



ITEC Level 2 Award in Cutting Women's Hair QAN 500/9510/9 Specification

Aims and Objectives

The main aim of the ITEC Award in Cutting Women's Hair is to enable Learners to gain the necessary practical skills and knowledge required by the Hairdressing Industry. The qualification is suitable for Learners aged 16 and over and is designed to provide occupational competence at Level 2. It also provides a sound platform into further learning at Level 3

Content

This qualification is for Learners who want to work within the Hairdressing Industry. The qualification consists of 1 mandatory unit. The qualification must cover a minimum of 75 hours of guided learning (GL) to achieve the full qualification

The main skills the Learner will perform are:

- Cut Women's Hair – develop basic cutting techniques to create a range of looks and recognition of critical influencing factors associated with cutting hair

This qualification also provides:

- Opportunities for Learners to focus on the development of the major functional skills and the wider functional skills in a hairdressing context, such as communicating with clients, working with others and problem solving
- Opportunities for Learners to develop a range of skills, techniques, personal qualities and attitudes essential for successful performance in employment as a Hairdresser

Why Choose the ITEC Award in Cutting Women's Hair?

1. This qualification contains the skills and knowledge required for undertaking the cutting of hair at Level 2 and can assist a Learner seeking employment or self-employment as a Hairdresser at Level 2
2. This Qualification is listed in the Ofqual Register of Qualifications
3. This qualification does not form part of an Apprenticeship
4. Learners may progress onto the ITEC Level 2 Diploma in Hairdressing 501/2254/X
5. This qualification is recognised by all relevant professional bodies within the Barbering Industry for membership and insurance purposes at Level 2

ITEC Unit Number	Mandatory Units	Credit Value	Guided Learning (GL)
603	Cut Women's Hair	8	75

Guided Learning for Mandatory Units – 75

Total Qualification Time for Mandatory Units – 82

Total Qualification Credit Value – 8

Guided Learning (GL)

Guided Learning is 'the activity of a Learner in being taught or instructed by – or otherwise participating in education or training under the immediate guidance or supervision of – a Lecturer, Supervisor, Tutor or other appropriate provider of education or training'. This includes 'the activity of being assessed if the assessment takes place under the immediate guidance or supervision of a Lecturer, Supervisor, Tutor or other appropriate provider of education or training'

Total Qualification Time (TQT)

Total Qualification Time is the number of notional hours which represents an estimate of the total amount of time that could reasonably be expected to be required in order for a Learner to achieve and demonstrate the achievement of the level of attainment necessary for the award of the qualification

Total Qualification Credit Value

The total Credit Value for the qualification is equal to one tenth of the Total Qualification Time rounded to the nearest whole number

Assessment

This qualification will be internally and externally assessed using a range of assessment methods as set out in table 1 below:-

Table 1

ITEC Unit Number	Mandatory Units	Assessment	Grading
603	Cut Women's Hair	Portfolio of evidence 8 performances to be evidenced 10 Question MCQ - paper or online	Pass/Refer Pass 60% - 74% Merit 75% - 89% Distinction 90% - 100%

All assessment criteria and sample assessment materials for this qualification can be found [here](#)

Grading of the Qualification

All assessment tasks required for each unit of the qualification (detailed in table 1 of the specification) must be completed and awarded a Pass mark before the complete qualification can be certificated

The overall qualification is graded - Pass

Controlled Assessment

All theory tests must be conducted in a controlled environment and follow the procedures defined by ITEC [here](#). The theory tests will be set and marked by ITEC

All practical assessments must be conducted in a controlled environment as defined by ITEC [here](#). The internal assessments will be conducted by the Centre's Assessor/Internal Verifier(s) and will be sampled by the ITEC External Verifier; however, the Centre is responsible for ensuring the assessment can operate seamlessly by organising the process as defined by ITEC in the Lecturer/Assessor Guidance Notes [here](#).

Failure to operate ITEC Examinations as documented in the ITEC policies and guidance notes may result in sanction(s) against the Centre e.g., withdrawal by ITEC for a particular qualification and/or withdrawal of ITEC recognition from the Centre due to maladministration and/or malpractice. Please see our policy [here](#).

Recommended Prior Learning

It is recommended that Learners have achieved a level of education equivalent to five GCSEs at grades A*-C or the ITEC Level 1 Diploma in Hairdressing prior to commencing the ITEC Level 2 Award in Cutting Women's Hair however, exemptions may be made for adult returners with experience of the workplace

Opportunities for Progression

Once Learners have achieved the ITEC Award in Cutting Women's Hair they may progress on to other ITEC or equivalent qualifications at Level 2, for example:

- Level 2 Award in Perm and Neutralise Hair
- Level 2 Diploma in Hairdressing

For further Awards, Certificates and Diplomas please go to www.itecworld.co.uk

Opportunities for Employment

There are opportunities for Hairdressers to find employment in a variety of areas:

- Improver/Senior/Junior in a Hairdressing Salon

Relationship to National Occupational Standards

ITEC has mapped to National Occupational Standards where they exist and has ensured that best practice in the workplace has been reflected in the qualification. ITEC has linked the qualification to the relative job roles as well as ensuring that the qualification reflects the required level of knowledge and ability for the Hairdresser at Level 2

Professional Body Membership and Insurance

The qualification was developed collaboratively with the Hair and Beauty Industry Authority (HABIA)

It is recognised for membership by:

- National Hairdressers' Federation (NHF)
- Freelance Hairdressers' Association (FHA)