

40896 Identify modern barbering influences

Kaupae Level	3
Whiwhinga Credit	5
Whāinga Purpose	This skill standard is for people who want to learn about the development of barbering and the influence of historical practices on modern barbering techniques, styles and services. It is intended for people considering a career in the barbering industry. This skill standard aligns with the New Zealand Certificate in Commercial Barbering (Level 4) [Ref: 2115].

Hua o te ako me Paearu aromatawai | Learning outcomes and assessment criteria

Hua o te ako Learning outcomes	Paearu aromatawai Assessment criteria
1. Identify modern barbering influences.	a. Describe how the current profession is influenced by cultural, social and professional roles of barbers throughout history.
	b. Identify key periods of development for barbering services, tools and techniques.
	c. Explain effects of historical influences on barbering styles, techniques and trends.
	d. Explain the effects of current influences on barbering styles, techniques and trends.

Pārongo aromatawai me te taumata paearu | Assessment information and grade criteria

Assessment specifications:

None

Ngā momo whiwhinga | Grades available

Achieved.

Ihirangi waitohu | Indicative content

- History of barbering, including cultural and ethical contexts and considerations, internationally and in Aotearoa New Zealand.
- Key periods of development for barbering from first recorded evidence to present day.
- The origin, significance and meaning of the barber pole.
- Impact of technological advancements in 20th and 21st century.

- Significant current and historical influences on the barbering trade such as those from medical, cultural, religious, sporting, military contexts.
- Development of barbering techniques for services including cutting, shaving and styling.
- Development of barbering designs and styles - including current and emerging trends and influences.
- Origins, development and use of barbering tools and equipment.
- Roles and responsibilities in a barber shop, including employment and career options.

Rauemi | Resources

Legislation, regulations and/or industry standards relevant to this skill standard include but are not limited to:

- Relevant legislation including [Health and Safety at Work Act 2015](#), [Privacy Act 2020](#), [Consumers Guarantee Act 1993](#), and [Human Rights Act 1993](#). [Public Health Guidance for Hairdressers and Barbers 2025](#).
- Relevant industry publications.
- Organisational policies and procedures, including Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDSs), emergency plans.

Pārongo Whakaū Kounga | Quality assurance information

Ngā rōpū whakatau-paerewa Standard Setting Body	Toi Mai Workforce Development Council
Whakaritenga Rārangi Paetae Aromatawai DASS classification	Service Sector > Beauty Services > Barbering
Ko te tohutoro ki ngā Whakaritenga i te Whakamanatanga me te Whakaōritenga CMR	0099

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