

KORSIJET FIT-TATWAĠĠ – REKWIŻITI

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TATTOOING COURSES – REQUIREMENTS

HealthCare Standards Directorate
Superintendence of Public Health Malta



It-tattwaġġ sar prattika dejjem aktar popolari u ta' moda. Is-Supritendenza tas-Saħħa Pubblika, fi ħdan il-Ministeru tas-Saħħa għandha r-rwol li tassigura li t-tattooists li qed jipprovdu dan is-servizz isegwu prattiċi ta' xogħol sikuri għall-protezzjoni kemm tal-klijenti kif ukoll tagħhom infushom.

Jeżistu riskji għas-saħħa, li jistgħu jiġu attribwiti mit-tattwaġġ. Prattiċi mhux xierqa u mhux iġġenji jistgħu jirriżultaw f'infazzjonijiet tal-ġilda fis-sit tat-tattwaġġ. Hemm ukoll ir-riskju ta' trażmissjoni ta' infazzjonijiet li jinġarru mid-demm bħal Epatite B, Epatite Ċ jew HIV. Dawn l-infazzjonijiet jista' jkollhom konsegwenzi serji u fit-tul fuq is-saħħa minħabba kumplikazzjonijiet li jistgħu jiżviluppaw. Għalhekk, huwa importanti li t-tattooists isegwu prattiċi ta' kontroll ta' infazzjonijiet permezz ta' prattiċi tajbin u li jridu jiġu segwiti f'kull ħin. B'dan il-mod, wiehed jista' jiżgura li kemm il-klijenti kif ukoll it-tattooists huma protetti.

Hemm ukoll kwistjonijiet legali, li jistgħu jinqalgħu mill-prattiċi tat-tattwaġġ. Dawn jistgħu jiġu evitati jekk jiġu segwiti prattiċi xierqa. Sabiex jiġi żgurat li l-prattiċi jitharsu,

wiehed irid ikollu taħriġ bażiku tajjeb b'segwitu regolari. Il-linji gwida għall-korsijiet li qed jiġu ppreżentati f'dan id-dokument jiżguraw standards għall-prattika, l-għarfien u l-ħiliet, li huma meħtieġa minn persuna li se jipprovdi servizz tat-tattwaġġ. Il-gwida ġiet żviluppata permezz ta' dokumentazzjoni estensiva minn evidenza xjentifika, riċerka rrappurtata, letteratura ppubblikata u pariri minn esperti dwar dak li jaħdem f'livell prattiku.

Dan jgħolli l-profil u l-kompetenza professjonali tal-persuni li jipprovdu dan is-servizz filwaqt li jiżgura li s-saħħa tal-klijenti hija salvagwardjata.

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Tattooing has become an increasingly popular and fashionable practice. The Superintendence of Public Health, within the Ministry for Health has the role of ensuring that tattooists who are providing this service follow safe working practices for the protection of both clients and themselves.

There are known health risks, which can be attributed to tattooing. Improper and unhygienic practices may result in localised skin infections at the site of the tattoo. There is also the risk of transmission of blood-borne infections such as Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C or HIV. These infections can have serious and long-term health consequences through complications which may develop. Hence, it is important that tattooists follow safe working practices through good infection control practices that need to be followed at all times. In this way, one can assure that both clients and tattooists are protected.

There are also legal issues, which may arise from tattooing practices. These can be avoided if proper practices are followed. In order to ensure that practices are adhered to, one needs to have good basic training with regular follow-ups.

The guidelines for courses being presented in this document ensure standards for practice, the knowledge and skills, which are required by a person who will be performing tattoos. The guidance has been developed through an extensive documentary of scientific evidence, reported research, published literature and expert advice of what works at a practical level.

This will raise the profile and professional competence of persons providing this service whilst assuring that the health of clients is safeguarded.

