

ELECTROLYSIS COUNCIL

64B8-51.006 Rule Governing Licensure and Inspection of Electrology Facilities.

(1) Definitions. An electrology facility is that portion of any establishment or place wherein electrolysis is performed. An electrology facility may be part of a residence.

(2) Electrology Facility Licensure.

(a) No one may operate an electrology facility without a license to do so from the Department of Health.

(b) To obtain the license, the applicant shall provide information to the Department as required by this rule on a form provided by the Department and approved and incorporated herein by reference by the Board as Form DOH/MQA/EP APP/REV-7/97, entitled "Application for Electrolysis Facility Licensure," effective 12-23-97, which can be obtained from the Council at address set forth in paragraph 64B8-50.002(3)(b), F.A.C. The applicant must pay a \$100 application fee, which is nonrefundable, and a \$100 inspection fee.

(3) Electrology Facility Safety and Sanitary Requirements.

(a) An electrology facility shall be clean, sanitary, and well-lit. It shall also allow for circulation of air sufficient to eliminate odors.

1. Any room wherein electrolysis is performed shall have four fixed, permanent walls at least six feet tall from the floor and shall have doors capable of being locked. Permanent walls means a vertical continuous structure of wood, plaster, masonry, or other similar building material, which is physically connected to the electrology facility floor. This requirement shall not apply to electrology facilities which are located in an electrolysis training facility so long as the unwallled area where electrolysis is performed is used for instructional purposes only.

2. There shall be a sink with hot and cold running water within the electrology facility. This sink may also serve as the sink in the toilet and lavatory facilities required under paragraph (3)(c) of this rule.

(b) The following documents shall be displayed in an area that is visible to the general public entering the facility:

1. The electrology facility license.
2. The current license of the electrologist.
3. The most recent inspection sheet from the Department of Health.
4. A current copy of Rule 64B8-51.006, F.A.C.

(c) Toilet and Lavatory Requirements. Each electrology facility shall provide, on the premises or in the same building, a separate room containing toilet and lavatory facilities which shall have at least one toilet and one sink with running water, and shall be equipped with toilet tissue, soap dispenser with soap or other hand cleaning material, disposable towels or wall-mounted electric blow dryer and a waste receptacle. The toilet and lavatory facilities and all fixtures and components shall be clean, in good repair, well-lighted and adequately ventilated to remove objectionable odors.

(d) No animals shall be allowed to enter or be in the room wherein electrolysis is performed except those trained to assist the hearing impaired, visually impaired, or the physically impaired.

(e) The electrology facility shall have the following equipment:

1. An FDA registered needle-type epilation device in working order;
2. Clean and sterile needles/probes and forceps/tweezers;
3. Needle holder tips;
4. A treatment table or treatment chair with a non-porous surface capable of being disinfected;
5. Disposable paper drapes or sanitary cloth drapes stored in a closed container or compartment;
6. Sanitary waste receptacles for the disposal of used gloves, paper supplies, cotton balls, and other noninfectious items;
7. Single use, disposable towels;

8. A sharps container for disposal of used needles/probes;
9. A treatment lamp or magnifier lamp capable of being cleaned with disinfectant;
10. A magnifying device which shall be a magnifier lamp, optical loupe or microscope capable of being cleaned and disinfected;
11. Tuberculocidal hospital grade disinfectant registered by the Environmental Protection Agency, household bleach or wiping cloths pre-saturated with disinfectant for wiping non-porous surfaces;
12. If eye shields are used, eye shields capable of being cleaned with disinfectant;
13. Covered containers for needles/probes and forceps/tweezers which containers are capable of being cleaned and sterilized;
14. Betadine, 3% U.S. Pharmaceutical grade hydrogen peroxide, or 70% isopropyl alcohol, or wrapped single use wipes saturated with 70% isopropyl alcohol;
15. Clean, non-sterile materials such as cotton balls, cotton strips, cotton swabs, gauze pads, and gauze strips;
16. If cloth towels are used, they shall be laundered and sanitized, which are stored in a closed container or compartment, and there shall be a covered sanitary container for holding used cloth towels;
17. A sterilizer which shall be either an autoclave or a dry heat sterilizer, and color change indicators for use with either sterilizer. The endodontic dry heat "glass bead sterilizer" shall not be used for instrument sterilization;
18. Monthly records of sterilizer biological test monitoring which shall be made available to the Agency or Department upon request;
19. A holding container for soaking and cleaning contaminated instruments; and
20. Non-sterile disposable examination gloves.

(f) An appointment book shall be maintained and kept on the electrology facility premises which lists the name of each person who has received electrolysis treatment.

(g) In electrology facilities wherein laser equipment is used for hair removal, the following shall be provided:

1. Proof of certification of 30 hours of continuing education in laser hair removal for all electrologists using laser equipment in the facility.
2. Proof of certification as Certified Medical Electrologist for all electrologists using laser equipment in the facility.
3. Proof of registration of laser as required by Section 501.122, Florida Statutes.
4. Written designation of laser safety officer.
5. Appropriate sign on door of laser room.
6. Lock on door of laser room.
7. Protective eyewear for all persons in laser room during operation of laser.
8. Fire extinguisher in vicinity of laser room.
9. Cold water and ice.
10. At least one piece of properly registered laser equipment located within the electrology facility.

(4) Inspections. The Department shall inspect all electrology facilities in the following manner:

(a) All licensed facilities shall be inspected once per biennium.

(b) All facilities applying for initial licensure shall be inspected prior to licensure.

(5) Transfer of Ownership or Location of the Electrology Facility.

(a) No license for an electrology facility may be transferred from the name of the original licensee to another.

(b) An electrology facility license may be transferred from one location to another only upon approval by the Department which approval shall be granted upon compliance with all requirements set out below in 1. through 3. Only the licenses for electrology facilities which have passed inspection at the original location are eligible for transfer to another location. In order to

begin practice at the new location, the electrology facility license holder must first perform all of the following procedures:

1. File a completed application for transfer prior to the date of the transfer on forms prescribed by the Department, as referenced in paragraph (2)(b) of this rule, which application must be processed by the Council office;
2. Surrender the current license with the application; and
3. Pay \$100 to have the new location inspected to determine compliance with Rule 64B8-51.006, F.A.C. The Electrology facility license holder transferring the license shall be permitted to perform electrolysis in the new facility, only after the application has been processed by the Council office and notification provided to the licensee, prior to inspection for a period of 60 days commencing with the first day electrolysis is performed in the new facility. The required inspection must be performed within the 60 day period or electrolysis services must cease until the inspection is performed.

(6) **Renewal of Facility Licensure.** Facility licensure shall be renewed at the end of each biennium prescribed by the Department. The licensee shall receive ninety (90) days notice of the need to renew the facility license. The notice shall be sent to the licensee at the last known address of the facility. Failure to receive the notice will not excuse the licensee from the requirement to renew the facility license, and failure to renew shall result in the license becoming delinquent. If the delinquent licensee does not apply for renewal of the license within six months of the license becoming delinquent, the license shall become null and any subsequent licensure shall be as a result of applying and meeting all requirements for new licensure. A facility may not operate without a license. To timely renew the facility license, including the six month "grace period" provided for, the licensee must pay the renewal fee of \$100 and the inspection fee of \$100.

(7) No license for operation of an electrology facility may be transferred from the name of the licensee to the name of another person. If a facility is sold, the new owner must apply to the Department for licensure and no electrolysis services may be performed in the facility after the sale until the new owner has received the required license from the Department. A person purchasing an electrology facility may apply to the Department for licensure prior to the date of purchase.

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