



ITEC Level 2 Diploma in Barbering QAN 500/9532/8 Specification

Aims and Objectives

The main aim of the ITEC Level 2 Diploma in Barbering is to enable Learners to gain the necessary practical skills and knowledge required by the Barbering 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 7 mandatory units plus a selection of optional units covering a minimum of 231 hours of guided learning (GL). A minimum of 462 hours of guided learning are required to achieve the full qualification

The main skills the Learner will perform are:

- Shampoo and Condition Hair – how to massage the hair and scalp correctly to cleanse, condition and treat the client's hair
- Cut Men's Hair – develop basic cutting techniques to create a range of looks and recognition of critical influencing factors associated with men's cutting
- Cut Men's Facial Hair – develop basic cutting techniques to create a range of looks and designs on facial hair
- Styling Men's Hair– develop skills to develop a range of looks, including straightening and finger styling and the use of finishing products

The Learner will also develop knowledge of related health and safety, client care and communication skills which are essential to work and be successful in the Barbering Industry

The Learner will also be able to choose from a range of optional units to complete the qualification, for example:

- Perm and Neutralise Hair
- Colour and Lighten Hair
- Provide Scalp Massage Services
- Salon Reception Duties
- Create an Image Based on a Theme within the Hair and Beauty Sector
- Promote Products and Services to Clients in a Salon
- Working with others in the Hair and Beauty Sector
- Display Stock to Promote Sales in a Salon
- Relax African Type Hair

This qualification also provides:

- The related knowledge and understanding required to perform the Barbering skills outlined above

- Opportunities for Learners to focus on the development of their wider skills in a Barbering setting 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 in the Barbering Industry

Why Choose the ITEC Level 2 Diploma in Barbering?

1. This qualification combines the full range of skills and knowledge for the Learner seeking employment or self-employment as a Barber at Level 2
2. This Qualification is listed in the Ofqual Register of Qualifications
3. This qualification contains all of the skills and knowledge required for employability at Level 2
4. The ITEC Level 2 Diploma in Barbering is suitable for inclusion as part of a study programme for 16-18 year olds as well as meeting all of the skills and knowledge required for employability at Level 2. In addition to the 7 mandatory units, this qualification has a selection of 9 optional units allowing the barbering pathway to be tailored to meet the specific needs and interests of the Learner and to suit the requirements of local employment
5. There is also a smaller ITEC Level 2 Certificate in Barbering available which does not include the more specialised techniques of colouring men's hair which is now very popular in salons
6. Learners may progress onto the ITEC Level 3 Certificate in Barbering 500/9530/4, an Apprenticeship at Level 2 or 3, or a Technical Level qualification at Level 3 such as the ITEC Level 3 Diploma in Women's Hairdressing for All Hair Types 601/0147/7
7. This qualification does not form part of an Apprenticeship
8. 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) |
|------------------|--|--------------|----------------------|
| 312 | Styling Men's Hair | 3 | 30 |
| 600 | Follow Health and Safety Practice in the Salon | 3 | 22 |
| 601 | Client Consultation for Hair Services | 3 | 30 |
| 602 | Shampoo and Condition the Hair and Scalp | 3 | 29 |
| 604 | Cut Men's Hair | 6 | 53 |
| 610 | Cut Facial Hair | 4 | 32 |
| 612 | Working in the Hair Industry | 4 | 35 |

Guided Learning for Mandatory Units – 231

Total Qualification Time (TQT) for Mandatory Units – 277

Learners must also select units covering a minimum of 231 guided learning from the following optional units

| ITEC Unit Number | Optional Units | Credit Value | Guided Learning (GL) |
|------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| 605 | Colour and Lighten Hair | 10 | 91 |
| 606 | Provide Scalp Massage Services | 4 | 33 |
| 607 | Perm and Neutralise Hair | 7 | 60 |
| 609 | Relax African Type Hair | 5 | 44 |
| 611 | Salon Reception Duties | 3 | 24 |

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| 627 | Promote Products and Services to Clients in a Salon | 3 | 28 |
| 629 | Working with others in the Hair and Beauty Sector | 2 | 19 |
| 630 | Display Stock to Promote Sales in a Salon | 3 | 24 |
| 908 | Create an Image Based on a Theme within the Hair and Beauty Sector | 6 | 60 |

Minimum Total Guided Learning including optional units – 462

Minimum Total Qualification (TQT) Time including optional units – 541

Total Credit Value of the Qualification – 54

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 tables 1 and 2 below:-

Table 1

| ITEC Unit Number | Mandatory Units | Assessment | Grading |
|------------------|--|--|--|
| 312 | Styling Men's Hair | Portfolio of evidence Evidence of 3 services 10 Question MCQ - paper or online Final Practical test | Pass/Refer Pass 60% - 74% Merit 75% - 89% Distinction 90% - 100% Pass 60% - 74% Merit 75% - 89% Distinction 90% - 100% |
| 600 | Follow Health and Safety Practice in the Salon | Portfolio of evidence 4 performances to be evidenced 10 Question MCQ - paper or online | Pass/Refer Pass 60% - 74% Merit 75% - 89% Distinction 90% - 100% |

