

Title	Demonstrate knowledge of common scalp conditions and skin irregularities		
Level	3	Credits	5

Purpose	<p>This unit standard is for learners in the hairdressing industry wishing to gain knowledge of common scalp conditions.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • describe common scalp conditions, • demonstrate knowledge of skin irregularities, and • describe legislative requirements for contagious conditions.
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Classification	Beauty Services > Hairdressing
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 Definition
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.
- 2 This standard is primarily intended for use in hairdressing salons.
- 3 In this unit standard all information provided must comply with legislative requirements and must ensure optimum hair condition and maximum client comfort at all times.
- 4 Assessment information
Evidence for assessment against this unit standard may be gathered via case studies including one contagious scalp condition and two non-contagious scalp conditions.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Describe common scalp conditions.

Performance criteria

1.1 Common contagious conditions of the scalp are described in terms of cause, symptoms and treatment advice.

Range common contagious conditions include but are not limited to – pediculosis capitis (head lice), tinea capitis (ringworm); treatment advice includes – when to seek medical advice; cause, symptoms and treatment advice may include but is not limited to – the way the condition is spread, hair and scalp analysis, home hair recommendations, maintenance advice.

1.2 Common non-contagious conditions of the scalp are described in terms of cause, symptoms and treatment advice.

Range includes – psoriasis, sebaceous cyst, dry dandruff; may include –oily dandruff, seborrhoea.

1.3 Common non-contagious hair loss conditions of the scalp are described in terms of cause, symptoms and treatment advice.

Range includes – androgenic alopecia in men and women, traction alopecia, trichotillomania, diffuse hair loss.

Outcome 2

Demonstrate knowledge of skin irregularities.

Performance criteria

2.1 Skin irregularities that may indicate the presence of malignant growths are identified and described.

Range may include but is not limited to – moles, melanoma, dry scaly skin patches, warts; evidence of a minimum of two irregularities is required.

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

Range may include – being sensitive to the client's possible reactions and feelings, recommendation to monitor skin colour changes, recommendation to monitor growth of irregularities, recommendation to seek medical opinion.

Outcome 3

Describe legislative requirements for contagious conditions.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Essential health precautions needed to prevent spread of contagious conditions are described.
- 3.2 The sanitising of contaminated equipment is described.

Replacement information	This unit standard replaced unit standard 2878.
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Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

Comments on this unit standard

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