

Licensing for Cosmetic use of Lasers

For medical practitioners, please see the Lasers - Medical section below. Non-medical practitioners may be able to use lasers for cosmetic procedures with a current exemption from licence. An exemption from licence still requires an application to the Radiological Council and an exemption certificate to be issued. To apply for a licence or exemption you will need to complete and submit a [licence application form](#) [PDF < 100 kb]. There are three types of exemptions from licence issued for cosmetic use of lasers, these are for hair removal, superficial cosmetic procedures (pigment and vascular treatments only) and tattoo removal.

To be eligible for an exemption from licence to use lasers for **hair removal**, you will need to be an Enrolled Nurse, Registered Nurse or hold a Diploma or Certificate IV in beauty therapy (or equivalent), have attended a recognised laser safety course and have undertaken a minimum of 25 hours practical training under the immediate personal supervision of a person licensed in WA for the use of lasers for hair removal.

To be eligible for an exemption from licence to use lasers for **superficial cosmetic procedures** (pigment and vascular treatments only), you will need to be an Enrolled Nurse, Registered Nurse or hold a Diploma or Certificate IV in beauty therapy (or equivalent), have attended a recognised laser safety course and have undertaken a minimum of 100 hours practical training (50 hours training in pigment treatments and a minimum of 50 hours training in vascular treatments) under the immediate personal supervision of a person licensed in WA for use of lasers for superficial cosmetic procedures. The use of lasers for superficial cosmetic procedures does not include treating issues such as varicose veins and raised spots.

To be eligible for an exemption from licence to use lasers for **tattoo removal** procedures, you will need to be a Division 1 Registered Nurse, have attended a recognised laser safety course and a tattoo removal course, have a minimum of 5 years nursing experience, and provide confirmation that a registered medical practitioner is available and willing to provide medical support to the nurse undertaking laser tattoo removal procedures.

Note: Enrolled Nurses and Registered Nurses means registered as such with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency. Immediate personal supervision requires the licensee to be present and maintain direct and continuous supervision of any person under the licensee's direction.

To demonstrate practical experience in accordance with the above requirements, evidence of the minimum total practical hours must be provided (e.g. logbook of treatments). In addition, the supervising licensee must provide written advice that the trainee has undertaken practical training in both consultation and beam-on aspects of the specified treatments and is competent in each aspect. Licensees supervising practical training will be held responsible for ensuring that the competence of trainees is accurately reported to the Council.

The [licence amendment form](#) [PDF < 100 kb] may be used to change your postal address or name, add or remove a licence purpose, or to terminate your licence.

The [Fact Sheet](#) [PDF < 100 kb] for cosmetic use of lasers details the applicable licensing and registration information.