



# Hairdressing

Board and Specification: **VTCT Level 3 Diploma in Hairdressing**  
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This qualification is an advanced (Level 3) technical qualification, which has been developed collaboratively with employers, professional associations and trade bodies to set the standard and content.

## Subject specific entry requirements:

- There are no formal entry requirements for this qualification but in order to optimise their chances of success, a learner will ideally hold a Level 2 qualification or equivalent in hairdressing.

## What skills are required of students?

Students must be highly motivated and have good communication skills in order to communicate with clients and colleagues. Students must be able to work as part of a team and independently when required. Students will need to be prepared to stay until 7 pm twice a week in order to build up a clientele base and complete assessments within our hairdressing salon. Students are also required to carry out work experience 1 day a week.

## Course content:

This qualification is based on the national occupational standards for hairdressing and includes all the required elements to work effectively as a senior hairdresser/stylist. Students must achieve all mandatory units which include:

- Health and safety in the salon
- Hairdressing consultation
- Hair cutting services
- Hair colouring services
- Setting and dressing services
- Blow- drying and finishing services
- Plus 1 optional unit

Throughout this qualification, learners will develop their knowledge and understanding of relevant anatomy and physiology and health and safety. They will also develop the knowledge, understanding and skills to consult with clients, provide a range of cutting and colouring services, and set, dress and finish the hair. In parallel, learners will develop their communication and customer service skills, their awareness of environmental sustainability and their

commercial skills, all of which are valued highly by employers. Problem solving and research skills will also be developed.

### **Assessment and Grading:**

To be awarded this qualification, learners must successfully achieve the following assessments:

- Externally set and internally marked graded practical assessments (50% of qualification grade)
- Externally set and marked examinations (30% of qualification grade)
- Externally set and internally marked graded synoptic assessment (20% of qualification grade)
- Portfolio of evidence (does not contribute to the overall qualification grade)

The overall qualification is graded: Fail/Pass/Merit/Distinction/Distinction\*

### **What could this qualification lead to?**

Learners who achieve this qualification are eligible to become a State Registered Hairdresser (SRH) with The Hair Council. As a senior hairdresser/stylist, learners could progress directly into employment in a variety of contexts, which include:-

Commercial salons	Armed services
Specialist African type hair salons	HM prison service
Independent/self-employed/mobile/home-based settings	Cruise liners
Television, film, theatre and media	Hospitals/care homes

Whilst the primary purpose of this qualification is to prepare learners for employment, learners may choose to develop their knowledge and skills further by completing a specialist qualification at Level 4 in one or more of the following areas:

Salon management	Specialist hair and scalp services
Hair colour correction	Advanced hair styling