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Introduzzjoni

It-tattwaġġ sar prattika li dejjem qed izzid fil-popolarità tiegħu, għalhekk huwa pertinenti li jiġu żgurati prattiċi sikuri għall-industrija tat-tattwaġġi f'Malta. L-għan ta' dan id-dokument huwa li l-artisti tat-tattwaġġ jiksibu ċertifikat fit-tattwaġġ ibbażat fuq taħriġ strutturat li jkejjel il-kapaċità, u li jifhem u jsegwi l-linji gwida stabbiliti dwar is-saħħa u s-sigurtà. Dan il-programm huwa wkoll maħsub biex jiproteġi lill-artisti tat-tattwaġġ, kif ukoll jassigura s-saħħa pubblika.

Skop

L-iskop li wiehed jirregola korsijiet fit-tattwaġġ huwa biex jiġi żgurat li l-korsijiet kollha jkun fihom l-għarfien u l-ħiliet bażiċi meħtieġa biex tiġi żgurata proċedura sikura fit-tattwaġġ u fil-kontroll ta' infezzjonijiet li jstgħu jiġu trażmessi waqt dawn il-proċeduri.

Kontenut tal-kors

Is-sezzjonijiet elenkati hawn taht għandhom ikunu parti integrali mill-kurrikulu tal-kors. It-trejnier jista' jinkludi suġġetti oħra li jhoss li huma neċessarji. Il-kors għandu jikkonsisti minn tal-inqas 45 siegħa ta' taġħlim / taħriġ li jinkludi sessjonijiet prattiċi ta' tattwaġġi fuq ġilda artifiċjali, bl-użu ta' linka, linka tal-isfumar u linka oħra. Kull sezzjoni għandha tikkonsisti minn tal-inqas 15-il siegħa ta' taġħlim / taħriġ. Barra minn hekk, l-apprendist għandu jkollu għarfien bażiku fil-liġijiet li jirregolaw it-tattwaġġ f'Malta.

TATTOOING COURSES – REQUIREMENTS

Introduction

Tattooing has become an increasingly popular practice thus it is pertinent to ensure safe practices throughout the tattooing industry in Malta. The aim of this document is for tattoo artists to earn a Tattooing Certificate based on the completion of a structured training program which measures the ability to understand and follow established health and safety guidelines. This program is also intended to safeguard the practicing tattooist and ensures client safety.

Scope

The scope of regulating Tattoo Courses is to ensure that all courses contain the basic necessary knowledge and skills needed to ensure a safe procedure in tattooing and in infection control of blood-borne pathogens. This is a pre-requisite for a license to practice as a tattooist.

Contents of course

The modules listed below have to be an integrated part in the course curriculum. Other topics can be included as the tattooists may deem necessary. The course should consist of at least 45 hours of teaching / training which includes practical sessions of actual tattooing on practice skin (artificial), using inks, shading inks and pigments, transferring an image from paper to skin and skin preparation. Each module must have at least 15 hours of teaching/training. Additionally the trainee must have a basic understanding of the current regulations regarding Tattooing in Malta.

L-EWWEL SEZZJONI	Punteġġ 0 - 100
1. L-użu ta' labar tat-tattwaġġ / Dati ta' skadenza tal-labra / immarkar CE	
2. L-użu tal-linka, linka tal-isfumar u pigmenti	
3. Trasferiment ta' immaġni minn karta għal fuq il-ġilda	
4. Tagħrif dwar ċerti likwidi, kremi u provvisti ta' tindif użati qabel, waqt u wara t tattwaġġ	
5. Prattika ta' tattwaġġi fuq il-ġilda (artifċjali)	
6. Sterilizzazzjoni u manutenzjoni tat-tagħmir użat fit-tattwaġġ / żamma ta' rekords	

IT-TIENI SEZZJONI	Punteġġ 0 - 100
1. Preparazzjoni tal-ġilda qabel it-tattwaġġ, jiġifieri tneħhija tax-xagħar, tindif u preparazzjoni tal-ġilda, applikazzjoni ta' ċerti likwidi, stensil eċċ.	
2. Konsultazzjoni mal-klijent qabel it-tattwaġġ / Formola tal-kunsens u spjegazzjoni	
3. L-għażla u t-tnejn tad-disinn	
4. Kuluri: taħlit, sfumatura, kopertura	

