

Checklist for Starting a Hairdressing Business

Before you begin:

- Read the Guide to the Construction, Fit-out and Operation of a Hairdressing, the associated legislations.
- Check if you require planning and building approvals. You are exempt from requiring a planning approval in the Residential area, if you meet the home occupation definition. Refer to the [Home Occupation and Home Business Information Sheet](#). Generally, the following activities are not supported for the exemption in a residential home and will require planning approval:
 - involve the retail sale, display or hire of any goods (unless by means of the internet);
 - create repeated, prolonged or loud noise;
 - increase traffic in the street by delivery vehicles or the parking of customer or client cars;
 - occupy an area greater than 20m² and
 - produce smoke, smells, fumes, dust, light, vibration, electrical interferences, waste products and the like.
- Check if you require building approvals. Generally, all works involving structural alternations and additions will require a building permit.

If **planning approval** is required:

- Submit a [Development Application](#) with supporting information and site plan. Pay the application fee.
 - Ensure that planning conditions of approval have been met.
- Submit application by email: planning@kwinana.wa.gov.au or lodge online at [https://www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/council/online-services-\(24-7\)](https://www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/council/online-services-(24-7)) Allow between 60-90 days for processing. If unsure, contact a Planning Officer by phone: 9439 0474.

If **building approval** is required:

- Submit a [Certified Building Permit Application](#) with supporting information, site plan and floor plans and pay the application fee
 - Pay the application fee. Allow for 10 working days for processing.
 - Ensure that building conditions from the building permit have been met.
- Submit application by email: building@kwinana.wa.gov.au or lodge online at [https://www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/council/online-services-\(24-7\)](https://www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/council/online-services-(24-7)) If unsure, contact a Building Officer by phone: 9439 0472.

All skin penetration premises will require **Environmental Health approval**. Please:

- Complete a [Notification Form for Hairdressing Premises](#) with detailed floor plans. Submit by email to health@kwinana.wa.gov.au.
- Pay the inspection fee (invoice will be provided)

Allow 14 business days for assessment. You will be advised by an Environmental Health Officer to proceed with fit-out of your premises.

Just before you are ready to open your business:

- Ensure that building conditions from the building permit have been met.
- Submit an [Application for an Occupancy Permit](#) and contact a Building Officer to arrange a pre-occupancy inspection, by phone on 9439 0472 or by email: building@kwinana.wa.gov.au Allow 3 days advance notice.
- Contact the Environmental Health Officer to arrange a pre-opening inspection, by phone on 9439 0475 or by email: health@kwinana.wa.gov.au Allow 3 days advance notice.

Environmental Health and Building teams work closely together and will endeavour to carry out the inspection at the same time.

- Obtain a notification certificate for skin penetration premises from Environmental Health before you operate

Further information to help you to operate your business, please visit the City website www.kwinana.wa.gov.au.