

Title	Demonstrate knowledge of skin, hair and nail conditions relevant for beauty therapy services		
Level	4	Credits	4

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: demonstrate knowledge of features and characteristics of skin and hair conditions; and describe the identification of and response to contagious and non-contagious conditions of the skin, hair and nail.
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Classification	Beauty Services > Beauty Therapy
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Available grade	Achieved
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Explanatory notes

1 Definition

Salon requirements, for the purposes of this unit standard, refer to any policies, procedures, and requirements of the company and/or workplace involved (including manufacturers' instructions), 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 Assessment information

Evidence generated during assessment against this unit standard must meet salon requirements and be consistent with industry practice and knowledge. Such knowledge is available in reference texts, models, and other information-bearing media. No one textbook or other source of information is envisaged, as new approaches to the study of conditions and beauty therapy are published regularly.

Evidence generated during assessment against this unit standard must also be consistent with The New Zealand Association of Registered Beauty Therapists, *Code of Ethics for Members of The New Zealand Association of Registered Beauty Therapists Inc.* (9th ed, April 2009) (Auckland, NZ), and The New Zealand Association of Registered Beauty Therapists, *Health and Hygiene Guidelines* (1st ed, August 2016) (Auckland, NZ), both available from <http://www.beautynz.org.nz>.

Outcomes and evidence requirements

Outcome 1

Demonstrate knowledge of features and characteristics of skin and hair conditions.

Range skin conditions – macule, papule, nodule, milia, vesicle, fissure, pustule, cyst, wheal, burrow, comedone, erythema, telangiectasia, pigmentation;
hair conditions – folliculitis, hirsutism, hypertrichosis, superfluous hair, ingrown hair.

Evidence requirements

- 1.1 Features and characteristics of skin and hair conditions are described, and an example of each is identified.

Outcome 2

Describe the identification of, and response to contagious conditions of the skin, hair and nail.

Evidence requirements

- 2.1 Contagious conditions of the skin, hair and nail are described in terms of type, cause, signs.

Range contagious conditions of the skin, hair and nail include but are not limited to –
fungal – tinea, candida, pityriasis versicolor, tinea unguium, tinea pedis, onychomycosis, fungal paronychia;
bacterial – acne vulgaris (P-acnes), impetigo, furuncles, abscess, conjunctivitis, stye, blepharitis; folliculitis, bacterial paronychia, onychocryptosis (infection present), onychia;
viral – herpes simplex, herpes zoster, periungual wart, herpetic whitlow;
parasitic – scabies, pediculosis.

- 2.2 Response to identification of contagious conditions is described.

Range inform the client of condition, referral to other industry professionals and/or to health professionals, referral to medical services.

- 2.3 Methods of sanitising contaminated equipment are described.

Outcome 3

Describe the identification of, and response to non-contagious conditions of the skin, hair and nail.

Evidence requirements

3.1 Non-contagious conditions of the skin are described in terms of type, cause, signs, and treatment advice.

Range must include but is not limited to –
 pigmentation – hyperpigmentation (ephelides, chloasma, phytophotodermatitis, naevi, ochronosis, lentigo), hypopigmentation (albinism, vitiligo, pityriasis versicolor), port wine stain;
 trauma – sun damage, drug reactions, burns, cold (frost bite), spider naevi;
 skin disturbances – psoriasis, dermatitis, peri-oral dermatitis, eczema, lipoma, xanthelasma, allergen urticarial, cellulitis.

3.2 Non-contagious conditions of the nail are described in terms of type, cause, signs, and treatment advice.

Range must include but is not limited to –
 of the nail plate – koilonychias, onychogryphosis, brittle or egg shell nails, bruised nail;
 of the nail surface – beau's lines, grooves or ridges, psoriasis;
 of the surrounding skin – pterygium, hang nails;
 colour changes – leuconychia, blue nails, yellow nail syndrome;
 cosmetic associated – artificial nail effects, onychorrhexis, nail hardness changes;
 due to physical trauma – onychocryptosis (no infections present), onychophagia

3.3 Response to identification of non-contagious conditions is described.

Range inform the client of condition, recommendation of in-salon products and/or treatments, referral to other industry professionals and/or to health professionals, referral to medical services.

3.4 Skin irregularities that may indicate the presence of malignant growths are identified and described in terms of signs, and referral advice.

Range solar keratosis, basal cell, squamous cell, malignant melanoma.

3.5 The manner for bringing to the client's attention skin irregularities that may indicate the presence of malignant growths is described.

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Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	15 September 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.