

Guidance about registration for Lasers

Legal requirement:

The Nursing Homes (Jersey) Law 1994¹ defines any premises which is to be used for 'treatment by laser' to be registered as a nursing home. The law also states that anyone who carries on or intends to carry on a nursing home without being registered shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine. The Law states that a nursing home does not include any premises where patients are treated by Doctors, Dentists, Chiropodist or Podiatrists, nor any hospital operated by the Government of Jersey.

The Nursing Homes (General Provisions) (Jersey) Order 1995² states that type class 3B or class 4 Lasers are specified for the purpose of the Law.

To apply for registration, the required application forms should be submitted along with supporting documentation, and registration must be approved, in advance of laser treatments commencing. This information must be provided to allow the Commission to assess that the establishment and person/s are suitable for registration.

The Commission registers laser use for treatments to include removal of hair, tattoo and pigmented lesions, skin rejuvenation and vision correction and which are carried out in a variety of settings to include health centres, dental practices and beauty salons.

Application forms:

The following application forms must be completed

¹ The law can be accessed at www.jerseylaw.je

² The order can be accessed at www.jerseylaw.je

- NURSING HOMES (JERSEY) LAW 1994, FIRST SCHEDULE - PART I Article 2(1)(a)
- NURSING HOMES (JERSEY) LAW 1994, FIRST SCHEDULE - PART II Article 2(1)(b)

Supporting documentation:

The following documents must be submitted along with the above application forms:

- Details of the applicant's professional and technical qualifications (copies of certificates to be provided)
- Copies of 'core of knowledge' training certificates (for all laser operators)
- Statement of medical fitness for the person in charge of the premises (which can be downloaded from the Commission's website)³
- Copy of 'local rules' from Laser Protection Adviser
- Copy of laser risk assessment from Laser Protection Adviser
- Basic criminal records certificate⁴

Registration fees: The registration fees to accompany an application for registration are set out in Article 3 of the Nursing Homes (General Provisions) (Jersey) Order 1995⁵.

Upon receipt of the application, you will receive an invoice and payment must be made prior to registration being granted.

³ www.carecommission.je

⁴ Information can be found at www.gov.uk/request-copy-criminal-record

⁵ The Order can be accessed at www.jerseylaw.je

The registration will be renewed at the end of each year. You will receive a form to be completed and an invoice for the annual fee (which is likely to increase each year as per Order) to renew the registration.

Pre inspection visit to the premises:

Once the Commission has received the application in full, a Regulation Officer will contact the laser operator to arrange a pre-registration inspection visit.

Once registered:

Once registration has been granted, an annual inspection visit will be undertaken, which a Regulation Officer will arrange with you.

Please advise the Commission if there are any changes to your contact details.

Useful resources:

If you need a Laser Protection Advisor, you should refer to the accredited LPAs on the website www.rpa2000.org.uk

The British Medical Laser Association have developed 'Essential Standards Regarding Class 3B and Class 4 Lasers' which can be accessed at www.bmla.co.uk

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