



Qualification Specification

ProQual Level 2 Award in Facial Skincare Treatments

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Introduction

The ProQual Level 2 Award in Facial Skincare Treatments provides a nationally recognised qualification for those working or wanting to work in the beauty industry, and who wish to develop and demonstrate their competence at providing a range of facial skincare treatments.

The aims of this qualification are:

- To develop an understanding of the range of facial skincare treatments services.
- To demonstrate competence at carrying out a range of facial skincare treatments, in accordance with health and safety requirements.
- To provide a progression route within the beauty industry, for those interested in providing facial skincare treatments.

The awarding body for this qualification is ProQual AB. This qualification has been approved for delivery in England and Northern Ireland. The regulatory body for this qualification is Ofqual, and this qualification has been accredited onto the Regulated Qualification Framework (RQF), and has been published in Ofqual's Register of Qualifications.

Qualification Profile

Qualification Title:	ProQual Level 2 Award in Facial Skincare Treatments
Qualification Number:	610/4534/2
Level:	Level 2
Total Qualification Time (TQT):	120 Hours
Guided Learning Hours (GLH):	95 Hours
Assessment:	Pass / Fail
	Internally assessed and verified by centre staff
	External quality assured by ProQual Verifiers
Qualification Start Date:	02/09/2024
Qualification Review Date:	02/09/2027

Learner Profile

There are no formal academic entry requirements for this qualification. Centres should carry out their own initial assessment of a candidate's initial knowledge and skills.

Candidates for this qualification should either:

- Be employed in a role where they will have the opportunity to carry out a number of make-up services on a range of clients.

OR

- Be enrolled with a training provider, college, school or sixth form, which will enable them to carry out a number of make-up services on a range of simulated or real clients.

Candidates who complete this qualification, and who wish to further develop their knowledge and skills in the beauty sector, could progress to study additional qualifications from ProQual's hair and beauty suite.

Qualification Structure

This qualification consists of **three** mandatory units. Candidates must complete all mandatory units to achieve this qualification. There are no optional units.

Mandatory Units – Candidates must complete all units in this group.				
Unit Number	Unit Title	Level	TQT	GLH
J/651/2395	Health and Safety in a Salon Environment	2	10	10
K/651/2421	Carrying Out Client Consultation as a Beauty Professional	2	30	20
K/651/2495	Providing Facial Skincare Treatments	2	80	65

Centre Requirements

Centres must be approved to deliver this qualification. If your centre is not approved to deliver this qualification, please complete and submit the ProQual Additional Qualification Approval Form.

Materials produced by centres to support candidates should:

- Enable them to track their achievements as they progress through the learning outcomes and assessment criteria.
- Provide information on where ProQual's policies and procedures can be viewed.
- Provide a means of enabling Internal and External Quality Assurance staff to authenticate evidence.

Centres must have appropriate resources to allow candidates to complete the practical activities described in this specification.

Certification

Candidates who achieve the requirements for this qualification will be awarded:

- A certificate listing all units achieved, and
- A certificate giving the full qualification title:

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Claiming certificates

Centres may claim certificates for candidates who have been registered with ProQual and who have successfully achieved the qualification. All certificates will be issued to the centre for successful candidates.

Unit certificates

If a candidate does not achieve all of the units required for a qualification, the centre may claim a unit certificate for the candidate which will list all of the units achieved.

Replacement certificates

If a replacement certificate is required a request must be made to ProQual in writing. Replacement certificates are labelled as such and are only provided when the claim has been authenticated. Refer to the Fee Schedule for details of charges for replacement.

Assessment Requirements

Each candidate is required to produce a portfolio of evidence which demonstrates their achievement of all of the learning outcomes and assessment criteria for each unit.

Evidence can include:

- Observation report by assessor
- Assignments/projects/reports
- Professional discussion
- Witness testimony
- Candidate product
- Worksheets
- Record of oral and written questioning
- Recognition of Prior Learning

Candidates must demonstrate the level of competence described in the units. Assessment is the process of measuring a candidate's skill, knowledge and understanding against the standards set in the qualification.

