

<b>Title</b>	<b>Complete a haircut using barbering techniques</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>30</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	<p>This unit standard is for people in the barbering industry who wish to cut hair using barbering techniques.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to: demonstrate knowledge of hair cutting using barbering techniques; prepare to cut client's hair; cut client's hair using barbering techniques; and carry out finishing procedures.</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.

*Tapering* refers to 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 neck brush to ensure client's comfort.

### 4 Range

Barbering techniques include hair cutting techniques of – nape shaping, line outs, freehand clipper and clipper guard work (zero guard to four guard), scissor over comb, clipper over comb, razor, scissors, razor over comb and freehand clippers. Blow drying may include – freehand, brush and comb work.

Evidence of all barbering techniques is required across a minimum of four haircuts, at least three of which must be styled by blow drying.

Evidence is required of one example of solid, uniform, graduation and/or increase layer or a combination of these.

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## Outcomes and performance criteria

### Outcome 1

Demonstrate knowledge of hair cutting using 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 (zero guard to four guard).
- 1.4 Identify and describe blunt cutting and texturising in terms of their different effects on the hair.
- 1.5 Name the bones of the cranium and locate them in relation to each other.
- 1.6 Describe how the bones of the head influence haircut design in barbering.
- Range head size and shape, facial features.

### Outcome 2

Prepare to cut client's hair.

#### Performance criteria

- 2.1 Identify and confirm the type and extent of haircut required, and any additional requirements, with the client.
- Range includes – shape and balance;  
may include – blending into beard, removal of surplus hair in ears, in nose, and on eyebrows.
- 2.2 Analyse the hair and scalp in accordance with workplace requirements.
- Range may include – movement, growth patterns, scalp irregularities, scalp condition, texture, density, length, porosity, elasticity, previous product build-up.

- 2.3 Select the haircut in accordance with confirmed outcome and compatibility with hair and scalp analysis.
- 2.4 Protect the client against water and/or product spillage and cut hair.
- Range may include but is not limited to – towel(s), cape, neck strip.
- 2.5 Select and prepare tools to meet requirements of the confirmed outcome and hair type.
- Range may include – scissors, thinning scissors, comb, clippers, clipper oil, neckbrush, razor, water spray.

### Outcome 3

Cut client's hair using barbering techniques.

#### Performance criteria

- 3.1 Cut hair using barbering techniques in accordance with confirmed outcome and tapering and balance requirements.
- 3.2 Place cut hair and apply finishing product to meet the confirmed outcome and to ensure maximum hair protection.
- 3.3 Complete the haircut within twenty minutes.

### Outcome 4

Carry out finishing procedures.

#### Performance criteria

- 4.1 Style and blow dry hair as required to meet confirmed outcome.
- 4.2 Remove surplus ear, nose, and eyebrow hair in accordance with confirmed outcome.
- 4.3 Trim neck hair with clippers and/or razor, and remove loose hair in accordance with confirmed outcome.
- Range where razor is used, softening agent is applied prior to hair removal.
- 4.4 Use back mirror to enable client to view and confirm final result.
- 4.5 Remove protective covering, and brush clothes where necessary, to maintain client's cleanliness and comfort.
- Range may include but is not limited to – towel(s), cape, neck strip.
- 4.6 Provide home haircare advice that is consistent with completed service.

4.7 Sanitise tools and equipment in accordance with workplace requirements.

4.8 Clean and tidy work area in accordance with workplace requirements.

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#### Comments on this unit standard

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