

Level 4 & 5 Non-Medical Aesthetic Therapies Qualifications Suite

FAQs

1. How can centres become approved to offer these qualifications?

New centres must gain both centre approval and qualification recognition. This information can be found on the VTCT or ITEC websites.

Existing centres must apply using the Approval Application – Level 4 and 5 Non-Medical Aesthetic Therapies Qualifications form and will be subject to an approval visit for which there will be a charge in line with published fees.

2. How much will it cost a centre to offer these?

The cost is £300 for existing centres.

3. How long do learners need to be registered/enrolled on a qualification before they can be entered for the examinations?

Learners must be registered/enrolled a minimum of 14 weeks before being entered for the practical and theory examinations.

4. Can a college claim for direct claims status for these qualifications?

No, direct claims will not be available for these qualifications as they are end examined.

5. How much do these qualifications cost?

New centres will need to pay £600, and they will have to complete both forms. Only existing centres will need to pay for the extra approval visit of £300.

6. How many learners can be examined at one time?

Please see requirements below:

Qualification	Learners examined at one time
BT4C4 VTCT (ITEC) Level 4 Certificate in Radio Frequency	Maximum of 6
BT4C5 VTCT (ITEC) Level 4 Certificate in Skin Needling	Maximum of 6
BT4C6 VTCT (ITEC) Level 4 Certificate in Skin Peeling	Maximum of 6
BT4C7 VTCT (ITEC) Level 4 Certificate in Ultrasound	Maximum of 6
BT5C1 VTCT (ITEC) Level 5 Certificate in Advanced Blemish Removal	Maximum of 6
BT5C2 VTCT (ITEC) Level 5 Certificate in Laser Tattoo Removal	Maximum of 2

7. What are the registration fees for these qualifications?

Fees will be £150 for Level 4 qualifications and £240 for Level 5 qualifications.

8. What are the specific numbers of equipment required for teaching and learning purposes?

Please see requirements below:

Qualification	Learners examined at one time
BT4C4 VTCT (ITEC) Level 4 Certificate in Radio Frequency	Radio frequency machines/equipment as appropriate to class numbers to practise sufficiently to meet all learning outcomes and assessment criteria of the qualification. A minimum of 1 couch and 1 trolley per learner. Access to relevant treatment products as detailed in the specification.
BT4C5 VTCT (ITEC) Level 4 Certificate in Skin Needling	Skin needling equipment as appropriate to class numbers to practise sufficiently to meet all learning outcomes and assessment criteria of the qualification. A minimum of 1 couch and 1 trolley per learner. Access to relevant treatment products as detailed in the specification.
BT4C6 VTCT (ITEC) Level 4 Certificate in Skin Peeling	A minimum of 1 couch and 1 trolley per learner. Access to relevant treatment products as detailed in the specification and as appropriate to class numbers to practise sufficiently to meet all learning outcomes and assessment criteria.
BT4C7 VTCT (ITEC) Level 4 Certificate in Ultrasound	Ultrasound treatment machines/equipment as appropriate to class numbers to practise sufficiently to meet all learning outcomes and assessment criteria of the qualification. A minimum of 1 couch and 1 trolley per learner. Access to relevant treatment products as detailed in the specification.
BT5C1 VTCT (ITEC) Level 5 Certificate in Advanced Blemish Removal	Advanced blemish removal machines/equipment as appropriate to class numbers to practise sufficiently to meet all learning outcomes and assessment criteria of the qualification. A minimum of 1 couch and 1 trolley per learner. Access to relevant treatment products as detailed in the specification.
BT5C2 VTCT (ITEC) Level 5 Certificate in Laser Tattoo Removal	Laser machines/equipment as appropriate to class numbers in order to practise sufficiently in a controlled environment to meet all learning outcomes and assessment criteria of the qualification. A minimum of 1 couch and 1 trolley per learner.

9. Are there any specific safety requirements e.g. controlled environment?

Please see table above.

10. How are the qualifications graded?

Pass/Merit/Distinction grading boundaries – the exams are graded Pass, Merit and Distinction. Information on how the overall grade is calculated can be found in the relevant qualification specification.

