



Qualification Specification

ProQual Level 2 Certificate in Nail Enhancement Services

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Introduction

The ProQual Level 2 Certificate in Nail Enhancement Services provides a nationally recognised qualification for those working in the beauty industry, and who wish to develop and demonstrate their competence at providing a range of nail enhancement services, with optional units allowing candidates to focus on cyanoacrylate, UV cured or monomer liquid/polymer powder nail enhancements.

The aims of this qualification are:

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

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 Certificate in Nail Enhancement Services
Qualification Number:	610/4486/6
Level:	Level 2
Total Qualification Time (TQT):	140 Hours
Guided Learning Hours (GLH):	110 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:	01/08/2025
Next Review Due:	01/08/2028

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 nail enhancement services on a range of clients.

OR

- Be enrolled with a training provider, which will enable them to carry out a number of nail enhancement 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 complete this qualification. Candidates must then also complete **at least one** optional unit. Candidates may complete more than one optional unit.

Unit Number	Unit Title	Level	TQT	GLH
Mandatory Units – Candidates must complete all units in this group.				
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
Y/651/2426	Removing Nail Enhancements	2	40	30
Optional Units – Candidates must complete at least one unit in this group.				
A/651/2427	Providing Nail Enhancement Services Using Cyanoacrylate	2	60	50
D/651/2428	Provide Nail Enhancement Services Using UV Cured Products	2	60	50
F/651/2429	Provide Nail Enhancement Services Using Monomer Liquid and Polymer Powder	2	60	50

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 the appropriate equipment to enable candidates to carry out the practical requirements of this qualification.

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:

ProQual Level 2 Certificate in Nail Enhancement Services

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 Outcomes 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: • 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.		
		1.6	Describe the required environmental conditions for a given treatment, including: • Lighting. • Heating. • Ventilation. • General Comfort.		

1	<i>Continued</i>	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: • 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: - 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: - 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	Continued	1.7	Explain why common medical conditions may contraindicate common beauty services.
		1.8	Explain the importance of communicating with the client: • 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	Continued	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	Explain the client's rights, in relation to beauty services, including: • 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	Carry out a consultation, taking account of: • 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	Continued	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.
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Assessors may wish 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.

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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 four times** 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:		Removing Nail Enhancements		Level:	2
Unit Number:		Y/651/2426	TQT:	40	GLH: 30
Learning Outcomes <i>The learner will be able to:</i>		Assessment Criteria <i>The learner can:</i>			
1	Understand how to remove nail enhancements.	1.1	Explain the importance of working within your competence when providing nail enhancement removal services.		
		1.2	Identify relative and absolute contra-indications for nail enhancement removal services.		
		1.3	Describe the signs and symptoms of contra-indications for nail enhancement removal services.		
		1.4	Explain the purpose, use and limitations of nail enhancement removal services in relation to: - Nail condition. - Relevant lifestyle factors. - Client's expectations.		
		1.5	Describe the chemical composition of nail enhancement products, including: - Monomer liquid and polymer powder. - UV light cured hard gel. - UV light cured soft gel. - Cyanoacrylate.		
		1.6	Identify common allergens found in nail enhancement products.		
		1.7	Describe the techniques and products used to remove all types of nail enhancements.		
		1.8	Describe the types of files and buffers used to remove nail enhancements.		
		1.9	Describe how to prepare, use and maintain the products, tools and equipment used to remove nail enhancements.		

1	Continued	1.10	Explain how to minimise damage to the nail and surrounding skin.
		1.11	Explain the reasons for restoring and treating the natural nail and surrounding skin after a nail enhancement removal service.
		1.12	Describe the techniques used to repair natural nails.
		1.13	Explain the reasons for applying post treatment products following a nail removal service.
		1.14	Describe the types of UV cured nail strengthening systems that provide structure to weak nails.
		1.15	Describe the cause and symptoms of the following adverse reactions: • Allergic reaction. • Discoloration of the product. • Discolouration of nail plate. • Discolouration of the nail bed. • Thinning of the nail plate. • Cuts and abrasions. • Bruising. • Overexposure. • Exothermic reaction. • Lifting of the product. • Premature loss of enhancement. • Infection. • Onycholysis.

