



SEXUAL HEALTH CERTIFICATES

The Brothel Licence Conditions require that all sex workers hold current sexual health certificates. This means that a sex worker must have a current sexual health certificate at any time they are to work at a brothel.

Notwithstanding the policies and procedures of your licensed brothel, the PLA requires the following in relation to keeping records of sexual health certificates:

1. The sex worker is to provide only an original health certificate. A photocopy of the original sexual health certificate is then taken.
2. The photocopy is then endorsed (with your initials or signature) as the person who sighted the original sexual health certificate. The person who sighted the original and endorsed the photocopy must be the licensee or an approved manager.
3. The original is returned to the sex worker.
4. Keep the photocopy of the sexual health certificate for at least one year.

Some licensed brothels have computer programs designed to alert management when sexual health certificates have expired and prevents workers from being booked into the system. Some sexual health certificates contain an **expiry date** in addition to the date the certificate was issued. The expiry date should be cross-checked once it has been input into the system to confirm that the date of expiry is the same as that on the certificate. If the date of expiry stated on the certificate is shorter than the prescribed period (6 weeks) then the expiry date, as stated on the certificate, should be entered into the computer.

In the unusual event that the expiry date is longer than 6 weeks, the worker should be advised that it can only be accepted for **up to 6 weeks** and this date be entered into the computer.