

AM I A GOOD CANDIDATE?

Just as important as finding a good provider, is determining if your skin is suited for cosmetic tattooing. Your age, overall health and skin quality all need to be taken into consideration for the safety and best possible outcome.

Unfortunately a lot of conditions can heavily compromise the effectiveness of cosmetic tattooing. So it is important to inform your provider if you have any existing conditions or are on medication. You may still be eligible for the procedure, but need to adjust your expectations. Results will vary from person to person.

If you have a skin condition like **eczema**, **psoriasis**, **keratosis pilaris** and **dermatitis** your skin is in a constant state of unrest and shedding and therefore won't hold the pigment very well.

The same goes for conditions like **chronic acne** and **rosacea**. The inherent nature of this type of skin causes easy bleeding, which once again means your skin will not retain the color properly.

Excessively **oily skin** can cause those tattooed hair strokes to blur together and give off an unwanted solid effect instead of a naturally feathered look.

Deep wrinkles can make the overall look appear uneven.

Moles, **bumps** and any **raised skin** will also be unable to retain the pigment.

Unfortunately cosmetic tattooing is not for you if you're prone to **keloid scarring**.

It is important to not be **sunburnt** for your procedure.

If you had permanent makeup done previously you will need to send a clear close up photo of your **existing tattoo** to determine if I can work with it or if you need to consider tattoo removal prior to the procedure.

If you have **haemophilia** or some **heart conditions** it is not recommended that you get any form of permanent make up done as this puts you in a high-risk position.

If you're undergoing **chemotherapy** you will have to wait until your treatment is finished.

Some **Diabetics** are not good candidates either, especially if uncontrolled.

Trichotillomania can cause scar tissue in the skin to be prominent, which does not allow the color to heal properly.

Glaucoma - The use of some glaucoma eye drops makes eyelash follicles and eyelids hypersensitive, causing excessive bleeding and poor color retention. Therefore eyeliner tattooing may not be recommended.

Accutane - If you have been taking acne medication such as Accutane within the last year you have an altered skin condition that will not heal well after the procedure. It's very important that you wait a year before tattooing the skin. **Retin-A, Retinol** and **Vitamin A** are very similar and should be discontinued a month prior to the procedure.

Latisse - Eyelash and eyebrow growth serums bring extra circulation to the area which results in more growth of hair/lashes. This can cause the skin in that area to be hypersensitive and bleed easily. It is recommended to discontinue the use of these products at least 3-6 months before your treatment depending on how long you have been using the serum.

Other Things to Consider

If you are considering **botox**, please do this at least 2 weeks before your eyebrow appointment in order to allow the botox to settle in.

If you have **lip fillers**, it is recommended to wait 1-3 months before getting your lips tattooed. If you implant color too soon you will be implanting color above the natural line. When the lips shrink and return to normal size, the lip line will be off.

You must be **over 18 years** (even with a parents consent) to have any cosmetic tattooing procedure done.

You cannot be **pregnant** or **breastfeeding**.