
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Skin Piercing and Tattooing) Order 2006 (“the principal Order”) which designates the activity of carrying on a business which provides skin-piercing or tattooing as an activity for which a licence under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 shall be required.

Articles 2(2) and (3) of this Order amend the principal Order to provide that no licence is required for the carrying on of a business which provides skin-piercing or tattooing by a member of a profession regulated by a body mentioned in section 25(3) of the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002. Under the principal Order only the carrying on of such a business by a registered medical practitioner within a health service hospital or an independent clinic was exempt (article 2(2) and (3)(a)).

Article 2(4) of this Order amends the principal Order to amend the conditions that must be imposed by a licensing authority where granting or renewing a licence for the carrying on of a business which provides skin piercing or tattooing, including in particular amending the conditions imposed on premises which carry out ear piercing but no other skin piercing or tattooing activities.

Article 3 of this Order provides that the new provisions shall apply only in relation to any licence granted or renewed on or after the date of coming into force of this Order. Transitional provision is made in respect of applications made before the date of coming into force of this Order in respect of an activity for which a licence is no longer required on or after that date in pursuance of the modifications made by this Order.