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# Qualification Specification

## HB3A1 – VTCT (ITEC) Level 3 Award in Bridal Hairstyling

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### Aims and objectives

The main aim of the VTCT (ITEC) Level 3 Award in Bridal Hairstyling is to enable the candidate the ability to create bridal looks and 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 3. It also provides a sound platform into further learning at Level 3 or Level 4.

### Content

This qualification is for learners who want to work within the hairdressing industry. The qualification consists of 1 mandatory unit covering a minimum of 37 hours of Guided Learning (GL) to achieve the full qualification.

The main skills the learner will perform are:

- Design and dress bridal hair – develop and combine dressing skills to create a variety of bridal designs

The Learner will also develop knowledge of related health and safety, client care, communication skills and providing aftercare advice which are essential to working and being successful in the hairdressing industry.

This qualification also provides:

- Opportunities for staff in the hairdressing industry to gain CPD at Level 3, the related knowledge and understanding required to perform the skills outlined above
- Opportunities for learners to develop a range of skills, techniques, personal qualities and attitudes essential for successful performance in employment in the hairdressing industry

### Why choose HB3A1 - VTCT (ITEC) Level 3 Award in Bridal Hairstyling?

- This qualification combines the range of skills and knowledge for the learner seeking employment or self-employment as a hairdresser at Level 3
- This qualification is listed in the Ofqual Register of Qualifications
- This qualification contains all skills and knowledge required for bridal styling at Level 3
- To provide opportunities for staff in the hairdressing industry to gain a Level 3 qualification
- Learners may progress onto the VTCT (ITEC) Level 3 Certificate in Creative Hair Design 600/6669/6 or VTCT (ITEC) Level 3 Diploma in Hairdressing 600/6995/8
- This qualification does not form part of an Apprenticeship
- This qualification is recognised by all relevant professional bodies within the Hairdressing Industry for membership and insurance purposes at Level 3

Unit code	Mandatory units	Credit value	Guided Learning (GL)	Unit number
621	Bridal Hairstyling	4	37	K/600/9059

**Guided Learning for Mandatory Units – 37**

**Total Qualification Time (TQT) for Mandatory Units – 40**

**Total Qualification Credit Value – 4**

### 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**

Unit code	Mandatory units	Assessment	Grading
621	Bridal Hairstyling	3 performances to be evidenced within a portfolio	Pass/Refer
		10 Question MCQ - paper or online	Pass 60% - 74% Merit 75% - 89% Distinction 90% - 100%

All assessment criteria and sample assessment materials for this qualification can be found on the website.

## Grading of the qualification

All assessment tasks required for each unit of the qualification (detailed in Table 1 above in this 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%), or Distinction (90% - 100%). This is formed by the grading of the multiple-choice exam.

## Controlled assessment

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

All practical assessments must be conducted in a controlled environment as defined by VTCT (ITEC). The internal assessments will be conducted by the centre's assessor/internal verifier(s) and will be sampled by the VTCT (ITEC) external verifier; however, the centre is responsible for ensuring the assessment can operate seamlessly by organising the process as defined by VTCT (ITEC) in the lecturer/assessor guidance notes.

Failure to operate VTCT (ITEC) examinations as documented in the VTCT (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 VTCT (ITEC) recognition from the centre due to maladministration and/or malpractice. Please see our policy.

## Recommended prior learning

It is recommended that learners have achieved a level of education equivalent to five GCSEs at grades A\*-C or a Level 2 Diploma in Hairdressing prior to commencing the VTCT (ITEC) Level 3 Award in Bridal Hairstyling; however, exemptions may be made for adult returners with experience of the workplace.

## Opportunities for progression

Once Candidates have achieved the VTCT (ITEC) Level 3 Award in Bridal Hairstyling they may progress on to other VTCT (ITEC) Awards, Certificates or Diplomas at Level 2 or 3, for example:

- Level 3 Certificate in Creative Hair Design
- Level 3 Diploma in Hairdressing

For further Awards, Certificates and Diplomas please go to [www.itecworld.co.uk](http://www.itecworld.co.uk)

## Opportunities for employment

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

- Stylist
- Freelance hairdressing business

## Relationship to National Occupational Standards

VTCT (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. VTCT (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 3.

## 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)

## Document History

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v1	05/07/2016	First published	Qualification Development Manager
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