

Title	Apply initial barbering techniques		
Level	2	Credits	20

Purpose	<p>This unit standard is for people in the barbering industry who wish to develop initial barbering skills.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to: demonstrate knowledge of hair cutting using initial barbering techniques; prepare to cut client's hair using initial barbering techniques; cut client's hair with clippers and comb; and carry out finishing procedures.</p>
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Classification	Beauty Services > Barbering
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

1 Definitions

Legislative requirements refer to the obligations of the employer and/or employee under the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 and Health (Hairdressers) Regulations 1980.

Tapering means the continuous gradation of the haircut in terms of fading.

Workplace requirements mean the practices prescribed by management as being the quality standards for client contact and work organisation for a particular barber shop, salon or other business that may also perform barbering services.

2 In this unit standard all work must comply with legislative requirements and must ensure optimum hair condition and maximum client comfort at all times.

3 Throughout hair removal processes, excess loose hair is removed from the face and neck with a neckbrush to ensure client's comfort.

4 Range

Initial barbering techniques refer to the hair cutting techniques of nape shaping, line outs, freehand clipper, and clipper guard work (no guard to four guard). Assessment of all four techniques is required.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Demonstrate knowledge of hair cutting using initial barbering techniques.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Describe cutting techniques required in barbering in terms of their effects on the hair.
- Range clipper, razor and scissors over comb, razor cutting, scissors cutting, freehand clippers, clipper cuts using attachments.
- 1.2 Identify and describe haircut types in terms of their structures.
- Range solid form, graduation, uniform layer, increase layer.
- 1.3 Describe barbering techniques in terms of their effects on finished designs.
- Range nape shaping, line outs, freehand clipper and clipper guard work (no guard to four guard).
- 1.4 Identify and describe blunt cutting and texturising in terms of their different effects on the hair.

Outcome 2

Prepare to cut client's hair using initial barbering techniques.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Identify the type and extent of haircut required in relation to tapering and balance through discussion with client.
- 2.2 Identify any additional requirements in relation to removal of surplus hair in ears, in nose, and on eyebrows.
- 2.3 Analyse the hair and scalp in accordance with workplace requirements.
- Range movement, growth patterns, scalp irregularities, scalp condition, texture, density, length, porosity, elasticity.
- 2.4 Select haircut that is compatible with hair and skin analysis, and meets agreed outcome.
- 2.5 Protect the client against water and/or product spillage and cut hair.
- Range towel(s), cape, neck strip.
- 2.6 Select and prepare tools to match requirements for agreed outcome and hair type.
- Range comb, clippers, clipper oil, neckbrush; where applicable – water spray, scissors.

Outcome 3

Cut client’s hair with clippers and comb.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Cut hair in accordance with barbering techniques, tapering and balance requirements, and agreed outcome, so that the full haircut can be carried on with.
- 3.2 Grip the clippers in a manner that allows thumb to control the blade-regulating lever prior to hair removal movements.

Outcome 4

Carry out finishing procedures.

Performance criteria

- 4.1 Remove surplus ear, nose, and eyebrow hair with scissors in accordance with agreed outcome.
- 4.2 Open cape and neck strip at rear to allow neck hair to be trimmed.
- 4.3 Trim neck hair with clippers in accordance with agreed outcome.
- 4.4 Remove loose neck hair; where moisture is present, apply powder to trimmed area of neck to ensure complete removal of loose hair.
- 4.5 Apply finishing product to hair in accordance with product manufacturer’s instructions and agreed outcome.
- 4.6 Use the back mirror to enable client to view and confirm final result.
- 4.7 Remove protective covering, and brush clothes where necessary, to maintain client’s cleanliness and comfort.

Range towel(s), cape, neck strip.
- 4.8 Sanitise tools and equipment in accordance with workplace requirements.
- 4.9 Clean and tidy work area in accordance with workplace requirements.

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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

Comments on this unit standard

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