

**VTCT Skills (ITEC) Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Barbering
QAN 601/5794/X
Specification**

Aims and Objectives

The main aim of the VTCT Skills (ITEC) Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Barbering is to enable Learners to gain the necessary practical skills and knowledge in order to provide Barbering services to the general public and to gain employment in the Barbering Industry. The qualification is suitable for the Learner aged 16 and over and is designed to provide occupational competence for employment at Level 2. It also provides a sound platform onto further learning at Level 3

Content

This qualification is for Learners who want to work in the Barbering Industry. The qualification consists of 7 units, all of which are mandatory; Learners must also select optional units covering a minimum of 77 Guided Learning Hours (GLH). A total of between 452–497 Guided Learning Hours are required to achieve the full qualification

The main skills you will learn to perform are:

- Shampoo and Condition Hair – how to massage the hair and scalp correctly to cleanse, condition and treat the client's hair
- 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
- Styling Men's Hair– develop skills to develop a range of looks, including straightening and finger styling and the use of finishing products
- Colouring Men's Hair – develop a range of basic application skills for colouring men's hair

The Learner will also develop knowledge about related health and safety, client care and communication skills which are essential to work and be successful in the Barbering Industry

The Learner will also be able to choose from a range of optional units to complete the qualification, for example:

- Relax Hair
- Assist with Shaving Services
- Colour and Lighten Men's Hair
- Perm and Neutralise Hair
- Plait and Twist Hair
- Temporarily Attach Hair to Enhance a Style
- Fulfil Salon Reception Duties

This qualification also provides:

- the related knowledge and understanding required to perform the Barbering skills listed 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 in the Barbering Industry

Why choose the VTCT Skills (ITEC) Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Barbering?

1. The VTCT Skills (ITEC) Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Barbering confirms full occupational competence leading to employability at Level 2 in a Barbering Salon
2. The qualification is the only VTCT Skills ITEC Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Barbering that meets the National Occupational Standards published in February 2014. The new VTCT Skills (ITEC) Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Barbering QAN 6015794X supersedes all previous Barbering Level 2 NVQ's
3. The VTCT Skills (ITEC) Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Barbering QAN 6015794X is listed on the Ofqual Register of Qualifications
4. The VTCT Skills (ITEC) Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Barbering QAN 6015794X is recognised by all relevant professional bodies within the Barbering Industry for membership and insurance purposes
5. There are also other Barbering qualifications available at Level 2, however, they only enable entry into the profession as a trainee/ Junior Barber
 - a. For example, the VTCT Skills (ITEC) Level Certificate in Barbering QAN 600/6997/1 leads to Apprenticeships at Level 2 & 3 as it does not cover drying and finishing men's hair, colouring men's hair, outlining or creating patterns in the hair or lead to occupational competence
6. The VTCT Skills (ITEC) Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Barbering QAN 6015794X also forms part of the Level 2 Barbering Apprenticeship. This qualification can be studied outside an Apprenticeship by Learners who are unable to gain an Apprenticeship position or are ineligible for an Apprenticeship due to prior qualifications, but wish to be occupationally competent and employed as a Barber
7. The VTCT Skills (ITEC) Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Barbering QAN 6015794X leads to employability and is the employer's preference with support from 7,000 salons, via the National Hairdressers' Federation. It remains the qualification of choice amongst Further Education Colleges as local employers require for employees

VTCT Skills Unit Number	Mandatory Units	Credit value	Guided Learning (GL)
669 (CB12)	Develop and Maintain Your Effectiveness at Work	3	26
671 (CB2)	Cut Men's Hair Using Basic Techniques	12	111
672 (CB3)	Cut Facial Hair to Shape Using Basic Techniques	5	42
673 (CB4)	Dry and Finish Men's Hair	5	45
674 (CB5)	Create Basic Outlines and Detailing in Hair	6	48

684 (CHB9)	Advise and Consult with Clients	8	63
685 (CHB11)	Shampoo, Condition and Treat the Hair and Scalp	5	40

Guided Learning for Mandatory Units – 375

Total Qualification Time (TQT) for Mandatory Units – 440

Learners must also select units covering a minimum of 77 hours of Guided Learning from the following optional units:

VTCT Skills Unit Number	Optional Units	Credit value	Guided Learning (GL)
670 (CB1)	Assist with Shaving Services	5	39
675 (CB6)	Colour and Lighten Men's Hair	14	122
680 (CH5)	Perm and Neutralise Hair	10	93
681 (CH6)	Plait and Twist Hair	5	42
682 (CH7)	Temporarily Attach Hair to Enhance A Style	3	30
686 (AH2)	Relax Hair	9	82
687 (CHB13)	Fulfil Salon Reception Duties	6	47