Centre staff assessing this qualification must be occupationally competent and qualified to make assessment decisions. Assessors who are suitably qualified may hold a qualification such as, but not limited to:

- ProQual Level 3 Certificate in Teaching, Training and Assessment.
- ProQual Level 3 Award in Education and Training.
- ProQual Level 3 Award in Assessing Competence in the Work Environment.
(Suitable for assessment taking place in a working salon only.)
- ProQual Level 3 Award in Assessing Vocational Achievement.
(Suitable for assessment taking place in a simulated training environment only.)

Candidate portfolios must be internally verified by centre staff who are occupationally knowledgeable and qualified to make quality assurance decisions. Internal verifiers who are suitably qualified may hold a qualification such as:

- ProQual Level 4 Award in the Internal QA of Assessment Processes and Practice.
- ProQual Level 4 Certificate in Leading the Internal QA of Assessment Processes and Practice.

Occupationally competent means capable of carrying out the full requirements contained within a unit. **Occupationally knowledgeable** means possessing relevant knowledge and understanding.

Enquiries, Appeals and Adjustments

Adjustments to standard assessment arrangements are made on the individual needs of candidates. ProQual's Reasonable Adjustments Policy and Special Consideration Policy sets out the steps to follow when implementing reasonable adjustments and special considerations and the service that ProQual provides for some of these arrangements.

Centres should contact ProQual for further information or queries about the contents of the policy.

All enquiries relating to assessment or other decisions should be dealt with by centres, with reference to ProQual's Enquiries and Appeals Procedures.

Units – Learning Aims and Assessment Criteria

Title:		Health and Safety in a Salon Environment		Level:		2	
Unit Number:		J/651/2395		TQT:		10	
GLH:						10	
Learning Outcomes <i>The learner will be able to:</i>		Assessment Criteria <i>The learner can:</i>					
1	Prepare salon areas for treatment.	1.1	Identify common hazards and risks in a salon environment.				
		1.2	State the health and safety requirements for practitioners carrying out beauty treatments, including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and Safety at Work Act. • The Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR). • Manual Handling Operations Regulations. • Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (COSHH). 				
		1.3	Describe how to clean, disinfect and sterilise different types of tools and equipment.				
		1.4	Explain the difference between sterilisation and disinfection.				
		1.5	Explain why it is important to follow salon procedures and any given instructions when setting up tools and equipment for a given treatment.				

1	<i>Continued</i>	1.6	Describe the required environmental conditions for a given treatment, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lighting. • Heating. • Ventilation. • General Comfort.
		1.7	Explain why it is important that the above environmental conditions are provided.
		1.8	Explain why it is important to maintain personal hygiene, protection and appearance according to accepted industry and organisational standards.
		1.9	Explain the reasons and importance of keeping records of treatments.
2	Maintain salon treatment areas.	2.1	Explain how to safely dispose of waste materials and products from beauty treatments.
		2.2	Explain the requirements for re-stocking products and other items.
		2.3	Describe own responsibilities in relation to the storage of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipment. • Products. • Client Records.
		2.4	Describe how the work area should be left after a treatment.
		2.5	Explain why it is important to leave the work area in the condition described above.

Additional Assessment Information

This unit is **knowledge based**. This means that evidence is expected to take the form of candidate's written work and/or records of appropriate professional discussions.

Centres may use the appropriate ProQual Candidate Workbook, or their own, centre devised, assignments.

This unit is a **common unit**. Centres should be aware that candidates may have completed this unit as part of another ProQual Hair and Beauty qualification and may be eligible for recognition of prior learning.

Title:	Carrying Out Client Consultation as a Beauty Professional			Level:	2
Unit Number:	K/651/2421	TQT:	30	GLH:	20
Learning Outcomes <i>The learner will be able to:</i>		Assessment Criteria <i>The learner can:</i>			
1	Understand how to carry out a client consultation as a beauty professional.	1.1	Explain the importance of taking account of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The client's declared medical history and current medical status. • The client's service history. • The client's service requirements. • The client's concerns, expectations and desired outcome. • The client's physical and psychological wellbeing. • Any contra-indications. 		
		1.2	Explain why it is important to work with competent professionals to support effective and safe working practice.		
		1.3	Explain what is meant by the terms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relative contra-indications. • Absolute contra-indications. 		
		1.4	Identify common relative and absolute contra-indications for common beauty services.		
		1.5	Describe the visible symptoms of common contra-indications for beauty services.		
		1.6	Explain the importance of referring contraindications and medical conditions to an appropriate professional.		