IT-TIELET SEZZJONI (Din is-sezzjoni għandha tiġi pprovduta minn professjonist tas-saħħa)	Punteġġ 0 - 100
1. Iż-żamma ta' ambjent nadif biex jitnaqqas ir-riskju ta' infezzjonijiet	
2. Informazzjoni dwar mard li jinġarr mid-demem u infezzjonijiet tal-ġilda flimkien ma' riskji matul / wara l-proċeduri tat-tattwaġġ	
3. Trażmissjoni ta' infezzjonijiet mid-demem	
4. Użu ta' teknika li tassigura l-prevenzjoni ta' infezzjonijiet, kura għal wara t tattwaġġ / użu ta' ingwanti xierqa	
5. Interpretazzjoni ta' notifiki ta' twissija ppublikati mid-Direttorat tal-Istandards fil-Kura tas-Saħħa dwar il-linka u t-tagħmir tat-tattwaġġ	

BIEX WIEĦED JIBDA N-NEGOZJU TIEGĦU	Punteġġ 0 - 100
Bidu ta' negozju fil-prattika tat-tattwaġġ / rekwiżiti / liċenzjar / rekwiżiti minn ċittadini ta' persuni ġejjin minn pajjiżi terzi.	

MODULES 1	Score 0 - 100
1. Using tattooing needles /needles expiry dates/CE marking	
2. Using inks, shading inks and pigments	
3. Transferring an image from paper to skin	
4. Information regarding solutions, creams, and cleaning supplies used before, during and after tattooing	
5. Actual tattooing on practice skin (artificial)	
6. Sterilization and maintenance of equipment used in tattooing/record keeping	

MODULES 2	Score 0 - 100
1. Client consultation / client consent forms	
2. Skin preparation prior to tattooing i.e. hair removal, cleaning and skin preparation, application of stencil fluid etc.	
3. Choosing and preparing the design	
4. Colours: blending, shading, cover up	

MODULE 3 (Module must be provided by a healthcare professional)	Score 0 - 100
1. Maintaining a clean and healthy environment to minimize the risk of infection	
2. Information on blood-borne diseases and skin infections together with risks during/following tattooing procedures	
3. Transmission of blood borne infections/ Prevention of disease transmission	
4. Use of aseptic technique and after care/ use of proper gloves	
5. Interpretation of alert notifications published by the Health Care Standards Directorate regarding tattoo inks and equipment	

STARTING YOUR BUSINESS	Score 0 - 100
Starting a tattooing practice /requirements/ applying for a license / third country nationals - requirements	

