxicated?	YES	NO
8.	Have you ever been denied a license or permission to take an examination to practice body art, permanent makeup or body piercing in any state, foreign country or territory?	YES	NO
9.	Do you have any mental illness that affects your ability to be a body artist, permanent makeup technician or body piercer?	YES	NO

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**AFFIDAVIT:**

I hereby certify that all statements made in this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and are made in good faith and are true in every respect. By executing this application, the undersigned also acknowledges that he/she has read the Rules and Regulations the New Mexico Board of Body Art Practitioners and, if issued a license, agrees to conform with and support the laws of New Mexico.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**To assist you in completing your applications please use the check-off list:**

**LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS:**

- 1. Complete the Application and Application fee \$50.00 (*NON-REFUNDABLE*);
- 2. Current Color Photo; 2x2 in. (Passport Quality);
- 3. Sponsor must hold an active NM Body Artist, Body Piercing-Scarification or Permanent Cosmetics license for a minimum of 5 years with NO disciplinary action;
- 4. Must work and identify a NM licensed establishment where training will take place;
- 5. Proof of age, a photo copy of Driver's License is acceptable (**DO NOT SEND ORIGINALS**);
- 6. Application must be signed and dated;
- 7. Answer all questions to the best of your knowledge (if you answer yes to any questions, please give details on a separate sheet of paper include a certified copy of final judgment papers);
- 8. Completed the Jurisprudence examination, **MUST** pass with score of 75% or greater;
- 9. Apprentice must remain under the direct supervision of approved Sponsor until all requirements and training have been met;

**UPON APPROVAL AND COMPLETION OF APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM:**

- 1. The sponsor will be required to record progress throughout the apprenticeship and will serve as proof of completion of the training program;
- 2. Upon completion of the apprenticeship training program, the sponsor shall submit the notarized log and statement to the board office within 30 days. (*If program is not completed, the sponsor must submit the notarized statement with hours completed within 30 days*).
- 3. The sponsor must give a copy of the notarized log and statement to the apprentice.
- 4. Upon Completion of the apprenticeship training program, the apprentice will apply for licensure in the area of training.

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**NEW MEXICO BOARD OF BODY ART PRACTITIONERS  
JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATION**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

This is an open book, multiple choice examination. You may The New Mexico Board of Body Art Practitioners Statutes, Rules and Regulations which may be viewed and printed from the boards website at: <http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/body-art-practitioners.aspx>

Complete the examination below by circling the letter next to the single best answer for each question. DO NOT circle more than one letter.

sign and date the exam on the last page

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Body artist means a person who administers:**

- A. body piercing
- B. tattooing
- C. scarification
- D. All of the above

**2. Equipment means machinery used in connection with the body art establishment, except:**

- A. Tools and devices for the trade
- B. Containers, vessels, display and storage areas
- C. Area rugs and art deco stools
- D. Implements, sinks, and other apparatuses

**3. The body art practitioner shall apply for a license and pay an annual fee determined by the Board**

- A. True
- B. False

**4. The late fee for non-renewal of the license shall not exceed:**

- A. \$25.00
- B. \$50.00
- C. \$75.00
- D. \$100.00

**5. A member from a federally recognized tribe, band, nation or pueblo who performs scarification rituals for religious purposes is exempt from the Body Art Safe Practices Act.**

- A. True
- B. False

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**6. All body art stencils shall be:**

- A. From a quality company
- B. Sterilized
- C. Single use and disposable
- D. None of the above

**7. A person who pierces only the outer perimeter of the ear, not including any cartilage, using a pre-sterilized encapsulated single use stud ear piercing system, implementing appropriate procedures is exempt from the provisions of the Body Art Safe Practices Act.**

- A. True
- B. False

8. A body artist shall obtain a body art license, requirements for which shall be defined by the board that demonstrate that the body artist has:

- A. The training and experience necessary to perform body piercing, tattooing or scarification
- B. The training and experience necessary to establish and maintain a sanitary and sterile environment
- C. Both A and B
- D. None of the above

**9. Tattooing includes permanent cosmetics.**

- A. True
- B. False

**10. Bloodborne Pathogens training is required for licensure as a Body Artist.**

- A. True
- B. False

**11. A body art license can be transferred from one artist to another if it is current.**

- A. True
- B. False

**12. Body art establishments shall be inspected:**

- A. Every six months
- B. Every year
- C. Every other year
- D. Only upon receiving a complaint

**13. The Body Art Safe Practices Act provides:**

- A. No standards
- B. Minimum standards
- C. Maximum standards
- D. Overwhelming standards

**14. Members of the Board are appointed for life.**

- A. True
- B. False

**15. The Board may establish continuing education requirements as requirements for licensure.**

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- A. True
- B. False

**16. A body artist shall possess and post a body art license:**

- A. In a decorative frame
- B. In an office drawer with the file labeled
- C. In a conspicuous place
- D. None of the above

**17. Some (but not all) sharps shall be sterilized prior to use.**

- A. True
- B. False

**18. Tattooing means the practice of depositing pigment into the:**

- A. Epidermis
- B. Dermis
- C. Salivary gland
- D. Mucous membranes

**19. Single use items are:**

- A. Intended for one-time, one-person use.
- B. Reusable if they are sterilized before being used again.
- C. Only allowed to be used on two clients if they are married.
- D. All of the above

**20. The following information shall be kept on file on the premises of a body art establishment:**

- A. Name and hours of operation.
- B. A complete description of all body art performed.
- C. A list of all instruments, body jewelry, sharps and inks used including manufacturers and invoices.
- D. All of the above

**21. The board may suspend a license immediately without prior notice if after inspection they determine:**

- A. There is more than one violation of the Body Art Safe Practices Act.
- B. There is substantial danger of illness, serious physical harm or death.
- C. The body artist did not have a portfolio of his or her work.
- D. The board member wanted to.

**22. A applicant denied a license can appeal the board's decision.**

- A. True
- B. False

**23. Sharps means any sterilized object that is used for penetrating the skin or mucosa including:**

- A. Needles
- B. Scalpel blades
- C. Razor blades
- D. All of the above

**24. When changing the location of a body art establishment, an operator must notify the board:**

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- A. Immediately upon changing the location
- B. No less than 30 days before changing the location
- C. No more than 30 days after changing the location
- D. None of the above

**25. The Body Art Safe Practices Act shall be kept on file on the premises of a body art establishment.**

- A. True
- B. False

**CERTIFICATION**

I certify that I have completed the above examination without assistance from any person and have used only the *NMSA 61-17B, Body Art Safe Practices Act* statutes and *NMAC 16.36.2.1 through 16.36.6*, available on the board's website.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_