1	Continued	1.16	Describe the appropriate action to take if the following adverse reactions occur: • Allergic reaction. • Discoloration of the product. • Discolouration of nail plate. • Discolouration of the nail bed. • Thinning of the nail plate. • Cuts and abrasions. • Bruising. • Overexposure. • Exothermic reaction. • Lifting of the product. • Premature loss of enhancement. • Infection. • Onycholysis.
2	Provide nail enhancement removal services.	2.1	Discuss and establish the service with the client, including: • The nail enhancement to be removed. • Physical sensations that may occur during the service. • The skincare products to be used for restoration. • The desired length and shape of the nail. • Fees. • Service duration.
		2.2	Identify and respond appropriately to any contra-indications.
		2.3	Confirm and agree with the client that they have understood the proposed service, including: • Contra-actions. • Possible adverse reactions. • Associated risks.
		2.4	Obtain and record the client's informed consent for the service.
		2.5	Remove the nail enhancement, using techniques to not damage the natural nail or surrounding skin.

2	Continued	2.6	Carry out an analysis of the natural nail, including: - Nail condition. - Length. - Shape.
		2.7	Clip and shape the nail to ensure a smooth free edge.
		2.8	Carry out cuticle work, including: - Preparing the cuticle according to manufacturer's instructions. - Using appropriate tools to remove the cuticle from the visible nail plate without damaging the surrounding skin. - Applying an appropriate post treatment product.
		2.9	Maintain health and safety requirements throughout the service, including: - Monitoring the client's health, wellbeing and skin reaction. - Responding appropriately to any adverse effects. - Disposing of waste correctly.
		2.10	Confirm with the client that they are satisfied with the outcome of the service.
		2.11	Provide appropriate post treatment instructions.
		2.12	Record the outcome of the treatment in accordance with data legislation and organisational requirements.
		2.13	Carry out an evaluation of the service, including: - Areas of strength. - Areas for improvement. - How improvements will be made.

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- The candidate performs any assessed treatment on a live model.

Title:		Providing Nail Enhancement Services Using Cyanoacrylate		Level:	2
Unit Number:		A/651/2427	TQT:	60	GLH: 50
Learning Outcomes <i>The learner will be able to:</i>		Assessment Criteria <i>The learner can:</i>			
1	Understand how to provide cyanoacrylate nail enhancements.	1.1	Explain the importance of working within your competence when providing cyanoacrylate nail enhancement services.		
		1.2	Identify relative and absolute contra-indications for cyanoacrylate nail enhancement services.		
		1.3	Describe the signs and symptoms of contra-indications for cyanoacrylate nail enhancement services.		
		1.4	Explain the purpose, use and limitations of cyanoacrylate nail enhancement services in relation to: - Past and current medical history. - Skin and nail condition. - Relevant lifestyle factors. - Client's expectations.		
		1.5	Explain why it is important to carry out a nail and skin analysis to inform the treatment plan.		
		1.6	Describe the techniques used to apply cyanoacrylate nail enhancements, and how to adapt these to meet the client's needs.		
		1.7	Describe the types of files and buffers used for cyanoacrylate nail enhancements and their effects.		
		1.8	Describe the types of nail tips, application and blending techniques.		
		1.9	Explain the benefits and limitations of blended and unblended tips.		

1	Continued	1.10	Explain how to apply cyanoacrylate nail enhancements to ensure maximum strength and longevity.
		1.11	Explain the reasons for leaving a free margin around the surrounding skin.
		1.12	Describe the use and properties following cyanoacrylate products: • Fibreglass. • Silk. • Fabric. • Polymer powder dip.
		1.13	Describe the chemical composition of: • Cyanoacrylate products. • Activators. • Polymer powders.
		1.14	Describe the chemical reaction that occurs during the curing process.
		1.15	Describe the effect that cyanoacrylate has on natural fibres.
		1.16	Explain how to avoid an exothermic reaction, and why this should be avoided.
		1.17	Explain how cyanoacrylate products differ from other nail enhancement products.
		1.18	Explain the types, features and benefits of polymer powder dip systems and fabrics available.
		1.19	Explain how to use, maintain and store the tools and equipment used to apply cyanoacrylate nail enhancements.
		1.20	Explain why it is important to clean and dry the natural nail prior to applying a nail enhancement.
		1.21	Explain the reasons for using a pre-treatment product to dehydrate the nail plate.

