
Practical examination criteria

BT5C2 – Level 5 Certificate in Laser Tattoo Removal

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Practical examination criteria

Learners must complete a practical examination for BT5C2 Level 5 Certificate in Laser Tattoo Removal which will be externally set by the awarding organisation and examined and marked by an external examiner. Learners will be expected to demonstrate excellent hygiene and client care throughout as well as competence in their relevant skills. The examiner may reduce the treatment timings, as the examination is a demonstration of the learner's professionalism and their accomplished technique.

A maximum of 2 learners to be examined at one time.

Client requirements

Centres must identify suitable clients for the examination. Centres may ask learners to identify suitable clients. The client must have a tattoo for removal or fading that has a minimum of one tattoo with 2 different pigment colours, enabling the learner to demonstrate the use of a minimum of two different Q Switched Laser wavelengths, with a maximum treatment time 60 minutes to include consultation and positioning of client. The examiner may reduce the treatment timings, as the examination is a demonstration of the learner's professionalism and their accomplished technique.

Clients must meet all of the following requirements. Specifically, clients must:

- be 18 years or over
- not be contra-indicated for tattoo removal or fading treatments – all patch testing must be completed within the recommended time frame prior to treatment with the outcomes recorded on the client's records
- not be hypersensitive to heat or pressure
- be willing to have tattoo removal or fading treatments
- be willing to divulge relevant personal and medical details for the purpose of consultation
- be prepared for the treatment to be carried out by a learner unknown to them
- not have practitioner knowledge or experience
- provide consent to participate

Potential clients must meet with centre staff who will establish suitability in relation to the specified client requirements, the suitability of the skin and health and safety requirements.

It is the responsibility of the Centre and learner to work collaboratively to ensure a suitable model is provided for the examination purposes.

Learners will be expected to perform the following:

Marking criteria for BT5C2 – Level 5 Certificate in Laser Tattoo Removal

*Learners must achieve a minimum of 10 marks for the first 3 sections in order to pass.

*Appearance – 5 marks (1 mark each)

The learner demonstrated:

1. Clean, ironed professional wear, flat shoes, no visible underwear
2. Clean hair, neat and tied back/up if long and off the collar and face
3. Short, clean, well-manicured nails with no varnish and clean hands
4. No jewellery – with the exception of a wedding band and 1 pair of small stud earrings (religious jewellery must be taped)

5. No chewing gum, sucking sweets, body or breath odour

*Client care – 5 marks (1 mark each)

The learner:

1. Greeted and introduced self to client
2. Protected client's clothing and removed all jewellery
3. Explained the treatment procedure to the client, including treatment sensation, skin appearance post-treatment and duration
4. Correctly positioned self and client and ensured the client's comfort/modesty throughout
5. Maintained a positive and professional approach to client throughout

*Preparation of area – 5 marks (1 mark each)

The learner:

1. Ensured that preparation complied with legal and organisational requirements
2. Ensured the area was clean and sterilised
3. Ensured all equipment, tools and products were available and ergonomically placed
4. Selected appropriate, clean and disposable PPE for client and self
5. Ensured the working environment was private and secure

Hygiene and sterilisation – 5 marks (1 mark each)

The learner:

1. Wiped equipment over with appropriate sanitiser before and after use
2. Sanitised hands before, during and after treatment as appropriate and applied sterile gloves
3. Replaced lids on products and used spatulas to remove products
4. Disposed of general and contaminated waste hygienically and appropriately
5. Maintained and sanitised working area and equipment appropriately, used and stored small equipment appropriately

Consultation – 5 marks (1 mark each)

The learner:

1. Demonstrated a variety of consultation techniques
2. Identified the client's medical history, indications, aims and expectations of treatment
3. Checked test patch results, recognised any contra-indications and took appropriate actions
4. Established the condition and health of the skin in the area to be worked on
5. Obtained signed informed consent and finalised and agreed the treatment plan

Advanced skin assessment – 10 marks (2 marks each)

The learner:

1. Selected the correct cleansing product, cleansed the treatment area thoroughly leaving it clean and dry
2. Performed a full skin assessment and identified skin health, conditions and characteristics
3. Identified factors which limited or affected the desired outcome
4. Identified colour pigments to be worked upon and the parameters for treatment
5. Took pre-treatment photographs

Tattoo removal or fading treatment – 15 marks (3 marks each)

The Learner:

1. Demonstrated the correct preparation of the skin and allowed sufficient time for the skin to dry
2. Verbally communicated with the client throughout the treatment
3. Concluded treatment in an appropriate manner including cooling products where applicable and the application of post treatment products
4. Completed the treatment in a commercially acceptable time
5. Took post-treatment photographs

Tattoo removal or fading technique– 35 marks (see below)

The Learner:

1. Selected the appropriate equipment to meet the agreed treatment aims (5 marks)
2. Applied a systematic approach to the treatment application (5 marks)
3. Performed the treatment in line with legal and organisational requirements (5 marks)
4. Observed skin condition, skin reactions and client's response throughout the treatment (5 marks)
5. Adjusted the intensity of treatment to suit client's tolerance and adapted the treatment to meet the client's needs (10 marks)
6. Monitored skin reaction to ensure achievement of desired end point (5 marks)

Aftercare/homecare – 10 marks (2 marks each)

The learner:

1. Evaluated and noted treatment results
2. Informed the client of the short-term effects of the treatment
3. Discussed homecare, post treatment skincare and recommendations for ongoing treatment with the client
4. Discussed possible contra-actions and how to deal with them
5. Discussed aftercare requirements with the client and obtained signature for treatment results and ongoing home care requirements

Sample oral questions – 5 marks (1 mark each)

1. How does the treatment work?
2. Describe the way in which the laser 'removes' colour pigment.
3. Why do we use a Q switch laser for tattoo removal?
4. What safety precautions should you take with the equipment?
5. What determines wavelength selection?
6. What is the correct way to prepare the area for treatment?
7. What reactions can occur that you need to inform your client?
8. What aftercare advice should be given?
9. What is recommended treatment interval for an amateur tattoo?
10. What is recommended treatment interval for a professional tattoo?
11. What specific hygiene procedures should be taken with this treatment?

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