

# Tanning Technique

## Ban on Underage Tanning Takes Effect January 1



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The law passed by the 2013 Oregon Legislature banning minors from commercial tanning takes effect on January 1, 2014, so tanning operators need to be aware of a few rule changes.

The new law is part of Oregon Revised Statute 453, and states that "an entity doing business in this state as a tanning facility may not allow a person who is under 18 years of age to use a tanning device that is owned or operated by the entity".

The only exception to the new law is for minors who get a written recommendation from their doctor. That recommendation must be on a state form, which is available on the RPS website.

To allow RPS staff to verify that minors are not being allowed to tan, new client record requirements are in place.

Tanning clients who appear younger than 26 are now required to provide proof of their date of

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Bookmark the tanning website:

**[www.healthoregon.org/tanning](http://www.healthoregon.org/tanning)**

For new rules, signs, forms and client cards

## Electronic License Renewal Option Added

Existing tanning registrants can now renew online for 2014 using debit or credit cards. Instructions for using this new system are available on the tanning program website shown

above. Registrants must have a current email address in the RPS database to utilize the system. Call Sharon at (971) 673-0509 if you need help with online payments.

## ID requirements strengthened

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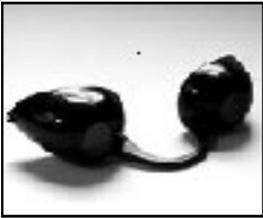
birth, and the tanning operator is required to document the type of ID and the ID number on the client record. The client record information can be either in the client database or on client cards developed by RPS and available on the website.

Because of the new ID requirements,

existing active tanning clients must complete a new client card or provide the additional required ID information.

RPS will not begin citing for violations of the new rules until April 1. This will allow tanning businesses time to replace signs and begin changing client record cards or databases before their next inspection.

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### Key New Rules

- Under 18 not allowed to tan without medical recommendation
- State form is required for medical recommendation
- All tanners who appear younger than 26 must show ID
- ID information must be recorded

## New Signs and Forms Required Jan. 1, 2014

The new tanning law removes the requirement for minors to get parental permission to tan, so the sign about minors has been changed. The old sign about minors must be replaced with one that informs customers about the new law.

The new sign must also be posted where it is easily visible to every tanning customer.

The only exception to the ban on underage tanning is if a person under 18 has a medical recommendation. RPS has developed a form that must be completed by a minor's physician before the minor can tan. That form requires specific information

from the physician, and it must be kept with the minor's client record so it is available for review during inspections.

If a tanning business is using paper client cards instead of a computer database, RPS has developed a new client card that meets all of the new requirements. Existing clients must complete the new version of the cards on their next visit.

Copies of all the new forms and signs are available on the tanning program website:

**[www.healthoregon.org/rps/tanning](http://www.healthoregon.org/rps/tanning)**

### More Rule Change Reminders ....

**Skin typing**— All tanning clients must be assigned a skin type number, obtained from the Fitzpatrick Skin Typing Scale, and that number must be recorded in the client's paper or electronic record. This change took effect January 29, 2013.

**Sanitizer** — Beds must be cleaned by staff after each use, signs cannot be posted asking clients to clean the beds. Sanitizer must contain 400-800 ppm quaternary ammonium, and a written policy on sanitizer use must be maintained. This rule change took effect January 29, 2013.