1	<i>Continued</i>	1.7	Explain why common medical conditions may contraindicate common beauty services.
		1.8	Explain the importance of communicating with the client: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In a professional manner. • Within the limits of your own competencies.
		1.9	Describe the impact of social influences, the media and current trends on the consultation process.
		1.10	Explain why it is important to assess, discuss, agree, review and document the consultation outcomes.
		1.11	Explain the importance of clearly explaining the service process, expected outcomes and associated risks.
		1.12	Describe the benefits of using visual aids during consultation.
		1.13	Explain how to manage a client's expectations.
		1.14	Identify beauty services that may be prohibited or restricted for minors.
		1.15	Identify beauty services that require a test to be carried out before they are supplied.
		1.16	Explain the importance of carrying out pre-treatment tests.

1	<i>Continued</i>	1.17	Describe the legislative requirements for gaining, recording, storing, protecting and retaining any client data.
		1.18	Describe the legislative and regulatory requirements for taking and storing visual media of the client's treatment area.
		1.19	<p>Explain the client's rights, in relation to beauty services, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflection time. • Informed consent. • Financial/contractual agreement. • The right to request the subject specific qualifications, training and indemnity insurance.
		1.20	Explain the importance of providing instructions and advice both pre and post the service.
2	Carry out a client consultation as a beauty professional.	2.1	<p>Carry out a consultation, taking account of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The client's declared medical history and current medical status. • The client's service history. • The client's service requirements. • The client's concerns, expectations and desired outcome. • The client's physical and psychological wellbeing • Any contra-indications.
		2.2	Recognise, respond and sign-post appropriately in response to any disclosed conditions or contra-indications.
		2.3	Explain the fee structure.
		2.4	Provide the client with pre-treatment instructions and recommendations.
		2.5	Explain any associated risks to the client.

2	<i>Continued</i>	2.6	Agree and document the consultation and expected service outcomes.
		2.7	Discuss any physical sensation that may occur during the service.
		2.8	Agree the service plan and obtain the client's informed consent for the treatment.

Additional Assessment Information

Learning Outcome 1 is **knowledge based**. This means that evidence is expected to take the form of candidate's written work and/or records of appropriate professional discussions.

Learning Outcome 2 is **competency based**. This means that the candidate is expected to perform the tasks, and demonstrate the level of competence, outlined in the assessment criteria. It is expected that evidence will be a combination following:

- Photographic and/or video evidence of the candidate's practical work.
- Assessor's observation report.
- Expert witness testimony.
- Candidate reflection on own practical work

An observation report and witness testimony are differentiated as follows:

- An **assessor's report** is completed by a qualified assessor who observes the candidate carrying out practical work. The assessor will make assessment decisions as they observe and record these in the report, alongside a commentary of what they observe.
- A **witness statement** is completed by a suitably qualified or experienced expert who observes the candidate carrying out practical work. The witness statement will contain **only** a commentary of what has been observed. An assessor must then use the witness statement, alongside any additional evidence to make assessment decisions.
- In all cases, an assessor's report is preferred as evidence over a witness statement; as it is always better for an assessor to observe a candidate live.

Assessors may wish use to use a checklist or evidence matrix to organise and track the assessment outcomes that have been achieved, but these **do not**, in themselves, constitute evidence of achievement.

An assessor's report or witness statement alone is unlikely to be sufficient evidence of achievement. Reports and statements should always be accompanied by photographic and/or video evidence.

Centres may use the appropriate ProQual Candidate Workbook to organise candidate evidence or may use their own portfolio templates.

It is expected that competence of each assessment criteria will be observed **at least twice, across two treatments** before it is awarded.

Evidence of practical skills **may** be simulated, provided:

- The simulated environment matches, as close as possible, the real-world working environment.
- The candidate performs any assessed treatment on a live model.

Title:		Providing Facial Skincare Treatments		Level:		2	
Unit Number:		K/651/2495		TQT:		80	
				GLH:		65	
Learning Outcomes <i>The learner will be able to:</i>				Assessment Criteria <i>The learner can:</i>			
1	Understand how to provide facial skincare treatments.	1.1	Explain why you must always work within your own competence when carrying out facial skincare treatments.				
		1.2	Identify the absolute and relative contra-indications for a facial skincare treatment.				
		1.3	Explain the purpose, use and limitations of facial skincare treatments, in relation to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical history. • Current medical conditions. • Lifestyle factors. • Client expectations. 				
		1.4	Describe how the following techniques are used in facial treatments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skin analysis. • Cleansing. • Exfoliating. • Comedone extraction. • Massage. • Mask application. • Sun protection factor application. 				
		1.5	Explain the importance of magnification, illumination and preparation of the individual's treatment area when carrying out a skin analysis.				