Minimum Total Guided Learning including Optional Units – 452

Minimum Total Qualification Time including Optional Units (TQT) – 530

Total Credit Value for the Qualification – 53

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

Assessment

This qualification will be internally and externally assessed using a range of assessment methods as set out in Table1 and 2 below:

Table 1

VTCT Skills Unit Number	Mandatory Units	Assessment	Grading
669 (CB12)	Develop and Maintain Your Effectiveness at Work	Practical performances Oral questions	Pass/Refer
671 (CB2)	Cut Men's Hair Using Basic Techniques	Practical performances Oral questions	Pass/Refer
672 (CB3)	Cut Facial Hair to Shape Using Basic Techniques	Practical performances Oral questions	Pass/Refer
673 (CB4)	Dry and Finish Men's Hair	Practical performances Oral questions	Pass/Refer
674 (CB5)	Create Basic Outlines and Detailing in Hair	Practical performances Oral questions	Pass/Refer
684 (CHB9)	Advise and Consult with Clients	Practical performances MCQ-online or paper	Pass/Refer
685 (CHB11)	Shampoo, Condition and Treat the Hair and Scalp	Practical performances MCQ-online or paper	Pass/Refer

Optional Units

Table 2

VTCT Skills Unit Number	Optional Units	Assessment	Grading
670 (CB1)	Assist with Shaving Services	Practical performances Oral questions	Pass/Refer
675 (CB6)	Colour and Lighten Men's Hair	Practical performances MCQ - Paper or online	Pass/Refer
680 (CH5)	Perm and Neutralise Hair	Practical performances MCQ - Paper or online	Pass/Refer
681 (CH6)	Plait and Twist Hair	Practical Performances Oral questions	Pass/Refer
682 (CH7)	Temporarily Attach Hair to Enhance A Style	Practical performances Oral questions	Pass/Refer
686 (AH2)	Relax Hair	Practical performances MCQ - Paper or online	Pass/Refer
687 (CHB13)	Fulfil Salon Reception Duties	Practical performances Oral questions	Pass/Refer

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

Grading of the Qualification

All assessment tasks required for each unit of the qualification (detailed in Table 1 and 2 of the specification) must be completed and awarded a Pass mark before the complete qualification can be certificated

The overall qualification is graded as a Pass

Controlled Assessment

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

All practical assessments must be conducted in a controlled environment as defined by VTCT Skills. Internal assessment will be conducted by the Centre's Assessor/Internal Verifier(s) and will be sampled by the VTCT Skills External Verifier; however, the Centre is responsible for ensuring the assessment can operate seamlessly by organising the process as defined by VTCT Skills in the Lecturer/Assessor Guidance Notes. The assessment form can be found under each individual unit within the qualification on the VTCT Skills website

Failure to operate VTCT Skills Examinations as documented in the VTCT Skills policies and guidance notes may result in sanction(s) against the Centre e.g., withdrawal by VTCT Skills for a particular qualification and/or withdrawal of VTCT Skills recognition from the Centre due to maladministration and/or malpractice. Please see our policy on the VTCT Skills website.

Recommended Prior Learning

It is recommended that Learners should have achieved a Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Barbering prior to commencing the VTCT Skills (ITEC) Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Barbering; however, exemptions may be made for adult returners with experience of the workplace.

Opportunities for Progression

Once Learners have achieved the VTCT Skills (ITEC) Level 2 Diploma in Barbering they may progress on to other VTCT Skills (ITEC) or equivalent qualifications at Level 2 or 3, for example:

- Level 3 Apprenticeship in Barbering
- Level 3 Certificate in Barbering
- Level 2 Diploma in Hairdressing
- Level 3 Diploma in Hairdressing
- Level 3 Certificate in African Type Hair

For further information on qualifications suitable for progression please go to www.vtctskills.org.uk

Opportunities for Employment

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

- Men's Hairdressing/Barber Shops
- Freelance Barbering Business

Please see the letters of support from the [National Hairdressers' Federation](http://www.nhf.co.uk)

Relationship to National Occupational Standards

VTCT Skills 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 Skills 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 2

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)
- World Federation of Hairdressers
- Hairdressing Council (HC)
- Freelance Hairdressers' Association (FHA)