
Qualification Specification

iHB2C5 - VTCT Skills (ITEC) Level 2 Certificate in
Barbering

603/4484/2

About VTCT Skills (ITEC)

iTEC is a global specialist organisation providing qualifications internationally, and specialises in beauty & spa therapy, hairdressing, complementary therapies and sports and fitness therapy. iTEC offers centres and learners high quality regulated qualifications for employability, specialist subjects and skills enhancement.

iTEC has close working partnerships with over 700 approved centres in over 40 countries, and offices in England, Ireland, South Africa, Asia Pacific and the USA. iTEC became part of VTCT (Vocational Training and Charitable Trust), in 2016 to strengthen its position in the industry internationally.

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Qualification at a glance

Qualification title	VTCT Skills (ITEC) Level 2 Certificate in Barbering
Qualification number	603/4484/2
Product code	iHB2C5
First registration date	01/10/2019
Age range	16-18, 19+
Credit value	16
Total Qualification Time (TQT)	160
Guided Learning (GL) hours	137
Assessment	To be awarded this qualification, learners must successfully achieve the following assessments: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• External theory examination• Portfolio of evidence containing<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Performance evidence
Grading	Pass/Merit/Distinction
Entry requirements	It is the responsibility of the centre to ensure that learners have the required knowledge, understanding and skills to enrol and successfully achieve this qualification.

About this qualification

Aims and objectives

The main aim of the VTCT Skills (ITEC) Level 2 Certificate 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 barbering industry. The qualification consists of 4 mandatory units. The qualification must cover a minimum of 137 hours of guided learning (GL) to achieve the full qualification.

The main skills the learner will perform are:

- 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
- Client consultation for hair services – using appropriate communication techniques to establish client requirements and identify any influencing factors. Giving the client clear advice on further services or treatments
- Be able to follow the correct health and safety salon/barbershop procedures for men's hairdressing

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.

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 as a barber

Opportunities for progression

Once learners have achieved the VTCT Skills (ITEC) Level 2 Certificate in Barbering they may progress on to other VTCT Skills (ITEC) or equivalent qualifications at level 2 and 3 for example:

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

Opportunities for employment

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

- Men's hairdressing/barbershops
- Freelance barbering business

Relationship to National Occupational Standards

This qualification has mapped to National Occupational Standards where they exist and has ensured that best practice in the workplace has been reflected in the qualification. This qualification is linked 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.

Qualification structure

To be awarded the VTCT Skills (ITEC) Level 2 Certificate in Barbering, learners must achieve all mandatory units.

The minimum GLH required to achieve this qualification is 137

The minimum TQT required to achieve this qualification is 160

Table 1

Unit code	Mandatory units	Guided Learning Hours (GLH)	Unit reference number	Unit weighting for the overall qualification grade
iUCO78	Follow health and safety practice in the salon	22	A/617/4372	15%
iUHB232	Client consultation for hair services	30	A/617/5697	15%
iUHB233	Cut men's hair	53	J/617/5699	45%
iUHB297	Cut facial hair	32	J/617/5637	25%

Guided Learning Hours (GLH)

Guided Learning Hours 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.

Assessment

All external theory examinations (MCQ), performance evidence and underpinning knowledge must be completed.

This portfolio of evidence containing performance evidence may also be verified by an external quality assurer who will sample learners' work.

Table 2

Unit code	Mandatory units	Assessment	Grading
iUCO78	Follow health and safety practice in the salon	Portfolio of evidence – 4 performances	Pass/Refer
		MCQ	Pass 60%-74% Merit 75%-89% Distinction 90%-100%
iUHB232	Client consultation for hair services	Portfolio of evidence – 3 performances	Pass/Refer
		MCQ	Pass 60%-74% Merit 75%-89% Distinction 90%-100%
iUHB233	Cut men's hair	Portfolio of evidence – 8 performances	Pass/Refer
		MCQ	Pass 60%-74% Merit 75%-89% Distinction 90%-100%
iUHB297	Cut facial hair	Portfolio of evidence – 3 performances	Pass/Refer
		MCQ	Pass 60%-74% Merit 75%-89% Distinction 90%-100%

Unit specifications and additional supporting material for this qualification can be found on the iTEC website.

Grading of the qualification

Learners must achieve a Pass grade or higher in the requisite number of units as specified in the rules of combination, see table 1 above. Only mandatory units which are graded Pass/Merit/Distinction will contribute to the overall grade.

Theory examinations will be graded Pass/Merit/Distinction.

Portfolio of evidence containing the following will be graded Pass/Fail:

- Performance evidence

The overall qualification is graded Pass/Merit/Distinction.

Grade boundaries for units and the overall calculation for the qualification grade are open to annual review. Following this review, these boundaries and overall calculations can be adjusted by VTCT Skills. This review and possible change within a qualification are to ensure the standard of the qualification grade is upheld throughout the qualification's lifecycle.

Theory examination

All theory tests must be conducted in a controlled environment and follow the procedures defined by VTCT Skills (ITEC). The theory tests will be set and marked by VTCT Skills (ITEC). The centre is responsible for ensuring the examination can operate seamlessly by organising the process as defined in the 'Instructions for Conducting Examinations' which can be found on the ITEC website.

Portfolio of evidence

Learners are required to provide a portfolio of evidence containing services that they have performed on clients during their training under the supervision of the lecturer who will monitor the quality of the treatments in order to ensure that they meet the criteria.

- The criteria are detailed on the unit record of assessment forms
- The learner will need to complete a client consultation form as evidence that they performed the required number of treatments during their training (see Table 2) as they form part of the internal assessment for the qualification. They can be stored in the learner's portfolio

Quality assurance

Delivery of the qualification

A scheme of work must be approved by VTCT Skills (ITEC) for all units prior to the commencement of the course.

Lecturers should aim to deliver the theory and practical of each unit simultaneously, i.e., both theory and practical of each unit should be taught together to ensure the underpinning knowledge is being delivered at the same time as the practical skills. This will help to ensure that learners understand the structures they are working on as a result of combining delivery with the practical application of treatments.

Centre resources

The organisation delivering the qualification must provide a suitable environment for teaching the VTCT Skills (ITEC) Level 2 Certificate in Barbering as well as all salon equipment both fixed and free standing to complete all aspects of delivering the qualification. Learners need to be made aware of the hairdressing tools and equipment they will be required to provide.

Achievement record

All units will require an Achievement Record to be completed by the lecturer for each learner. This achievement record will need to be kept by the centre and may be sampled by the external examiner or external quality assurer on their visit.

An Achievement Record for each unit can be downloaded from the iTEC website.

Document History

Version	Issue Date	Changes	Role
v0.6	14/05/2019	Draft version published to inform centres prior to September launch.	Systems Integration Team
v1.0	16/09/2019	First published	Head of Qualifications and Processing
v2.0	03/12/2019	Grading boundary review statement added	Qualification Administrator
v3.0	01/09/2020	Added COVID-19 Infection Prevention pre-requisite	Product and Regulation Manager
V4.0	01/08/2022	Removed COVID-19 Infection Prevention pre-requisite	Product and Regulation Coordinator
V5.0	01/01/2025	New branding	Qualifications Administrator