

**Marking Criteria**  
**ITEC Level 3**  
**Unit 842 – Enhance Nails using Electric Files**

**APPEARANCE – 5 MARKS (0.5 marks each)**

**The candidate demonstrated:**

1. Clean, ironed professional uniform
2. Clean, neat hair, tied back/up if long and off the collar and face
3. Short, clean, well manicured nails with no varnish and clean hands
4. Clean, sensible full flat shoes, socks should be worn
5. Tights were an appropriate colour for the uniform, if wearing a skirt
6. No jewellery- with the exception of a wedding band and 1 pair of small stud earrings (religious jewellery must be taped)
7. No body or breath odour
8. No chewing gum or sucking sweets
9. No visible underskirts/underwear
10. Skirts to the knee. Trousers cropped no higher than calf/ trousers not trailing on the floor

**CLIENT CARE – 5 MARKS (1 mark each)**

**The candidate:**

1. Greeted and introduced self to client.
2. Assisted client off the couch.
3. Explained the treatment procedure to the client.
4. Ensured the client's comfort/modesty throughout.
5. Maintained a positive and professional approach to client/colleagues throughout.

**HYGIENE AND STERILISATION – 10 MARKS (2 marks each)**

**The candidate:**

1. Wiped equipment over with appropriate sanitiser before and after use.
2. Sanitised hands before, during and after treatment as appropriate.
3. Replaced lids on products and used spatulas to remove cream.
4. Disposed of cotton wool, tissues, paper roll and general waste hygienically and appropriately.
5. Used salon/clinic sterilising equipment/cabinets appropriately and sanitised, used and stored small equipment appropriately.

**USE OF ELECTRIC FILES – 26 MARKS (2 marks each)**

**The candidate:**

1. Carried out a consultation and checked for contraindications
2. Assessed the area to be treated
3. Discussed client's requirements and possible contra-actions to treatment
4. Used the electric file only on an overlay
5. Ensured the most suitable attachments were used throughout the treatment
6. Operated the electric file at the correct speed following manufacturers instructions
7. Used the electric file in the correct direction
8. Ensured continuous movement of the file
9. Ensured that the rotating attachment was kept flat against the nail
10. Used correct filing techniques to restore and finish the overlay
11. Achieved a smooth even surface
12. Ensured the free edge was left tapered, thin and with a clean edge
13. Demonstrated correct buffing techniques

**FINISHED RESULT – 4 MARKS (1 mark each)**

The candidate:

1. Ensured maximum strength (stress areas)
2. Checked the C curve
3. Checked the correct balance of nail
4. Ensured the treatment was commercially acceptable

**SAMPLES ORAL QUESTIONS**

1. Name and describe a contagious nail disease?
2. Name some contraindications to using an electric file?
3. What is the correct way to sterilise an electric file?
4. Why is it important to keep the file moving?
5. What is the purpose of buffing?