

**Nottinghamshire County Council Act 1985 (Part IV)**  
**Licensing of Premises for Massage and/or Special Treatments**  
**April 2010**

**Licence conditions for the sale or hire of Ultra-Violet(UV) Tanning equipment**

***In these conditions:-***

<b><i>The Licensee</i></b>	<b><i>means the holder of this Licence</i></b>
<b><i>The Premises</i></b>	<b><i>means the premises identified in the body of this licence as the place from which the Licensee operates</i></b>
<b><i>The User</i></b>	<b><i>means any person or client using UV Tanning equipment provided or operated by the Licensee</i></b>
<b><i>UV Tanning Equipment</i></b>	<b><i>means any Ultra – Violet tanning equipment provided by or made available on the premises by the Licensee</i></b>

- a) The Licensee shall not permit :-
- The use of UV tanning equipment by
  - the hire of UV tanning equipment by ,or
  - the sale of UV tanning equipment to persons aged under 16 years <sup>1</sup> .
- b) All UV tanning equipment is to be adequately supervised and every single use is required to be suitably recorded. Tanning equipment must not be used without the knowledge and authorisation of staff. Self-service is prohibited.<sup>2</sup>
- c) The Licensee must ensure properly trained and competent staff are available to provide adequate advice, supervision and assistance to Users. The training shall include suitable instruction in the control, use and operation of ultra-violet tanning equipment and its health and safety aspects. This must be documented and available upon request by an authorised Officer of the Local Authority.
- d) The Licensee must ensure each User is assessed and the following details recorded:
- the Users skin type
  - any Contra Indicators<sup>3</sup> relevant to this type of treatment
  - a record of the date and details of each use by the User

The Licensee must ensure each User is reviewed in relation to their registration details, contra indicators and awareness of the potential for harmful effects on an annual basis. This must be signed by the User at every annual review.

- e) Users must be given full instruction on how to operate the equipment correctly and safely. Evidence of this must be obtained and retained for a minimum of three years.
- f) The licensee shall ensure that the user is only exposed to a suitable strength and length of treatment appropriate for the user's skin category thereby not exposing clients to any undue risk from using UV tanning<sup>4</sup>
- g) The licensee must make reasonable endeavour to ensure their users leave at least 24 hours between each tanning session.

- h) Service and repair is to be carried out by a competent person in accordance with the information supplied with the tanning equipment. The licensee must be able to produce on request by an authorised officer of the Local Authority, maintenance records for the UV tanning equipment. For example this can include details of electrical inspections, servicing and tube/lamp changes etc.
- i) A readily identifiable emergency stop mechanism is required for use in an emergency to enable the user to switch off the equipment.
- j) A suitable and sufficient warning system shall be provided that is accessible by the user to enable them to summon assistance. This must be maintained in working order at all times.
- k) All doors to treatment areas and individual tanning booths should be able to be locked for user privacy and yet still be capable of being over-ridden in an emergency, to allow access and egress.
- l) The licensee must provide adequate protective eyewear free of charge. The user must be advised to wear eye protection at every tanning session. Eye protection should be properly cleansed and sterilised between each use or single use protection provided.
- m) The Licensee shall provide private washing facilities for Users comprising at the minimum:-
- a wash hand basin,
  - hot and cold running water,
  - drainage,
  - a cleaning agent (eg soap)
  - drying facilities
- to enable the removal of cosmetics; body sprays etc. and shall use their best endeavours to ensure that such facilities are used before the use of the UV tanning equipment commences.
- n) Suitable and appropriate cleaning materials and chemicals (which should be properly labelled) must be available for the cleaning of UV tanning equipment.
- o) All UV tanning equipment is to be cleaned between uses.
- p) Signs must be displayed in prominent positions giving current guidance to users as to the risks associated with UV treatments.
- q) In addition, signs must be displayed in a prominent position advising users to reduce their exposure times because new tubes have been fitted. These warning signs should be displayed for approx 80 hours of use after installation of the new tubes.
- r) The Licensee shall prepare a suitable and sufficient risk assessment for the use of UV tanning equipment which shall be produced to an authorised officer of the Local Authority on request.
- s) It is the responsibility of the licensee to ensure compliance with all legislation in place at any particular time.

*1 test purchases may be made on behalf of the Local Authority*

*2The use of coin operated machines is to be discouraged. Where token operated machines are in use, the issue of tokens must be adequately supervised.*

*3 Any user showing contra-indicators should be advised against using UV tanning equipment. Contra-Indicators include, but are not limited to, any medical condition that is worsened by sunlight; have a large number of freckles and/or red hair; have fair, sensitive skin that burns easily; or who have a large number of moles.*

*4This condition relates to the level of ultraviolet radiation output emitted by the tanning equipment against recommended tanning time for different categories of skin types. In order to determine the exposure regime the licensee needs to refer to the manufacturers' manuals for the model of ultra violet tanning equipment operated and also to the lamp technical data sheet for the model of lamp in use within the ultra violet tanning equipment. It is important to make sure that both the lamps and ultra violet tanning units are compatible i.e. if the lamp is recommended to be operated in 180watt ballast, then the ballast in the tanning unit should not be higher than 180 watts.*