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| 601 | Client Consultation for Hair Services | Portfolio of evidence 3 performances to be evidenced 10 Question MCQ - paper or online Final Practical test | Pass/Refer Pass 60% - 74% Merit 75% - 89% Distinction 90% - 100% Pass 60% - 74% Merit 75% - 89% Distinction 90% - 100% |
| 602 | Shampoo and Condition the Hair and Scalp | Portfolio of evidence 3 performances to be evidenced 10 Question MCQ - paper or online Final Practical test | Pass/Refer Pass 60% - 74% Merit 75% - 89% Distinction 90% - 100% Pass 60% - 74% Merit 75% - 89% Distinction 90% - 100% |
| 604 | Cut Men's Hair | Portfolio of evidence Evidence of 8 services MCQ – paper or online Final Practical test | Pass/Refer Pass 60% - 74% Merit 75% - 89% Distinction 90% - 100% Pass 60% - 74% Merit 75% - 89% Distinction 90% - 100% |
| 610 | Cut Facial Hair | Portfolio of evidence Evidence of 3 services MCQ – paper or online Final Practical test | Pass/Refer Pass 60% - 74% Merit 75% - 89% Distinction 90% - 100% Pass 60% - 74% Merit 75% - 89% Distinction 90% - 100% |
| 612 | Working in the Hair Industry | Portfolio of evidence 1 performance to be evidenced 10 Question MCQ - paper or online | Pass/Refer Pass 60% - 74% Merit 75% - 89% Distinction 90% - 100% |
| 312 601 602 604 610 | See Assessment Form and Marking Criteria | Final Practical Test Overall Score | Pass 60% - 74% Merit 75% - 89% Distinction 90% - 100% |

Table 2

| ITEC Unit Number | Optional Units | Assessment | Grading |
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| 605 | Colour and Lighten 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% |
| 606 | Provide Scalp Massage Services | Portfolio of evidence 3 performances to be evidenced 10 Question MCQ - paper or online | Pass/Refer Pass 60% - 74% Merit 75% - 89% Distinction 90% - 100% |
| 607 | Perm and Neutralise Hair | Portfolio of evidence 3 performances to be evidenced 10 Question MCQ - paper or online | Pass/Refer Pass 60% - 74% Merit 75% - 89% Distinction 90% - 100% |
| 609 | Relax African Type Hair | Portfolio of evidence 3 performances to be evidenced 10 Question MCQ - paper or online | Pass/Refer Pass 60% - 74% Merit 75% - 89% Distinction 90% - 100% |
| 611 | Salon Reception Duties | Portfolio of evidence 3 performances to be evidenced 10 Question MCQ - paper or online | Pass/Refer Pass 60% - 74% Merit 75% - 89% Distinction 90% - 100% |
| 627 | Promote Products and Services to Clients in a Salon | Portfolio of evidence 3 performances to be evidenced 10 Question MCQ - paper or online | Pass/Refer Pass 60% - 74% Merit 75% - 89% Distinction 90% - 100% |
| 629 | Working with Others in the Hair and Beauty Sector | Portfolio of evidence 3 performances to be evidenced 10 Question MCQ - paper or online | Pass/Refer Pass 60% - 74% Merit 75% - 89% Distinction 90% - 100% |
| 630 | Display Stock to Promote Sales in a Salon | Portfolio of evidence 1 performance to be evidenced 10 Question MCQ - paper or online | Pass/Refer Pass 60% - 74% Merit 75% - 89% Distinction 90% - 100% |

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| 908 | Create an Image Based on a Theme within the Hair and Beauty Industry | Portfolio of evidence 1 performance to be evidenced 10 Question MCQ - paper or online | Pass/Refer Pass 60% - 74% Merit 75% - 89% Distinction 90% - 100% |
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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 tables 1 and 2 of the specification) must be completed and awarded a Pass mark before the complete qualification can be certificated

The overall qualification is graded - Pass - 60% - 74%, Merit - 75% - 89%, Distinction – 90%-100%. This is formed by the aggregate of the multiple-choice questions and the final practical assessment

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](#). The final assessment marking criteria and assessment form can be found [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 Diploma in Barbering; however, exemptions may be made for adult returners with experience of the workplace

Opportunities for Progression

Once Learners have achieved the ITEC Level 2 Diploma in Barbering they may progress on to other ITEC or equivalent qualifications at Level 2 or 3, for example:

- Level 2 Apprenticeship in Barbering
- Level 3 Certificate in Barbering
- Level 3 Apprenticeship in Barbering
- Level 3 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:

- Men's Hairdressing/Barber Shops
- Freelance Barbering Business

Please see the letters of support from employers within the industry, including [Steiner Training Limited](#), [National Hairdressers Federation](#), [Wella](#), [Affinage](#), [Sculptors](#) and [Goldwell](#)

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 Barber 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)
- World Federation of Hairdressers
- Men's Hairdressing Federation
- Hairdressing Council (HC)
- Freelance Hairdressers' Association (FHA)