Unit of Competency

Functional Area: Hairstyle Design & Professional Techniques

Title	Master Hair Cutting and Blow-drying Techniques
Code	105368L3
Range	This unit of competency (UoC) is applicable in hairdressing-related workplaces. It requires judgement and analysis. Practitioners should be able to master hair cutting and blow-drying techniques to design required hairstyles for customers within reasonable time.
Level	3
Credit	6 (for reference only)

Competency	Performance Requirements
	1. Possess knowledge of hair cutting, blow-drying and hairstyle design
	    • Possess knowledge of hairstyle design, including:
	        • Effects of four basic forms of cutting
	        • Matching face shapes and facial features with hairstyles
	        • Relationship between hair texture and hairstyle
	        • Matching professional and clothing with hairstyles
	        • Matching occasions with hairstyles
	        • Matching age and gender with hairstyles
	    • Understand the effects of the mixed use of four basic forms of cutting
	    • Understand the characteristics of layered cutting for different hair lengths
	    • Understand hairstyle design techniques and their noting points for different hair growth patterns, e.g.: sideburns, upper hairline at the back of the neck, different types of baldness, etc.
	    • Know about the using techniques and effects of different cutting tools, e.g.:
	        • Scissors/shear
	        • Teaser/razor
	        • Clipper/electric clipper
	        • Basic hair cutting techniques, e.g.: blunt cut, scissors-over-comb, thinning, point cut and slide cut, etc.
	    • Possess knowledge of blow-drying and styling, including:
	        • Functions of different blow-drying and styling tools and techniques of using them
	        • Cleaning and maintenance of different blow-drying and styling tools
	    • Understand the blow-drying techniques for different hairstyles
	    • Understand the effects and the correct and safe use of different styling products
	    • Know about short hair cutting and blow-drying techniques, including:
	    • Relationship between the four layers from the length of 0cm to 15cm (approx. 6") and the increase of angles
	    • Trimming hair ends
	    • Know about the cutting and blow-drying techniques for classic hairstyles for men, e.g.: flattop, pompadour, crew cut, etc.
	    • Understand how to communicate with and listen to customers in order to understand their needs
	2. Apply hair cutting and blow-drying techniques
	    • Choose appropriate hair cutting and blow-drying tools and styling products according to customer requirements
	    • Apply hair cutting and blow-drying techniques to complete hairstyles required by taking into consideration of factors such as the requirements, individual face shapes, facial features and hair textures of different customers, etc.; or by making reference to hairstyle photos; and according to codes of practice for personal and working hygiene for customers
	    • Observe if there are any side effects occurred to customers during the service, and make remedies according to established procedures
	    • Examine and retouch the hair cutting and blow-drying effects
	    • Explain the aftercare to customers

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Competency	3. Exhibit professionalism • Ensure the correct use of related electrical equipment and the prevention of electrical hazards in daily routines
Assessment Criteria	The integrated outcome requirements of this UoC are the abilities to: • Master customer communication techniques in order to understand customer requirements on hairstyles; • Master the effects and the use of different hair cutting and blow-drying tools and styling products to help design hairstyles; and • Master hair cutting and blow-drying techniques, and follow customer requirements or make reference to hairstyle photos to complete hairstyles required by the customers within reasonable time.
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