1	Continued	1.22	Describe the types of post-treatment products, and why they are used, including: • Creams. • Oils.
		1.23	Describe the techniques used to repair nail enhancements, and how and when to carry out maintenance.
		1.24	Explain the reasons for unexpected premature loss or damage to the nail enhancement.
		1.25	Explain why it is important to use adequate ventilation and extraction when applying cyanoacrylate nail enhancements.
2	Provide cyanoacrylate nail enhancements.	2.1	Discuss and establish the service with the client, including: • Colour choice. • Desired nail length and shape. • Lifestyle. • Alternative treatment options. • Fees. • Service duration.
		2.2	Carry out a nail and skin analysis to determine: • Skin condition. • Nail condition. • Length and shape of nail.
		2.3	Identify and respond appropriately to any contra-indications.
		2.4	Confirm and agree with the client that they have understood the proposed service, including: • Contra-actions. • Possible adverse reactions. • Associated risks.

2	Continued	2.5	Obtain and record the client's informed consent for the service.
		2.6	Prepare the treatment area, including removal of any existing product.
		2.7	Clip and shape the nails to ensure a smooth free edge.
		2.8	Prepare the cuticles, including removing cuticle from the visible nail plate without damaging the surrounding skin.
		2.9	Prepare the nail plate, including the application of appropriate pre-treatment products.
		2.10	Apply a cyanoacrylate overlay for nail repair, including: • Apply resin, leaving a free margin around the surrounding skin. • Customise, fit and apply fabric or dip polymer powder. • Ensure correct product placement. • Assess the need for a stress strip.
		2.11	Apply tips and cyanoacrylate nail enhancement overlays, including: • Select and customise nail tips to suit the client's natural nail. • Adhere the nail tip to the natural nail using nail adhesive. • Cut and shape the free edge of the tips. • Blend the tips so they are undetectable. • Apply resin, leaving a free margin around the surrounding skin. • Customise, fit and apply fabric or dip polymer powder. • Ensure correct product placement.
		2.12	Finish the service, including: • Use filling techniques to create the required balance, shape and length. • Use buffering techniques to create a smooth even surface and shine.

2	Continued	2.13	Maintain health and safety requirements throughout the service, including: - Monitoring the client's health, wellbeing and skin reaction. - Responding appropriately to any adverse effects. - Disposing of waste correctly.
		2.14	Confirm with the client that they are satisfied with the outcome of the service.
		2.15	Provide appropriate post treatment instructions.
		2.16	Record the outcome of the treatment in accordance with data legislation and organisational requirements.
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It is expected that competence of each assessment criteria will be observed **at least twice** before it is awarded. The nail enhancement must be a full set with tips and rebalance.

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:		Provide Nail Enhancement Services Using UV Cured Products		Level:	2
Unit Number:		D/651/2428	TQT:	60	GLH: 50
Learning Outcomes <i>The learner will be able to:</i>		Assessment Criteria <i>The learner can:</i>			
1	Understand how to provide UV cured nail enhancements.	1.1	Explain the importance of working within your competence when providing UV cured nail enhancement services.		
		1.2	Identify relative and absolute contra-indications for UV cured nail enhancement services.		
		1.3	Describe the signs and symptoms of contra-indications for UV cured nail enhancement services.		
		1.4	Explain the purpose, use and limitations of UV cured nail enhancement services in relation to: - Past and current medical history. - Skin and nail condition. - Relevant lifestyle factors. - Client's expectations.		
		1.5	Explain why it is important to carry out a nail and skin analysis to inform the treatment plan.		
		1.6	Describe the types of files and buffers used for UV cured nail enhancements and their effects.		
		1.7	Describe the types of nail tips, application and blending techniques.		
		1.8	Explain the benefits and limitations of blended and unblended tips.		
		1.9	Describe the polymerisation process.		
		1.10	State the types of electromagnetic radiation that make up the electromagnetic spectrum.		

