

Tattooing show permit fact sheet



A **tattooing show** is any type of publicised event, show or display of body art tattooing procedures open to the public.

A tattooing show permit will only be granted if the proposed show is open to the public and if there is, or will be, advertising promoting the performance of body art tattooing procedures at the show. If the tattooing show is taking place as part of a larger event, it must be advertised that the event will include body art tattooing.

A tattooing show permit exempts the holder and authorised participants from having to comply with some licensing requirements set out in the *Tattoo Industry Act 2012* (the Act) and the *Tattoo Industry Regulation 2023* (the Regulation).

Who can apply for a tattooing show permit?

To apply for a tattooing show permit, you must:

- be an individual; and
- be at least 18 years of age; and
- be an Australian citizen or permanent Australian resident (includes New Zealand citizens); and
- not be a controlled member of a declared organisation under the *Crimes (Criminal Organisations Control) Act 2021*; and
- not be a member of a prescribed criminal organisation (as listed in Schedule 3 of the Regulation) or have been a member in the previous 12 months before making the application.

If the tattooing show is being conducted on behalf of a corporation, partnership or trust, you must also complete a P1253 Nomination of Events Manager for a Tattooing Show form showing you have been nominated as the Events Manager by the corporation's directors, partners or trustees.

No more than two tattooing show permits may be granted to the same individual, or to an individual applying on behalf of the same corporation, partnership or trust, in the same calendar year.

Who is an authorised participant of a tattooing show?

An individual is an authorised participant of a tattooing show if:

- the tattooing show permit holder notifies SLED of the

individual's personal details at least 14 days before the start of the show; and

- they are at least 18 years of age; and
- they are not a controlled member of a declared organisation under the *Crimes (Criminal Organisations Control) Act 2012*; and
- they are not a member of a prescribed criminal organisation (as listed in Schedule 3 of the Regulation) and have not been a member of a prescribed criminal organisation in the previous 12 months; and
- they have not been an authorised participant of more than one other tattooing show in the previous 12 months.

The personal details of each authorised participant that must be notified to SLED are the individual's:

- Full name
- Date of birth
- Place of birth
- Residential address
- Postal address (if different to residential).

SLED will notify the permit holder that an individual cannot perform body art tattooing procedures at the show if they are found to be unsuitable to be an authorised participant.

The tattooing show permit holder must notify SLED of any changes to previously notified authorised participants at least 14 days before the start of the show. The changes must include the personal details of any additional authorised participants.

A list of the personal details of each authorised participant must be kept at the show when it is open to the public and be promptly made available to an authorised officer on request.

Can holders of NSW tattoo industry licences and visiting tattooist permits perform tattooing at a permitted tattooing show?

The holder of a current NSW tattooist licence, or a current NSW Master licence for premises at which the individual performs body art tattooing procedures as a self-employed individual, or a current NSW Visiting Tattooist Permit, is not classified as an 'authorised participant' and may perform body art tattooing procedures at any permitted show. However, their details must be provided to SLED with the permit application form.

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The details of any additional eligible NSW tattoo industry licensees or permit holders performing tattooing at the show should be provided to SLED no later than seven days before the start of the show.

How many days can a tattooing show be held?

A tattooing show permit may be granted for a period of up to seven days.

What sort of advertising is required for a tattooing show?

Advertising is any form of notice or statement in the nature of an advertisement. It includes social media posts and other forms of digital advertising as well as print and broadcast media.

The advertising must promote that body art tattooing procedures will take place at the show.

Who is an authorised officer?

An authorised officer is a police officer or a member of the Security Licensing & Enforcement Directorate (SLED) who has been authorised by the Commissioner of Police under the Act.

Authorised officers have investigative powers, including powers to enter premises where body art tattooing procedures are being performed, and to require individuals to answer questions and produce documents.

How do I apply for a tattooing show permit?

To apply for a tattooing show permit, you must submit to SLED a P1252 Application for a Tattooing Show Permit form available on the SLED website www.police.nsw.gov.au/online_services/security_licensing_and_enforcement_directorate/tattoo_industry_licences.

The form must be fully completed and include:

- your personal details
- the start and end dates for the proposed tattooing show
- the address for the proposed tattooing show
- a P1253 Nomination of Events Manager for a Tattooing Show form if you will be conducting the show on behalf of a corporation, partnership or trust
- details of each person proposed to be performing body art

tattooing at the show including:

- the full name and licence number of NSW Tattoo Industry licensees
- the full name and permit number of NSW Visiting Tattooist permit holders
- the following personal information of proposed authorised participants:
 - » Full name
 - » Date of birth
 - » Place of birth
 - » Residential address
 - » Postal address (if different to residential)
- evidence to demonstrate a capacity to ensure participants comply with any applicable legislation relating to the performance of body art tattooing procedures including the *Public Health Act 2010* and the *Public Health Regulation 2022*
- details of planned advertising that will promote the body art tattooing taking place at the show/event
- application fee payment details.

SLED must receive fully completed application forms, accompanying information, and the application fee at least 28 days before the proposed tattooing show start date.

Details of application fees are available on the SLED website at www.police.nsw.gov.au/online_services/sled/tattoo_industry_licences.

Application forms and accompanying attachments must be posted to SLED at:

Security Licensing & Enforcement Directorate
Locked Bag 5099
Parramatta NSW 2124