

Choosing Your Permanent Make Up Technician



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Permanent Make up technician

What are their qualifications?

It's always a good idea to ask the technician you're talking to where they trained, and who trained them. It may be an obvious thing to ask but unless they have been trained by a reputable company you may not get the outcome you're after.

I personally did my research into training companies and decided on Sussex Permanent Make Up as Katy's credentials were outstanding.

Not everyone has been trained to a professional standard, so always look at photos of the technicians work. It will give you a good idea into whether or not they will provide you with the amazing eyebrows, eyes, and lips you have always wanted.

Do they look good?

The way your technician looks can give you a good indication of what they think looks good.

Obviously if their brows are halfway up their forehead, then turn and run. It's not a good look for anyone. They should have nicely done make up that looks natural.

If the technician doesn't have permanent make up, why not? Any technician that is passionate about permanent cosmetics should have permanent make up. They should be advertising the benefits of how natural it will look.

Don't choose just based on price

The price of permanent make up can vary hugely, from £50 to £1000, but just because someone is charging £50 doesn't mean you will get a bargain. Most technicians base their prices on expertise and how long they have been doing it. But if someone is charging £500 for a set of brows, has been doing it for 10 years, but only does a handful a year, they may not be as good as someone who charges £200 for brows, has been doing it for 2 years but does hundreds in a year.

Do your research. Find out how many treatments they have done recently, look at their gallery of photos, and ask to see some recent client testimonials.

Do they keep up with continuing education?

A technician who is excited about what they do will most probably tell you how much training they have had, and what training they are planning on doing. This is a good technician. Making sure they are up to date with current trends and techniques in this ever changing and improving industry is a must.

I am looking forward to doing advanced training in eyebrows next year, then more advanced training in eyeliner and lips. I just find the whole thing very exciting and so interesting!

Free consultation and time to think things through?

A consultation should be free and it should be exciting. There is nothing worse than having the hard sell pushed in your face. The technician should be able to answer any questions and put to rest any worries you may have. A patch test is a must for anyone having a permanent make up treatment. This should be done at least 12 hours before any procedure. Not all technicians will carry out a patch test. And although allergic reactions are rare this is vital to ensure you are not allergic to the pigment. Remember this is your face and you need to be aware of the risks. Having a patch test will ensure you're ok to have the treatment done. Make sure your chosen technician will undertake the necessary precautions before the treatment commences, if they don't they are not the right technician for you.

Don't feel pressured or forced into something you're uncertain about. It's your face and you need to be 100% happy before you book a treatment. If you're not sure just say you will think about it.

Do you have realistic expectations?

Permanent make up should be a natural enhancement of your features. It can give you fuller lips but this must never be tattooed outside the natural lip boarder. If a technician says she can make your lips twice the size, just turn around and walk away.

Permanent make up isn't meant to replace your make up bag. If your heading on a night out you can add as much additional make up as you like! Remember, this is permanent make up, what looks good and is in fashion now may not be in a few years.

First Impressions

First impressions are lasting ones and if you walk into a dark, dingy, dirty place your probably not going to stay very long. A clean work environment is imperative with permanent make up as hygiene is so important. Have a look round does the room look clean? Is the technician wearing a clean lab coat?

Does their website contain lots of useful information? And contact details? Do they have a gallery of client before and after pictures? Any testimonials?

This is basic information that a technician should be able to provide to you. If they don't, do you think they really have the skills to tattoo your face permanently?

I hope you have found this helpful, remember if you have any questions please feel free to ask me.

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