
Qualification Specification

iHB3A4 - VTCT Skills (ITEC) Level 3 Award in Provide
Shaving Services

603/4494/5

About VTCT Skills (ITEC)

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Qualification at a glance

Qualification title	VTCT Skills (ITEC) Level 3 Award in Provide Shaving Services
Qualification number	603/4494/5
Product code	iHB3A4
First registration date	01/10/2019
Age range	16-18, 19+
Credit value	3
Total Qualification Time (TQT)	30
Guided Learning (GL) hours	30
Assessment	<p>To be awarded this qualification, learners must successfully achieve the following assessments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• External practical examination• External theory examination• Portfolio of evidence containing<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Performance evidence
Grading	Pass/Merit/Distinction
Pre-requisite entry requirements	<p>It is recommended that learners must hold a Level 2 Diploma in Barbering or equivalent.</p> <p>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.</p>

About this qualification

Aims and objectives

The main aim of the VTCT Skills (ITEC) Level 3 Award in Provide Shaving Services is to enable learners to gain the necessary practical and theoretical skills required by the barbering 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 and level 4.

Content

This qualification is for learners who want to work within the barbering industry. The qualification consists of 1 mandatory unit; covering a minimum of 30 hours of Guided Learning (GL) to achieve the full qualification.

The main skills the learner will perform are:

- To provide shaving services – using the correct tools and equipment to prepare the face and provide the shaving service

The learner will also develop knowledge of related health and safety, client care, communication skills and providing aftercare advice which are essential to work and be successful in the barbering industry.

This qualification also provides:

- To provide specialist skills at level 3 for those working in the barbering industry
- To provide opportunities for staff in the barbering industry to gain a level 3 qualification
- To provide opportunities for staff in the barbering industry to gain CPD at level 3, the related knowledge and understanding required to perform the skills outlined above
- Opportunities for learners to focus on the development of their wider skills in shaving services 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 in the barbering industry

Opportunities for progression

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

- Level 3 Certificate in Barbering

Opportunities for employment

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

- Barbering/hairdressing salons
- Freelance barbering business
- Cruise ships
- Salon work in hotels

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 3.

Qualification structure

To be awarded the VTCT Skills (ITEC) Level 3 Award in Provide Shaving Services, learners must achieve all the mandatory units.

The minimum GLH required to achieve this qualification is 30

The minimum TQT required to achieve this qualification is 45

Table 1

Unit code	Mandatory units	Guided Learning Hours (GLH)	Unit reference number
iUHB305	Provide shaving services	30	L/617/5641

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 performance evidence, internal assessments and underpinning knowledge must be completed prior to the final practical examination.

The final external practical examination will be carried out by the external examiner at the end of the period of learning. The external examiner will also verify a sample of the performance evidence and internal assessment.

Table 2

Unit code	Mandatory units	Assessment	Grading
iUHB305	Provide shaving services	Portfolio of evidence – 3 performances	Pass/Refer
		MCQ	Pass 60%-74% Merit 75%-89% Distinction 90%-100%
		Practical examination	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.

Practical examinations and 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 (ITEC). 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.

Practical examination

Once all aspects of the mandatory units have been completed, learners will be expected to complete an internal mock practical assessment. This will be undertaken by the internal assessor/lecturer using the internal assessment forms. These must be handed to the external examiner on the day of the final external practical examination.

All practical assessments must be conducted in a controlled environment defined by VTCT Skills (ITEC). The practical examination will be conducted by an external examiner; however, 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. The marking criteria and marking scheme can be found under the documents tab within the qualification.

Portfolio of evidence

Learners are required to provide a portfolio of evidence containing performances and/or case studies 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. This will need to be evidenced to the Examiner at the time of the practical examination.

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 3 Award in Provide Shaving Services 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 barbering 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	Grade boundary review section added	Qualifications Administrator
v3.0	26/02/2020	Clarified content	Product and Regulation Manager
v4.0	01/09/2020	Added COVID-19 Infection Prevention pre-requisite	Product and Regulation Manager
v5.0	01/08/2022	Removal of the COVID-19 Infection Prevention pre-requisite	Qualifications Administrator
v6.0	01/01/2025	New branding	Qualifications Administrator