11. Do colleges need dual approval to offer these qualifications or will the new approval form specifically designed for these qualifications suffice?

All colleges will need to complete the new approval form. These are dual branded qualifications, so both VTCT and iTEC centres can apply for approval. VTCT centres should apply to VTCT for approval and iTEC centres should apply to iTEC. Centres will need to have an additional approval visit to offer these qualifications, this will incur a fee of £300.

12. What are the teachers/lecturer's requirements?

Teachers and/or lecturers should:

- be occupational experts and have knowledge and understanding in the area for which they are delivering training. This knowledge must be at the same level as or higher than the training being delivered;
- hold an appropriate qualification or accredited training in the subject to be taught. N.B In the absence of a regulated qualification, staff members will be required to demonstrate Continued Professional Development (CPD) with accredited training providers, for each qualification that the approval application lists. Staff would then be required to agree to update their training to a full qualification within 18 months of being approved to deliver. If for any reason the staff member fails to achieve the qualification, the centre would be required to find another competent member of staff to deliver the programme or forfeit the right to deliver the qualification;
- understand the qualification's structure and content, and the learning outcomes they are delivering;
- have relevant and current industry experience in the specific area they are delivering;
- have credible experience of teaching and/or providing training;
- undertake activities which contribute to their continuing professional development (CPD).

13. What are the assessors/teachers requirements – do they need to work towards the qualification and take the exam?

Yes, see answers above for full requirements.

14. Do lecturers have to hold an Assessor's Award?

No, as these qualifications are end examined there is no requirement to hold an Assessors Award.

15. How much will resit examinations costs?

Resits:

- Practical exam £100
- Theory exam £20 (first resits free for theory exams only)

16. What branding will these qualifications have?

The qualifications are dual branded, VTCT and iTEC.

17. What is the entry requirement for the level 4 advanced non-medical aesthetics qualification?

Learners are required to hold either a level 3 beauty therapy qualification or equivalent.

18. If a learner comes to us with a health care, dentistry background can they go straight onto a level 4 qualification?

No, all learners will need to meet the prerequisites specified for each qualification within the relevant qualification specification.

19. If a learner wants to study a level 4 qualification, but only has a level 2 qualification in beauty therapy, can they do so?

No, all learners will need to meet the prerequisites specified for each qualification within the relevant qualification specification. At a minimum these are level 3 beauty therapy qualifications or equivalent.

20. Can a learner progress from a level 3 qualification directly on to a level 5 qualification in non-medical aesthetic therapies?

No, learners must have achieved a level 4 qualification prior to progressing to a level 5.

21. Which website will these qualifications appear on?

They will appear on both the VTCT and iTEC websites.

22. Are the qualifications written against Industry Standards?

Yes, where applicable for each qualification.

23. Where can we find the learning outcomes and assessment criteria for each qualification?

These can be found on the VTCT and iTEC websites within the unit specifications.

24. Do the clinical case studies contribute to the overall grade?

No, the case studies do not contribute to the overall grade, however they do contribute to the overall outcome of the qualification.

25. How many case studies are required?

All the requirements for the case studies are stated in the guidance pages within each unit specification.

26. Do case studies have to be supervised?

Yes, all case studies must be supervised – this is an insurance requirement.

27. Can a learner take their practical examination prior to finishing their case studies?

No, all assessments, MCQ examinations and assignments must be completed prior to taking their practical examination and must be available to the external examiner on the day of the practical examination.

28. Where can we find internal assessment materials and marking criteria?

These will be made available to approved centres.

29. Which products should we use?

The products must be approved by the EU Cosmetics Regulations for cosmetic use by therapists and conform to the guidelines of the Cosmetic Standards Authority (CPSA).

30. Which equipment should we use?

All equipment used should conform to EU-Electromagnetic Compliance Directive 2014/30/EU, EU-Low Voltage Directive 2014/35/EU and the Electrical Equipment (Safety) Regulations 1944/2016 as applicable.