1	Continued	1.11	Identify the wavelengths of electromagnetic radiation that are classified as UV.
		1.12	Explain the curing process, including: • How to cure the product effectively. • The reasons for overcuring. • The reasons for undercuring. • The chemical composition and the changes that occur during the curing process. • How curing time can vary.
		1.13	Explain when and why bonding agents are used.
		1.14	Describe the differences between, and effects of, alkaline and acidic bonding agents.
		1.15	Explain how to apply nail enhancements to ensure maximum strength and longevity.
		1.16	Describe the different types of sculpting forms available and how to use them.
		1.17	Describe the types of UV cured nail finishes, including: • Nail strengthening systems. • Hybrid systems.
		1.18	Explain how to match coloured gel products to the client's natural skin classification.
		1.19	Explain why it is important to leave a free margin around the surrounding skin.
		1.20	Explain how to use, maintain and store the tools and equipment used to apply UV cured nail enhancements, including: • UV CFL. • UV LED.

1	Continued	1.21	Explain why it is important to clean and dry the natural nail prior to applying a nail enhancement.
		1.22	Explain the reasons for using a pre-treatment product to dehydrate the nail plate.
		1.23	Describe the types of post-treatment products, and why they are used, including: • Creams. • Oils.
		1.24	Explain why the inhibition layer is removed following a UV cured nail product application.
		1.25	Describe the techniques used to repair nail enhancements, and how and when to carry out maintenance, including: • Infill. • Rebalance. • Backfill. • Replacement of overlay. • Repair of overlay.
		1.26	Explain the reasons for unexpected premature loss or damage to the nail enhancement.
		1.27	Explain why it is important to use adequate ventilation and extraction when applying UV cured nail enhancements.
2	Provide UV nail enhancements.	2.1	Discuss and establish the service with the client, including: • Nail finish. • Desired nail colour. • Desired nail length and shape. • Lifestyle. • Alternative treatment options. • Fees. • Service duration.

2	Continued	2.2	Carry out a nail and skin analysis to determine: • Skin condition. • Nail condition. • Length and shape of nail.
		2.3	Identify and respond appropriately to any contra-indications.
		2.4	Confirm and agree with the client that they have understood the proposed service, including: • Contra-actions. • Possible adverse reactions. • Associated risks.
		2.5	Obtain and record the client's informed consent for the service.
		2.6	Prepare the treatment area, including removal of any existing product.
		2.7	Clip and shape the nails to ensure a smooth free edge.
		2.8	Prepare the cuticles, including removing cuticle from the visible nail plate without damaging the surrounding skin.
		2.9	Prepare the nail plate, including the application of appropriate pre-treatment products.
		2.10	Prepare UV equipment according to manufacturer's instructions, including: • UV CFL. • UV LED.
		2.11	Apply UV cured product overlay, including: • Select an appropriate UV cured product. • Apply overlay, leaving a free margin around the surrounding skin.

2	Continued	2.12	Sculpt using a UV cured product, including: • Customise and fit the sculpting form. • Select an appropriate UV cured product. • Apply the UV cured nail product to the nail plate, leaving a free margin from the surrounding skin. • Create an artificial nail structure.
		2.13	Apply tips and UV cured nail enhancement overlays, including: • Select and customise nail tips to suit the client's natural nail. • Adhere the nail tip to the natural nail using nail adhesive. • Cut and shape the free edge of the tips. • Blend the tips so they are undetectable. • Select an appropriate UV cured nail product. • Apply the UV cured nail product to the nail plate, leaving a free margin from the surrounding skin.
		2.14	Cure the UV cured nail product, using appropriate equipment, following manufacturer's instructions, including: • UV CLF. • UV LED.
		2.15	Provide a variety of nail finishes, including: • Opaque. • Pink and white. • Colour. • Skin matched opaque.

2	Continued	2.16	Maintain and repair UV nail enhancements, including: • Identify required maintenance and unexpected damage to the nail enhancement. • Replace the nail enhancement. • Infill. • Rebalance. • Backfill. • Replacement of overlay. • Repair of overlay.
		2.17	Finish the service, including: • Remove the inhibition layer. • Use filling techniques to create the required balance, shape and length. • Apply a top coat to protect the nail finish.
		2.18	Maintain health and safety requirements throughout the service, including: • Monitoring the client's health, wellbeing and skin reaction. • Responding appropriately to any adverse effects. • Disposing of waste correctly.
		2.19	Confirm with the client that they are satisfied with the outcome of the service.
		2.20	Provide appropriate post treatment instructions.
		2.21	Record the outcome of the treatment in accordance with data legislation and organisational requirements.
		2.22	Carry out an evaluation of the service, including: • Areas of strength. • Areas for improvement. • How improvements will be made.