AKTAR INFORMAZZJONI

1. L-ċertifikat tal-kors għandu jinħareġ bl-Ingliż u jrid ikun iffirmit kemm mit-tattooist kif wkoll mill-professionist tas-saħħa li jkun ipprovdut t-taqsima li tindirizza l-kontroll ta' infezzjoni. Wara t-tlestija b'suċċess tal-kors, għandha tiġi pprovduta traskrizzjoni għal kull persuna. Barra minn hekk, għandhom jiġu pprovduti mill-inqas hames tattwaġġi mpinġija fuq ġilda falza u kull waħda għandha tkun iffirmita mill-persuna li tkun attendiet għall-kors.
2. Il-professionist tal-kura tas-saħħa li jagħti t-taqsima li tindirizza l-kontroll ta' infezzjoni jista' jkun infermier jew tabib li huwa reġistrat skont l-Att dwar il-Professjonijiet tas-Saħħa.
3. Meta artist tat-tattwaġġ liċenzjat jiddeċiedi li jibda joffri korsijiet fit-tattwaġġ, huwa għandu jibgħat applikazzjoni lis-Suprintendent tas-Saħħa Pubblika. Kwalunkwe individwu li jallega li kiseb din l-esperjenza ta' xogħol f'pajjiż ieħor tal-UE għandu jipprovidi evidenza konkreta li tiġġustifika dan. Din l-applikazzjoni tista' titnizzel minn <https://deputyprimeminister.gov.mt/en/hcs/Pages/hcs.aspx> L-ebda taħriġ ma għandu jsir qabel mal-applikazzjoni tkun approvata.
4. L-individwi kollha li jattendu kors fit-tattwaġġ għandu jkollom mill-inqas 18-il sena;
5. L-applikazzjoni għandha tinkludi l-informazzjoni li ġejja:
 - a. Kurrikulu tal-kors inkluż in-numru ta' sığhat għal kull sezzjoni, kopja ta' xi noti i jingħataw matul il-kors, id-dati tal-kors u informazzjoni oħra rilevanti dwar il-kors flimkien mal-metodu ta' assessjar użat;
 - b. Dokument ta' prova li t-tattooist għandu mill-inqas hames snin esperjenza ta' xogħol fi stabbiliment tat-tattwaġġ liċenzjat; jekk din l-esperjenza kienet f'pajjiż ieħor tal-Unjoni Ewropeja, trid tiġi pprovduta evidenza konkreta ta' dan;
6. L-applikazzjonijiet għandhom jintbagħtu f'dan l-indirizz: Id- Direttur, Direttorat għall-Istandards fil-Kura tas-Saħħa, **Sptar San Luqa OPD, Livell 1, Pjazza San Luqa, Gwardamangia PTA 1010** jew b'email lil: healthstandards.sph@gov.mt
7. Wara t-tlestija b'suċċess ta' kors fit-tattwaġġ, it-trejner għandu jibgħat l-informazzjoni li ġejja lis-Suprintendent tas-Saħħa Pubblika:
 - a. Dettalji tal-apprendist inkluż l-isem, l-età, numru tal-karta tal-identità, indirizz ta' residenza;
 - b. Indirizz tal - post fejn ser jiġu pprovduti l-korsijiet;
 - c. Dati u ħin ta' sessjonijiet ta' taħriġ;
 - d. Kompetenzi koperti matul il-kors;
 - e. Suġġetti ndirizzati matul il-kors;
 - f. Kopja taċ-Ċertifikat maħruġ lill-individwu wara

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. The course certificate should be in the English language and must be signed by both the tattooist and the healthcare professional imparting the infection control section. Following the successful completion of the course, a transcript has to be provided for every trainee. Additionally, at least five false skin tattoos need to be provided and each must be signed by the student attending the course.
2. A healthcare professional delivering the module addressing infection control may be a nurse or a medical doctor registered in terms of the Health Care Professions Act.
3. When a licensed tattooist intends to offer training to individuals to practice as a tattooist, he/she shall apply to the Superintendent of Public Health. This application can be downloaded from <https://deputyprimeminister.gov.mt/en/hcs/Pages/hcs.aspx> No such training is to be carried out prior approval.
4. All individuals attending for a tattooing course must be at least 18 years of age.
5. A request needs to include the following information :
 - a. Course curriculum including the number of hours for each module; a copy of any handouts which are to be provided during the course; the dates of the course and all other relevant information regarding the course together with the method of assessment used.
 - b. Evidence that the tattooists providing training has at least five years working experience in a licensed tattoo parlour. Any individual claiming to have achieved this working experience in another EU country must provide concrete evidence of such claim.
6. Applications must be sent to:
The Director, Healthcare Standards Directorate,
St Luke's Hospital OPD, Level 1
St Luke's Square,
Gwardamangia PTA 1010 Or e-mail to:
healthstandards.sph@gov.mt
7. Following the successful completion of a tattooing course, the trainer must forward the following information to the Superintendent of Public Health:
 - a. Details of the trainee including age, ID No., residence address;
 - b. Address of business
 - c. Dates and time of training sessions;
 - d. Competences covered during course;
 - e. Topics addressed during the course;
 - f. Copy of Certificate issued to the individual following completion of the tattooing course, together with a transcript of the achieved level of competence in both tattooing practices and safe infection control practices.

t-tlestija tal-kors fit-tattwaġġ, flimkien ma' traskrizzjoni tal-livell ta' kompetenza miksuba fil-prattici tat-tattwaġġ u prattici siguri fil-kontroll ta' infezzjonijiet li jistgħu jiġu trazzmessi mid-demem.

