Title | Wet shave facial hair using a cutthroat razor
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Level | 4
Credits | 20

**Purpose**
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.

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.

**Classification**
Beauty Services > Barbering

**Available grade**
Achieved

**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.

**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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