

Title	Demonstrate knowledge of tools, equipment, products and safe operating procedures used in nail services		
Level	3	Credits	5

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to demonstrate knowledge of: the tools and equipment used in nail services; the products used in natural nail services; the products used in nail augmentation services; and safe operating procedures used in nail services.
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Classification	Beauty Services > Beauty Therapy
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Available grade	Achieved
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Explanatory notes

- 1 Definitions
Key ingredients refer to the distinguishing ingredients of the nail products that are relevant to the client in terms of their needs.
Salon requirements, for the purposes of this unit standard, refer to any policies, procedures, and requirements of the company and/or workplace involved, and any ethical codes of relevant professional management, which collectively provide a standard that applies to all competent performances in this unit standard. It is assumed that such enterprise requirements exist in all companies and/or workplaces.

- 2 All performances in this unit standard must comply with the requirements of: Consumer Guarantees Act 1993, Fair Trading Act 1986, Hazardous and New Organisms Act 1996, Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992, Privacy Act 1993, Health Act 1956, and their subsequent amendments; the New Zealand Association of Registered Beauty Therapists *Code of Practice for Beauty Therapy Clinics, Spas and Training Establishments* (Auckland, NZ) (11th ed, March 2014), and the New Zealand Association of Registered Beauty Therapists *Code of Ethics for Members of The New Zealand Association of Registered Beauty Therapists Inc.* (Auckland, NZ) (April 2009), both available from <http://www.beautynz.org.nz>.

Outcomes and evidence requirements

Outcome 1

Demonstrate knowledge of the tools and equipment used in nail services.

Range tools must include but are not limited to – cuticle nippers, nail scissors/clipper, hoof stick, cuticle stick, cuticle knife, nail buffers (for augmentation and for manicure/pedicure), nail brush, nail files (for augmentation and for

manicure/pedicure), orangewood stick, rough skin rasp, tip cutter, acrylic clipper, spatula;
equipment must include but is not limited to – adjustable table lamp, client arm rest, client chair, LED nail lamp, UV nail lamp, containers for cotton wool and sanitizing, manicure bowl, manicure table, manicurist's chair, rubbish bin with lid, supply tray.

Evidence requirements

1.1 Tools and equipment are identified and described in terms of use during nail services.

1.2 Advantages and disadvantages of tools and equipment for the client and technician are identified and described, and acceptable substitutes for those tools and equipment are identified in accordance with salon requirements.

Range tools with higher risks – cuticle knife, electric files and electrical cuticle pusher;
tools with lower risk – hoof stick, manual file and cuticle pusher, skin rasp.

1.3 Procedures for safe use, maintenance and storage of tools and equipment are described and demonstrated in accordance with the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992, manufacturers' instructions and salon requirements.

Range must include but is not limited to – disinfectant solutions, UV cabinet, autoclave, bead steriliser.

Outcome 2

Demonstrate knowledge of the products used in natural nail services.

Range cuticle remover, cuticle softener, hard skin remover, nail strengtheners, nail enamel, top coat, base coat, hand cream, nail varnish remover, exfoliating creams, masks.

Evidence requirements

2.1 Products are identified and described in terms of use during nail services.

2.2 Key ingredients in products used in nail services are described using non-technical language suitable for use when explaining their benefits to clients in accordance with salon requirements.

Outcome 3

Demonstrate knowledge of the products used in nail augmentation services.

Range must include but is not limited to – monomers, polymers, activators, resins, glues, removers, primers, pH balancers, polishes.

Evidence requirements

- 3.1 The main active ingredients of products used in nail augmentation services and the health and safety implications of their chemical properties are described in accordance with legislation, manufacturers' instructions and salon requirements.
- 3.2 Procedures for safe handling, dispensing, storage and disposal of products containing chemicals are described and demonstrated in accordance with legislation, manufacturers' instructions and salon requirements.
- 3.3 The active ingredients for nail augmentation are described in terms of the nature of the polymerisation relationship.
- Range acrylic curation of liquid and powder, gel UV lamp curation, gel LED curation.
- 3.4 The way nail augmentation breaks down and the link to the longevity of the enhancement for the client are explained in terms of the chemical relationship.

Outcome 4

Demonstrate knowledge of safe operating procedures used in nail services.

Evidence requirements

- 4.1 Reasons for and methods of controlling ventilation during and after nail services are explained in terms of salon requirements.
- Range fumes, heat, airflow, doors, windows, fans.
- 4.2 Reasons for and methods of controlling site sanitation are explained in terms of salon requirements.
- Range professional hygiene, cross infection, cuts and abrasions, laundry, sterilisation, sanitation.
- 4.3 Reasons for and methods of safe use and disposal of specific wastes are explained in terms of salon requirements.
- Range organic material, chemicals, contaminants.
- 4.4 Reasons for, and methods of maintaining, a well laid-out and tidy site are explained in terms of salon requirements.
- 4.5 A nail services workstation is laid out in preparation for use in accordance with salon requirements.
- 4.6 Ergonomic principles are described for nail services in accordance with legislation and salon requirements.
- Range client – posture, support of limbs;

operator – posture.

- 4.7 Reasons for and methods of referral of nail services to other industry professionals and/or to health professionals are explained in terms of salon requirements.

Range reasons may include but are not limited to – contra-indications; methods may include but are not limited to – letter, phone call, verbal referral.

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Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	18 August 2011	31 December 2018
Review	2	21 January 2016	N/A

Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference	0035
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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

Please note

Providers must be granted consent to assess against standards (accredited) by NZQA, before they can report credits from assessment against unit standards or deliver courses of study leading to that assessment.

Industry Training Organisations must be granted consent to assess against standards by NZQA before they can register credits from assessment against unit standards.

Providers and Industry Training Organisations, which have been granted consent and which are assessing against unit standards must engage with the moderation system that applies to those standards.

Requirements for consent to assess and an outline of the moderation system that applies to this standard are outlined in the Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR). The CMR also includes useful information about special requirements for organisations wishing to develop education and training programmes, such as minimum qualifications for tutors and assessors, and special resource requirements.

Comments on this unit standard

Please contact the NZ Hair and Beauty Industry Training Organisation Inc enquiries@hito.org.nz if you wish to suggest changes to the content of this unit standard.