

Level: 2

Credit value: 8

NDAQ number: T/600/8612

Unit aims

The aim of this unit is to provide the learner with the knowledge and skills to cut women's hair into basic one-length, basic uniform layered and basic graduated looks.

The skills developed by the learner include layering, club cutting, scissor over comb and freehand cutting techniques.

The knowledge acquired by the learner will enable them to understand the main factors that need to be considered when cutting hair, the effect cutting hair at different angles has on the haircut, the importance of applying tension to the hair when cutting and the safety considerations that must be taken into account.

Learning outcomes

There are **two** learning outcomes to this unit. The learner will:

1. Be able to prepare for cutting hair
2. Be able to provide a cutting service

Guided learning hours

It is recommended that 75 guided learning hours should be allocated for this unit, although patterns of delivery are likely to vary.

Details of the relationship between the unit and relevant national occupational standards

This unit is linked to the hairdressing NOS, unit GH12 Cut hair using basic techniques.

Endorsement of the unit by a sector or other appropriate body

This unit is endorsed by Habia.

Assessment

This unit will be assessed by:

- practical tasks, and
- knowledge and understanding task(s) in an assignment **or** an on-line test

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Outcome 1

Cut Women's Hair

Be able to prepare for cutting hair

Practical skills

The learner can:

1. prepare self, the client and work areas for cutting services
2. use suitable **consultation techniques** to identify service objectives
3. assess the potential of the hair to achieve the desired look by identifying the influencing **factors**

Underpinning knowledge

The learner can:

1. explain the **safety considerations** that must be taken into account when cutting hair
2. state the **factors** that need to be considered when cutting hair
3. describe the different **consultation techniques** used to identify service objectives
4. describe the salon's requirement for client preparation, preparing self and the work area
5. describe a range of **looks** for women

Range

Consultation techniques

Open and closed questions, use of visual aids

Factors

Hair: curly, straight, client requirements, hair texture, length and density, hair growth patterns, head/face shapes/features, client lifestyle, elasticity, contra-indications.

Safety considerations

Handling scissors, protection from infection and cross infection, handling electrical equipment, deportment, trip hazards from hair cuttings, first aid procedures

Looks

One-length, uniform layer, short graduation, long graduation

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Outcome 2

Cut Women's Hair

Be able to provide a cutting service

Practical skills

The learner can:

1. **communicate** and behave in a professional manner
2. select and use **cutting equipment** to achieve the desired **look**
3. establish and follow guidelines to accurately achieve the required **look**
4. use **cutting techniques** that take into account the identified **factors**
5. position self and the client appropriately throughout the service
6. cross check the haircut to ensure even balance and weight distribution
7. create a finished cut that is to the satisfaction of the client
8. provide suitable **aftercare advice**
9. follow **safe and hygienic working practices**

Underpinning knowledge

The learner can:

1. describe the correct use, and routine maintenance of **cutting tools and equipment**
2. describe the effect of different **cutting techniques**
3. state the **effect cutting hair at different angles has on the finished look**
4. state the **importance of applying the correct degree of tension** to the hair when cutting
5. state **the importance of cross checking the cut**
6. describe the **aftercare advice** that should be provided
7. outline **safe and hygienic working practices**
8. state how to **communicate** and behave within a salon environment

Range

Communicate

Speaking, listening, body language, reading, recording, following instructions using a range of related terminology

Cutting tools and equipment

Scissors, cutting comb, section clips

Look

One length, uniform layer, short graduation, long graduation

Cutting techniques

Layering, club cutting, scissor over comb, freehand

Factors

Hair: curly, straight, client requirements, hair texture, length and density, hair growth patterns, head/face shapes/features, client lifestyle, elasticity, contra-indications.

Aftercare advice

Recommended time intervals between cuts, how to maintain the look, suitable styling and finishing products to use

Safe and hygienic working practices

Methods of sterilisation, disposal of contaminated waste, health and safety legislation, PPE, positioning of client and stylist, removal of accessories

Effect cutting the hair at different angles has on the finished look

Angles to create one-length effects, angles to create uniform layering, angles to create graduation

Importance of applying the correct degree of tension

Elasticity of hair when wet and dry, accuracy of work

Importance of cross checking the cut

Even balance, accuracy of cut to the graduation, even weight distribution