

**WAC 296-17A-6501 Classification 6501.**

**Barbers, salons, tattoo shops**

**6501-00 Barber shops**

**Applies to:**

Businesses engaged in barber services for customers. Barber services may be performed in a barber shop, at a customer's home, or in other environments such as hospitals. This classification includes clerical office and sales employees of the business.

**Services offered may include, but are not limited to:**

- Hair cutting;
- Hair removal using electrolysis, lasers, threading, shaving, or waxing;
- Hair styling.

**Exclusions:**

- Massage therapy, foot massage, or reflexology businesses are classified in 6109;
- Businesses providing baths, soaking pools, and hot tubs that also offer services listed in classification 6501 are assigned classification 6204.

**Note:** Businesses in this classification often operate by renting or leasing a booth or station to licensed individuals who are booth renters. Booth renters perform cosmetology, barbering, esthetics, or manicuring services for which a license is required under chapter 18.16 RCW. A booth renter pays a fee for the use of the shop's facility, receives no compensation from the owner, and performs services in the shop, but is not an employee of the shop owner and are exempt from coverage per RCW 51.12.020. These individuals may elect owner coverage.

**6501-01 Beauty, tanning, and nail salons**

**Applies to:**

- Businesses engaged in beauty salon services.
- Businesses engaged in nail salon services.
- Tanning salon businesses.

Beauty and nail services may be performed in a shop, at a customer's home, or in other environments such as hospitals. This classification includes clerical office and sales employees of the business.

**Services offered may include, but are not limited to:**

- Esthetician services such as facials, skin care, or body scrubs;
- Hair cutting;
- Hair removal using electrolysis, lasers, threading, shaving, or waxing;
- Hair styling;
- Manicures;
- Pedicures;
- Tanning.

When a business provides multiple services listed above and also offers services such as massage or body wraps, these services are included in classification 6501.

**Exclusions:**

- Massage therapy, foot massage, or reflexology businesses are classified in 6109;
- Businesses providing baths, soaking pools, and hot tubs that also offer services listed in classification 6501 are assigned classification 6204.

**Note:** Salons in this classification often operate by renting or leasing a booth or station to licensed individuals who are booth renters. Booth renters perform cosmetology, barbering, esthetics, or manicuring services for which a license is required under chapter 18.16 RCW. A booth renter pays a fee for the use of the shop's facility, receives no compensation from the owner, and performs services in the shop, but is not an employee of the shop owner and are exempt from coverage per RCW 51.12.020. These individuals may elect owner coverage.

## **6501-02 Tattoo, piercing shops**

### **Applies to:**

Businesses engaged in providing tattooing services. Tattoo services may be performed in a shop or in other environments such as tattoo show or conventions. This classification includes clerical office and sales employees of the business.

### **Services offered may include, but are not limited to:**

- Body art;
- Body piercing;
- Permanent cosmetics;
- Tattoo design;
- Tattooing.

When a business provides multiple services listed above and also offers services such as massage or body wraps, these services are included in classification 6501.

### **Exclusions:**

- Massage therapy, foot massage, or reflexology businesses are classified in 6109;
- Businesses providing baths, soaking pools, and hot tubs that also offer services listed in classification 6501 are assigned classification 6204.

**Note:** While salons in classification 6501 often operate by renting or leasing a booth or station to licensed individuals who are booth renters, tattooists and piercers are not booth renters. Booth renters perform cosmetology, barbering, esthetics, or manicuring services for which a license is required under chapter 18.16 RCW.

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