

# TATTOO CONSENT & RELEASE FORM

## Cotton Inks Tattoo Studio

In consideration of receiving a tattoo from **Cotton Inks Tattoo Studio**, including its artists, apprentices, associates, agents, or employees (hereinafter referred to as "the Tattoo Studio"), I hereby acknowledge and agree to the following:

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### 1. Acknowledgement of Risk

I, \_\_\_\_\_, acknowledge that I have been fully informed of the inherent risks associated with tattooing. These risks may include, but are not limited to, infection, scarring, allergic reactions to tattoo pigments, latex, soaps, or cleaning solutions, and potential difficulties in the detection of melanoma or other skin conditions.

I understand that both known and unknown risks may arise and I voluntarily choose to proceed, freely accepting and assuming all such risks.

### 2. Waiver & Release of Liability

To the fullest extent permitted by law, I hereby **waive, release, and discharge** the Tattoo Studio from any and all liability, claims, demands, or causes of action arising from or related to the tattoo procedure, including but not limited to personal injury, illness, allergic reaction, or other damages, whether caused by negligence or otherwise.

### 3. Opportunity to Ask Questions

I confirm that I have been given the opportunity to ask questions regarding the tattoo procedure and aftercare, and that all questions have been answered to my satisfaction.

### 4. Aftercare Responsibility

I acknowledge that I have received verbal and/or written aftercare instructions and agree to follow them fully. I understand that failure to follow proper aftercare may result in infection, poor healing, or loss of pigment.

### 5. Sobriety & Consent

I confirm that I am not under the influence of alcohol or drugs and that I am voluntarily receiving this tattoo without coercion or pressure of any kind.

### 6. Medical Disclosure

I have disclosed all relevant medical conditions, including but not limited to diabetes, epilepsy, hepatitis, hemophilia, HIV/AIDS, heart conditions, blood disorders, skin conditions, pregnancy, nursing status, or medications (including blood thinners).

I confirm that I do not have any physical or mental condition that would impair my ability to consent to tattooing.

## 7. Design Meaning & Spelling

I acknowledge that the Tattoo Studio is not responsible for the meaning, spelling, translation, or interpretation of any symbols, text, or designs that I have provided or selected.

## 8. Design & Colour Variations

I understand that variations in colour, linework, and design may occur between the original artwork and the final tattoo. I also acknowledge that tattoos may fade or change over time due to sun exposure, skin changes, and natural pigment dispersion

## 9. Permanence of Tattoo

I understand that a tattoo is a permanent alteration to my appearance. Removal may require laser or surgical procedures which can be costly, painful, and may not fully restore the skin to its original condition.

## 10. Photography & Media Release

I grant the Tattoo Studio permission to photograph or record my tattoo and to use such images for portfolio, promotional, marketing, and social media purposes, without compensation.

## 11. No Refund Policy

I acknowledge that all tattoo services, deposits, and retail sales are **final and non-refundable**, regardless of outcome, change of mind, or personal circumstances.

## 12. Legal Costs & Jurisdiction

I agree that any legal dispute arising from this agreement shall fall under the jurisdiction of the courts of the **Republic of South Africa**.

Should I initiate legal action against the Tattoo Studio and the Tattoo Studio prevails, I agree to be responsible for reasonable legal costs incurred.

## 13. Acknowledgement & Acceptance

I confirm that I have been given sufficient time to read and understand this document, that it has not been presented to me under pressure, and that I fully understand I am signing a legally binding agreement waiving certain legal rights.

I declare that I am **18 years of age or older**, have provided valid identification, and am legally competent to sign this agreement.

**I HAVE READ, UNDERSTOOD, AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THIS CONSENT & RELEASE FORM.**

Client Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_