Title	Demonstrate knowledge of hair cutting foundations
Level	3	Credits	8

Purpose	This unit standard is for people in the hairdressing industry to develop their knowledge in cutting hair with scissors and clippers.
	People credited with this unit standard can:
	• demonstrate knowledge of foundation forms for hair cutting,
	• explain the importance of hair and scalp analysis in hair cutting,
	• demonstrate knowledge of cutting tools and techniques, and
	• demonstrate and explain good ergonomic hair cutting techniques.

Classification	Beauty Services > Hairdressing

Available grade	Achieved

Guidance Information

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.
On base, above base, below base and *diagonal* relate to projection perpendicular to the head. On base is on the perpendicular (90°), above base is above the perpendicular (up to 180°), below base is below the perpendicular (0° to 90°), diagonal is forward or back.
Sectioning can also be called zoning.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Demonstrate knowledge of foundation forms for hair cutting.

Range   solid form, increase layer, graduation, uniform layer, blend using clippers.

Performance criteria

1.1   Terminology related to cutting techniques is explained.

          Range   includes but is not limited to – guideline, section, projection
                      (including perpendicular), perimeter, tension, crest line, interior,
                      exterior, symmetrical, asymmetrical, direction forward and back.

1.2   Perpendicular projection is described in relation to hair cutting.

          Range   includes but is not limited to – on base, above base, below base,
                      diagonal.

1.3   The foundation forms are identified and drawn in terms of their structure
          graphics.

          Range   must include 90° projection from the head and length
                      arrangement.

Outcome 2

Explain the importance of hair and scalp analysis in hair cutting.

Performance criteria

2.1   Hair and scalp analysis is explained terms of its importance in relation to
          haircutting.

          Range   includes but is not limited to – porosity, elasticity, texture, density,
                      length, growth patterns, presence of curl.

Outcome 3

Demonstrate knowledge of cutting tools and techniques.

Performance criteria

3.1   The different parts of scissors, razors, and clippers are identified and explained.

          Range   must include – use of correct scissor technique.

3.2   Sectioning and cross-checking techniques are described in terms of their use in
          achieving a professional cut.

3.3   The effect of tension on the hair while sectioning is explained in terms of its
          effect on the finished cut.

          Range   must include – wet and dry.

3.4 Different techniques of hair cutting are described in terms of their effects on the hair texture and personalisation of the design.

Range blunt, removing density, texturizing.

Outcome 4

Demonstrate and explain good ergonomic hair cutting techniques.

Performance criteria

4.1 Recommended hand and wrist positions for holding scissors and clippers are demonstrated and explained in terms of their ergonomic benefits.

4.2 Recommended body and head positions of client and stylist when cutting hair are demonstrated and explained in terms of their ergonomic and haircutting benefits.

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Comments on this unit standard

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