8. Is-Suprintendent tas-Saħħa Pubblika jirriżerva d-dritt li jirrifjuta kull ċertifikazzjoni tal-kors ta' taħriġ jekk ikun maħsub li l-kors ma laħaqx il-livell meħtieġ. Is-Suprintendent tas-Saħħa Pubblika jew kull uffiċjal awtorizzat minnu, jirriserva d-dritt li jattendi għal kull sessjoni ta' taħriġ miżmuma mit-trejner.

Ċertifikazzjoni

Meta individwu jispjiċċa l-kors b'suċċess u jintlaħqu r-rekwiżiti kollha ta' hawn fuq, l-individwu jintalab biex joqgħod għal test qasir (multiple choice) provdut mid-Direttorat għall-Istandards fil-Kura tas-Saħħa li jindirizza l-kontroll ta' infezzjonijiet li jistgħu jiġu trazzmessi mid-demem. Wieħed għandu jkseb marka ta' mhux inqas minn 70 fil mija. Dan it-test jista' jkun b'intervista jew bil-miktub u jista' jkun bil-Malti jew bl-Ingliż. Mat-tlestija b'suċċess tat-test jista' jinħareġ ċertifikat mit-trejner u l-individwu jista' japplika għal-liċenzja.

Meta persuna tapplika biex taħdem Malta jew Għawdex u tkun fil-pussess ta' ċertifikat fit-tattwaġġ rikonoxxut barra minn Malta, il-liċenzja tista' tinħareġ biss wara verifika ta' ċertifikazzjoni u l-individwu jkun irid joqgħod għall-istess test (multiple choice) li jindirizza l-kontroll ta' infezzjonijiet li jistgħu jiġu trazzmessi mid-demem maħruġ għall-applikanti lokali. Dan it-test ma japplikax għal dawk it-tattooists li jipparteċipaw fil-konvenzjoni tat-tattwaġġ annwali. P.S. L-ebda taħriġ fuq mudelli ħajjin m'għandu jitwettagħ qabel ma persuna tkun temmet b'suċċess it-taħriġ tagħha.

Dettalji biex wieħed jikkuntattjana

DIRETTORAT GHALL-ISTANDARDS FIL-KURA TAS-SAHHA
email: healthstandards.sph@gov.mt

Numru tat-telfown : **25953330/25953343**

Websajt: <https://deputyprimeminister.gov.mt/en/hcs/Pages/hcs.aspx>

SUPRINTENDENZA TAS-SAHHA PUBBLIKA

Email: sph.meh-health@gov.mt

Numru tat-telfown **25953302/25953303**

Websajt : <https://deputyprimeminister.gov.mt/en/sph/Pages/Superintendence-of-Public-Health.aspx>

8. The Superintendent of Public Health reserves the right to reject any training course certification if it is believed that the training course did not reach the required level. The Superintendent of Public Health or any authorized officer reserves the right to attend to any training sessions held by the trainer.

Certification

Once the course has been completed by the individual and all the above requirements are met, the individual will be asked to sit for a short multiple choice test provided by the HealthCare Standards Directorate addressing infection control and blood-borne diseases. A 70% pass mark has to be achieved during such test which can be an oral or a written assessment and can be delivered in Maltese or English. On the successful completion of the multiple choice test a certificate may be issued by the trainer and the individual can apply for a license.

When a person who is in possession of a foreign recognized tattooing certificate, intends to work in Malta or Gozo, a license can only be issued after verification of the

certification and after the individual sits for the same multiple choice test regarding infection control and blood-borne diseases issued for local applicants. This test does not apply to those tattooists participating in the annual tattoo convention.

