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| Cosmetic application including eyelash tinting and spray tanning |
| Procedure specific requirements |

Cosmetic application involves applying temporary cosmetics or make-up such as lipstick, mascara and eye shadow.

Semi-permanent make-up or cosmetic tattooing, such as eyebrow feathering, that involves skin penetration or tattooing are not discussed in this section. See the Tattooing (including cosmetic tattooing) section on p. 65 of the *Infection prevention and control guidelines for hair, beauty, tattooing and skin penetration industries* (2019).

### Key points for business proprietors

* Make sure you **thoroughly clean** all make-up brushes and applicators between clients.
* Use only **single-use sponges**.
* Do not apply make-up if a client has an **open sore**.
* **Dispense products** from larger multi-use containers into smaller single-use containers.

### Specific health-risk information

Skin infections, such as impetigo and herpes (cold sores), can be easily spread via contaminated hands and equipment. It is essential that all make-up brushes and applicators are thoroughly cleaned (washed in warm water and detergent) between clients to ensure there is no cross contamination between clients. Sponges, due to their porous nature, cannot be cleaned or disinfected adequately between clients. We recommend using single-use sponges.

Do not apply make-up if a client has open weeping sores. The risk of transmission of infection is much greater when there are actively infected sores or wounds present.

Dispense products to be used on a client from larger multi-use containers into smaller single-use (or washed and dried reusable) containers or use a single-use spatula to ensure there is no contamination of the original product (see ‘Appropriate handling and dispensing of products’ p. 29 of the guidelines).

#### Spray Tanning

Spray tanning should be conducted in a well-ventilated room, this includes recirculating and filtered air booths to avoid respiratory problems.

All surfaces in the tanning booth and treatment room should be smooth and washable, and cleaned at least weekly to remove excess tanning solution that may harbour microorganisms.

Give clients:

* disposable panties
  + eye protection.

Staff should use appropriate PPE. This includes:

* a single-use P2 respirator
* a disposable apron
  + eye protection.

PPE should be single-use and disposed of after each client. If reusable (for example, eye protection), the item should be cleaned between uses, particularly if worn by more than one staff member.

#### Eyelash tinting

Eyelash tinting involves applying dye to the eyelashes. Care should be taken when applying any products to the eyelashes to avoid product or chemicals getting into the eyes.

Ensure all equipment has been thoroughly cleaned between clients in order to avoid the spread of infections such as conjunctivitis.

Clients with any signs of eye-related infection should have their treatment postponed until the infection has cleared.

### Cleaning and reprocessing requirements for equipment

Table 8: Cleaning and reprocessing requirements for cosmetic application

| Equipment | Use of item | When | Recommendations |
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| Face brushes  Make-up  Eyebrow  Eyelashes | Application of make-up or tint to eyelashes | After each client | Rinse free of lotions, creams or make-up.  Wash in warm water and detergent.  Rinse in hot running water.  Dry thoroughly. |
| Eyelash curlers | Shape eyelashes | After each client | Rinse free of lotions, creams or make-up.  Wash in warm water and detergent.  Rinse in hot running water.  Dry thoroughly. |
| Eye protection | Used during spray tanning | After each client | Rinse free of lotions, creams or make-up.  Wash in warm water and detergent.  Rinse in hot running water.  Dry thoroughly. |
| Face sponges | Application and blending of make-up | After each client | As they are unable to be cleaned or disinfected satisfactorily, single-use is recommended. |

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