

<b>Title</b>	<b>Wet shave facial hair using a cutthroat razor</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>20</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	<p>This unit standard is for people in the barbering industry who wish to develop the skills of wet shaving facial hair using a cutthroat razor.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to: describe the procedures for wet shaving a client; describe shaving positions and strokes; prepare to wet shave a client; wet shave client with a cutthroat razor; and finish off the shave.</p>
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<b>Classification</b>	Beauty Services > Barbering
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<b>Available grade</b>	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.

*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 Range
 

One full shave and one partial shave (e.g. shave leaving the moustache, shave leaving part of the beard).

Gloves must be worn while completing wet shaves.

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## Outcomes and performance criteria

### Outcome 1

Describe the procedures for wet shaving a client.

**Performance criteria**

- 1.1 Describe the outcomes from different types of wet shave.
- Range full shave, shave leaving the moustache, shave leaving part of the beard.
- 1.2 Describe the different types of skin irregularities in terms of how they could affect the shaving process.
- 1.3 Describe the legislative requirements that must be adhered to when wet shaving a client.
- Range client protection, equipment sterility.
- 1.4 Describe how and why the skin is prepared for a wet shave and the reason why products are selected in terms of ensuring optimum hair and skin condition and maximum client comfort at all times.
- Range cleansing, softening, lathering.
- 1.5 Describe the client's comfort requirements throughout the shaving process in terms of ensuring maximum client comfort at all times.
- 1.6 Describe the final actions that must be performed to complete a wet shave in terms of ensuring optimum hair and skin condition and maximum client comfort at all times.
- 1.7 Describe after-shave products and their use in terms of ensuring optimum hair and skin condition and maximum client comfort at all times.

**Outcome 2**

Describe shaving positions and strokes.

Range freehand, backhand, reverse freehand, reverse backhand.

**Performance criteria**

- 2.1 Describe the four standard shaving positions and strokes in terms of technique.
- 2.2 Describe the principles of holding and using a cutthroat razor.
- 2.3 Describe the fourteen shaving areas in terms of the strokes to be used in each area.
- 2.4 Describe the different types of shaves.
- Range once over, second time over, close shave.

**Outcome 3**

Prepare to wet shave a client.

**Performance criteria**

- 3.1 Identify and confirm the type and extent of shave required with the client.
- Range one of – full shave, shave leaving moustache, shave leaving part of beard.
- 3.2 Remove hair bulk from the beard with clipper or trimmers as required in accordance with identified type and extent of shave.
- 3.3 Analyse skin to identify any irregularities in the facial area in order to prevent skin damage during shave.
- 3.4 Protect the client against water and/or product spillage.
- Range may include but is not limited to – towel(s), cape, neck strip.
- 3.5 Position the client's chair and neck rest in accordance with lathering and shaving requirements and client's comfort needs.
- 3.6 Ensure sterility and sharpness of the razor to ensure client's safety and comfort.
- 3.7 Select and apply products to the skin in preparation for the wet shave in accordance with identified type and extent of shave.
- Range cleansing, softening, lathering.

**Outcome 4**

Wet shave client with a cutthroat razor.

Range cutthroat razor that uses disposable blades.

**Performance criteria**

- 4.1 Remove beard in accordance with identified type and extent of shave.
- Range removal involves freehand movements using gliding and cutting stroke;  
from point to heel of the razor;  
first time over movements follow the grain of beard growth;  
where second time over movements are required, bearded area is moistened, and razor movements are sideways to the grain of beard growth.
- 4.2 Shave in a manner that accommodates identified irregularities to prevent skin damage.

- 4.3 Ensure the sharpness of razors and blades throughout the shave to ensure client's safety and comfort in accordance with identified type and extent of shave.
- 4.4 Manage any unintended skin damage to ensure client's safety and comfort.
  - Range may include but is not limited to – dealing with blood products safely, managing cuts.
- 4.5 Complete shave within thirty minutes.

**Outcome 5**

Finish off the shave.

**Performance criteria**

- 5.1 Complete finishing procedures to meet the requirements of identified type and extent of shave.
  - Range may include but is not limited to – cold towels, post-shave products.
- 5.2 Prepare, test, apply, and remove hot towel in a manner that ensure client's safety and comfort and the removal of excess residue.
- 5.3 Remove protective covering in a manner that maintains client cleanliness and comfort.
  - Range may include but is not limited to – towel(s), cape, neck strip.
- 5.4 Sanitise tools and equipment, and safely dispose of razors and blades in accordance with workplace requirements.
- 5.5 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>.

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### Comments on this unit standard

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