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Title:		Provide Nail Enhancement Services Using Monomer Liquid and Polymer Powder		Level:	2
Unit Number:	F/651/2429	TQT:	60	GLH:	50
Learning Outcomes <i>The learner will be able to:</i>		Assessment Criteria <i>The learner can:</i>			
1	Understand how to provide monomer liquid and polymer powder nail enhancements.	1.1	Explain the importance of working within your competence when providing monomer liquid and polymer powder nail enhancement services.		
		1.2	Identify relative and absolute contra-indications for monomer liquid and polymer powder nail enhancement services.		
		1.3	Describe the signs and symptoms of contra-indications for monomer liquid and polymer powder nail enhancement services.		
		1.4	Explain the purpose, use and limitations of monomer liquid and polymer powder nail enhancement services in relation to: • Past and current medical history. • Skin and nail condition. • Relevant lifestyle factors. • Client's expectations.		
		1.5	Explain why it is important to carry out a nail and skin analysis to inform the treatment plan.		
		1.6	Describe the types of files and buffers used for monomer liquid and polymer powder nail enhancements and their effects.		
		1.7	Describe the types of nail tips, application and blending techniques.		
		1.8	Explain the benefits and limitations of blended and unblended tips.		

1	Continued	1.9	Explain when and why bonding agents are used.
		1.10	Describe the differences between, and effects of, alkaline and acidic bonding agents.
		1.11	Explain how to apply nail enhancements to ensure maximum strength and longevity.
		1.12	Describe the different types of sculpting forms available and how to use them.
		1.13	Explain how monomer liquid and polymer powder products differ from other nail enhancement products.
		1.14	Explain how to match coloured polymer powder products to the client's natural skin classification.
		1.15	Explain why it is important to leave a free margin around the surrounding skin.
		1.16	Explain how to safely dispose of unused monomer liquid.
		1.17	Explain why it is important to clean and dry the natural nail prior to applying a nail enhancement.
		1.18	Explain the reasons for using a pre-treatment product to dehydrate the nail plate.
		1.19	Describe the types of post-treatment products, and why they are used, including: • Creams. • Oils.

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		1.21	Explain the reasons for unexpected premature loss or damage to the nail enhancement.
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2	Provide monomer liquid and polymer powder nail enhancements.	2.1	Discuss and establish the service with the client, including: • Nail finish. • Desired nail colour. • Desired nail length and shape. • Lifestyle. • Alternative treatment options. • Fees. • Service duration.
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		2.10	Apply monomer liquid and polymer powder product overlay, including: • Select an appropriate monomer liquid and polymer powder product. • Apply overlay, leaving a free margin around the surrounding skin. • Create an artificial nail structure.
		2.11	Sculpt using a monomer liquid and polymer powder product, including: • Customise and fit the sculpting form. • Use the appropriate monomer liquid to polymer powder ratio. • Apply the monomer liquid and polymer powder nail product to the nail plate, leaving a free margin from the surrounding skin. • Create an artificial nail structure.

2	Continued	2.12	Apply tips and monomer liquid and polymer powder nail enhancement overlays, including: • Select and customise nail tips to suit the client's natural nail. • Adhere the nail tip to the natural nail using nail adhesive. • Cut and shape the free edge of the tips. • Blend the tips so they are undetectable. • Prepare the natural nail surface for the monomer liquid and polymer powder. • Apply the monomer liquid and polymer powder nail product to the nail plate, leaving a free margin from the surrounding skin.
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		2.15	Finish the service, including: • Use filling techniques to create the required balance, shape and length. • Use buffing techniques to create a smooth even surface and shine. • Apply an appropriate post-treatment product.

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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.
Critically Compare	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.
Describe	Provide detailed, factual information about a subject.
Discuss	Give a detailed account of a subject, including a range of contrasting views and opinions.
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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