LONDON LOCAL AUTHORITIES ACT 1991 PART II S. 10(1)
ESTABLISHMENTS FOR MASSAGE OR SPECIAL TREATMENT
ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS APPLIED TO LICENCES IN RESPECT
OF EAR PIERCING, ELECTROLYSIS, ACUPUNCTURE AND TATTOOING

1) For the purpose of securing the cleanliness of premises and fittings therein a proprietor shall ensure that:-

a) All internal walls, doors, windows, partitions, floors, floor coverings and ceilings are kept clean and in such good repair as to enable them to be cleaned effectively. In respect of tattooing establishments, the flooring to treatment area should be of a smooth impervious surface.

b) In respect of acupuncture and tattooing the treatment area is to be used solely for the giving of treatments

c) All waste material, and other litter, arising from the treatment is placed in suitable covered receptacles, which are washable and leak proof, or in a leak proof liner bag. The receptacles shall be emptied or the bags changed, at least once every working day or more frequently as necessary, and the material disposed of safely. Where liners are not used, the receptacles shall then be cleaned:- refer to Standard Condition 9

d) After use, all needles used in treatments are to be placed in separate covered and leak proof re-usable boxes, or disposable needle boxes designed for the purpose. Where re-usable boxes are used, they shall be emptied at least once every working day or more often as necessary, and the contents disposed of safely or sterilised for re-use as appropriate. The box shall then be sterilised. Where needle boxes are used, they shall be disposed of safely at suitable intervals: - refer to Standard Condition 9 for all premises.

e) All furniture and fittings in the premises are kept clean and in such good repair as to enable them to be cleaned effectively.

f) All tables, couches and seats used by clients in the treatment area, and ay surface on which the items specified in 2(b) below are placed immediately prior to treatment have a smooth impervious surface which is wiped down at least daily with a suitable disinfectant

g) Where tables and couches are used they shall be covered by a disposable paper sheet which shall be changed for each client

h) A notice or notices reading “No Smoking” are prominently displayed within the treatment area.

2) For the purpose of securing the cleansing and, so far as is appropriate the sterilisation of instruments, materials and equipment used in connection with the treatment:-

a) An operator shall ensure that, before use in connection with treatment, any gown, wrap or other protective clothing, paper or other covering, towel, cloth or other such articles used in the treatment:-

   i) is clean and in good repair, and so far as is appropriate, is sterile
ii) has not previously been used in connection with any other client unless it consists of a material which it can be and has been used adequately cleaned and, so far as is appropriate, sterilised;

b) An operator shall ensure that:-

i) any needle, metal instrument or other item of equipment, used in treatment or for handling instruments and needles used in treatment, is in a sterile condition and kept sterile until it is used;

ii) all dyes used for tattooing are bacteriologically clean and inert;

iii) the containers used to hold the dyes for each customer are either disposed of at the end of each session of treatments, or are sterilised before re-use;

c) A proprietor shall provide:-

i) adequate facilities and equipment for the purpose of sterilisation (unless pre-sterilised items are used) and of cleansing;

ii) an adequate constant supply of clean hot and cold water readily available at all times on the premises;

iii) adequate storage for all items mentioned in (a) and (b) above, so that those items shall be properly stored in a clean and suitable place so as to avoid, as far as possible the risk of contamination.

3) For the purpose of securing the cleanliness of operators:-

a) An operator whilst giving treatment shall ensure that:-

i) his/her hands and nails are clean, and nails kept short;

ii) he/she is wearing clean and washable clothing, or alternatively a disposable covering that has not previously been used in connection with any other client;

iii) he/she keeps any open boil, sore, cut or open wound on an exposed part of his/her body effectively covered by an impermeable dressing;

iv) he/she does not smoke or consume food or drink

b) A proprietor shall provide:-

i) suitable and sufficient washing facilities for the sole use of operators, such facilities to have hot and cold water, sanitising soap or detergent, and a nail brush;

ii) suitable and sufficient sanitary accommodation for operators.