No training on live models is to be carried out before a trainee has completed his/her training and is certified to be a competent Tattooist.

Contact details

HEALTHCARE STANDARDS DIRECTORATE

Email: healthstandards.sph@gov.mt

Telephone number **2595 3330/25953343**

Website: <https://deputyprimeminister.gov.mt/en/hcs/Pages/hcs.aspx>

SUPERINTENDENCE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Email: sph.meh-health@gov.mt

Telephone number **2595 3302/2595 3303**

Website: <https://deputyprimeminister.gov.mt/en/sph/Pages/Superintendence-of-Public-Health.aspx>



APPLIKAZZJONI GHALL-PROVISJONI TA' KORSIJET FIT-TATTWAĠĠ

APPLICATION FOR PROVISION OF TATTOO COURSES

Data tal-Applikazzjoni <i>Date of Application</i>		
Isem, Kunjom u Numru tal Karta tal-Identità <i>Name, Surname & ID Card No.</i>		
Indirizz tal-Applikant <i>Address of Applicant</i>		
Isem u Indirizz tal-post fejn ser jiġu pprovduti l-korsijiet <i>Location with full details where courses are to be provided</i>		
Posta elettronika <i>Email</i>		
Numru tat-Telefown <i>Telephone Number</i>	Fiss: <i>Fixed:</i>	Mowbajl: <i>Mobile:</i>
Sena meta nharġet l-ewwel liċenzja / ċertifikat <i>Year of first tattooing license / certificate</i>		
Pajjiż fejn inharġet l-ewwel liċenzja / ċertifikat <i>Country where first tattooing license / certificate was issued</i>		
Firma tal-Applikant <i>Signature of applicant</i>		

Dettalji fejn tista' tikkuntattjana: email **healthstandards.sph@gov.mt**

Numri tat-telefown: **2595 3330/2595 3343**

Uffiċċju tal-liċenzji:

Miftuħ mit-Tnejn sal-Ġimgħa mis-07:00 sal-14.45

(barra festi u btajjel pubbliċi)

Irċevuta tiġi mibgħuta lilek fi żmien hamest ijiem ta' xogħol minn meta tasal l-applikazzjoni tiegħek.

Applikazzjoni rċevuta fil: _____

Contact details: email **healthstandards.sph@gov.mt**

Telephone numbers **2595 3330/2595 3343**

Licensing office:

Opening hours Monday to Friday 07:00-14:45

(except feasts and public holidays)

A written acknowledgement of your application will be sent within five working days of its receipt.

Received: Date: _____

Mal-applikazzjoni jrid jiġi sottomess

- Kurrikulu tal-kors li jinkludi n-numru ta' sigħat għal kull sezzjoni, kopja ta' xi noti li jingħataw matul il-kors, id-dati tal-kors u informazzjoni oħra rilevanti dwar il-kors, flimkien mal-metodu ta' assessjar użat;
- Dokument ta' prova li t-tattooist għandu mill-inqas hames snin esperjenza ta' xogħol fi stabbiliment tat-tattwaġġ liċenzjat; jekk din l-esperjenza kienet f'pajjiż ieħor tal-Unjoni Ewropeja, trid tiġi provduta evidenza konkreta ta' dan.
- L-applikazzjonijiet għandhom jintbagħtu f'dan l-indirizz:
**Id-Direttur,
Direttorat għall-Istandards fil-Kura tas-Saħħa,
Sptar San Luqa OPD, Livell 1, Pjazza San Luqa,
Gwardamangia PTA 1010**
jew b-email fuq: **healthstandards.sph@gov.mt**

Aktar informazzjoni tista' tinkiseb jew titniżżel minn fuq is-sit:
<https://deputyprimeminister.gov.mt/en/hcs/Pages/hcs.aspx>

General Requirements

- Course curriculum including the number of hours for each module; a copy of any handouts which are to be provided during the course; the duration of the course and all other relevant information regarding the course together with the method of assessment used.
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Gwardamangia**
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