1	<i>Continued</i>	1.6	Describe the types of skin hygiene products available and suitable for use as part of a facial treatment.
		1.7	Explain the importance of adhering to manufacturer instructions to prevent product incompatibilities and risks to health.
		1.8	Describe the types, uses, benefits and limitations of different skincare products used during facial treatments.
		1.9	Describe the types, uses, benefits and limitations of different equipment used during facial treatments, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Magnifying light. • Skin warming devices. • Digital technologies.
		1.10	Explain the risks and limitations associated with self-heating masks.
		1.11	Explain the risks and restrictions associated with very superficial skin peels, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How pH affects skin sensitivity. • The action of acid and alkaline concentrations on the skin. • How and why the skin's barrier function is impaired. • The increased risk of photosensitivity and ways to protect the skin. • How, and why it's important, to carry out a skin test.

2	Provide facial skincare treatments.	2.1	<p>Carry out a concise and comprehensive consultation with the client, including discussion of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treatment history. • Skincare regime. • Lifestyle. • Alternative treatment options. • Client's objectives and expectations. • Fees and timescales. • Identification of contra-indications.
		2.2	Carry out tests and record the outcome, to establish suitability for treatment.
		2.3	<p>Confirm and agree with the client that they understand the proposed facial treatment, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expected outcomes. • Contra-actions. • Possible adverse reactions. • Physical sensation of the treatment.
		2.4	Obtain and record the client's informed consent for the facial treatment.
		2.5	<p>Prepare the treatment area, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Illuminate and magnify the area. • Carrying out a skin analysis. • Selecting and using an appropriate skin hygiene product.
		2.6	Carry out a deep cleanse using an appropriate product.

2	<i>Continued</i>	2.7	<p>Carry out an exfoliation, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very superficial skin peels. • Physical exfoliation. • Chemical exfoliation.
		2.8	<p>Select and use an appropriate skin warming technique, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hot towel. • Steam.
		2.9	<p>Carry out safe and effective comedone extraction.</p>
		2.10	<p>Select and apply an appropriate massage medium, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oil. • Cream. • Serum • Oil free.
		2.11	<p>Apply a massage medium using an appropriate technique, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relaxation. • Effleurage. • Petrissage. • Tapotement. • Friction. • Vibrations. • Pressure point. • Lymphatic drainage. • Detoxifying. • Stimulating • Toning.

2	<i>Continued</i>	2.12	<p>Select and apply an appropriate mask product, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-heating. • Cooling. • Setting. • Non-setting.
		2.13	<p>Monitor the client's health, wellbeing and skin reaction during the treatment and implement the correct course of action in the event of an adverse reaction.</p>
		2.14	<p>Conclude the treatment, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm with the client that they are happy with the outcome of the treatment. • Complete and store the client's treatment records in accordance with data legislation. • Provide appropriate post-treatment advice and guidance.
		2.15	<p>Evaluate the treatment provided, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Areas of strength. • Areas for improvement. • Actions to be undertaken to implement improvement.

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Appendix One – Command Verb Definitions

The table below explains what is expected from each **command verb** used in an assessment objective. Not all verbs are used in this specification.

Apply	Use existing knowledge or skills in a new or different context.
Analyse	Break a larger subject into smaller parts, examine them in detail and show how these parts are related to each other. This may be supported by reference to current research or theories.
Classify	Organise information according to specific criteria.
Compare	Examine subjects in detail, giving the similarities and differences.
Describe	Provide detailed, factual information about a subject.
Discuss	Give a detailed account of a subject, including a range of contrasting views and opinions.
Evaluate	As with compare but extended to include pros and cons of the subject. There may or may not be a conclusion or recommendation as appropriate.
Explain	As with describe, but extended to include causation and reasoning.
Identify	Select or ascertain appropriate information and details from a broader range of information or data.
Interpret	Use information or data to clarify or explain something.
Produce	Make or create something.
State	Give short, factual information about something.
Specify	State a fact or requirement clearly and in precise detail.



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