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You will find included in this book our career pathway which clearly illustrates a number of career options available. You can use this tool as you assist your learners in planning their dream career. Free copies are available to download through these links: itecworld.co.uk/pathways or vtct.org.uk/pathways.

In addition to listing the qualifications available from 1 September 2020, we've included a brief description for each qualification. More in-depth information on these qualifications can be found on our websites through these links: itecworld.co.uk/find-a-qualification or vtct.org.uk/find-a-qualification.

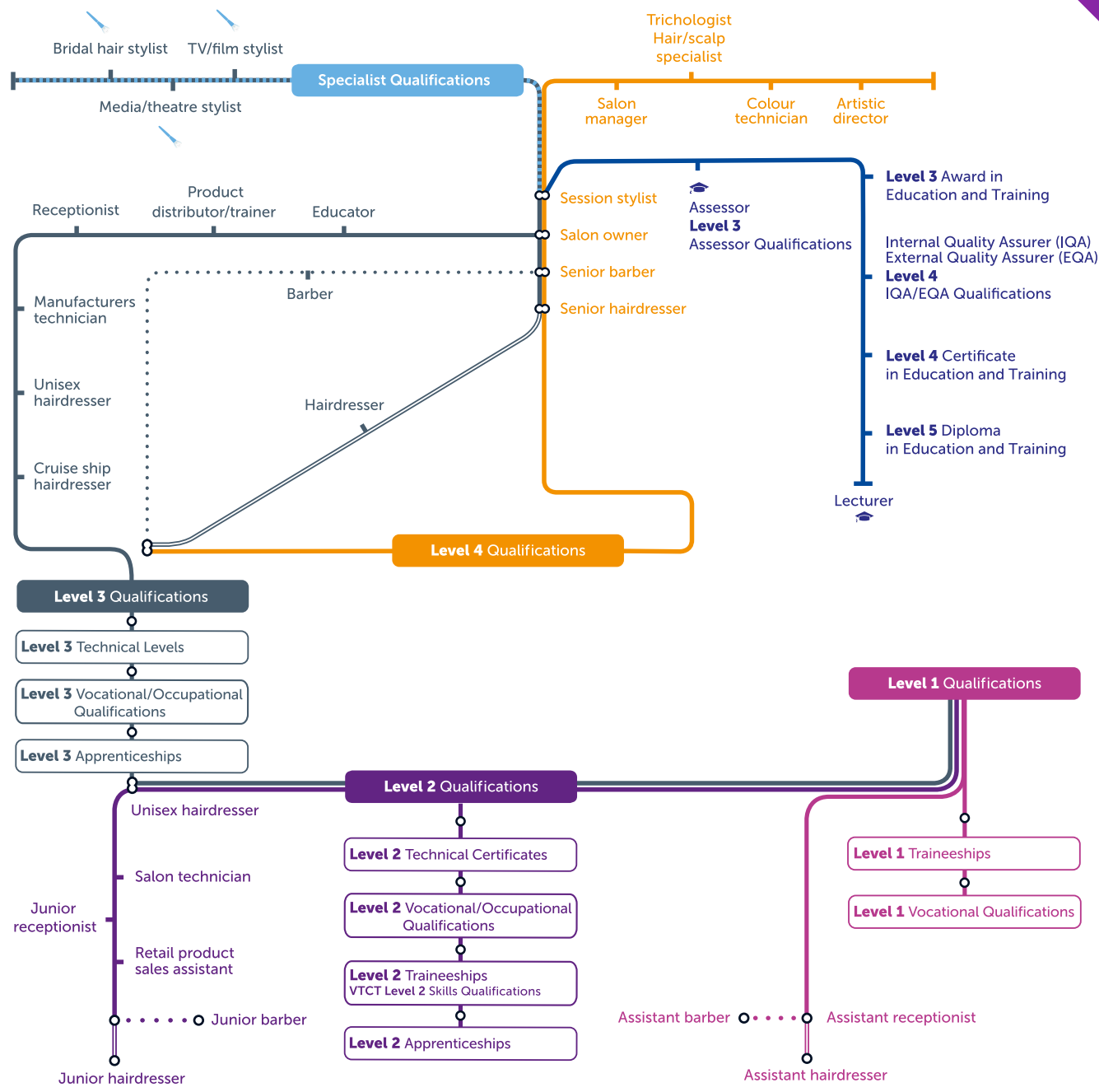


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Barbering Career Paths



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Technical Certificate

Practical qualifications at Level 2 for 16-19 year olds, approved by the Department for Education and eligible for performance table reporting.

QN	Product Code	Qualification Title (See below for qualification details)
Technical Certificate Level 2		
603/0201/X	HB2D2	VTCT Level 2 Diploma in Barbering
603/0202/1	HB2ED2	VTCT Level 2 Extended Diploma in Barbering

Technical Certificate Level 2

- **VTCT Level 2 Diploma in Barbering – HB2D2**

This is a technical certificate qualification aimed at learners aged 16-19 who require a full-time level 2 education programme and wish to pursue a career as an employed and/or self-employed junior men's hairdresser/barber.

TQT 378 GLH 330

- **VTCT Level 2 Extended Diploma in Barbering – HB2ED2**

This is a technical certificate qualification aimed at learners aged 16-19 who require a full-time level 2 education programme and wish to pursue a career as an employed and/or self-employed as a junior men's hairdresser/barber.

TQT 481 GLH 420



Technical Level Qualification (TLQ)

Practical qualifications at Level 3 for 16-19 year olds, approved by the Department for Education and eligible for performance table reporting and UCAS points.

QN	Product Code	Qualification Title (See below for qualification details)
Technical Level Qualification (TLQ) Level 3		
601/6992/8	HB3D2	VTCT Level 3 Diploma in Barbering
601/6993/X	HB3ED2	VTCT Level 3 Extended Diploma in Barbering

Technical Level Qualification (TLQ) Level 3

• VTCT Level 3 Diploma in Barbering – HB3D2

This is a technical level qualification aimed at 16-18 learners who are in a full-time level 3 education programme and wish to pursue a career as an employed and/or self-employed senior barber or senior men's hairdresser/stylist.

TQT 456 GLH 370

• VTCT Level 3 Extended Diploma in Barbering – HB3ED2












This is a technical level qualification aimed at 16-18 learners who are in a full-time level 3 education programme and wish to pursue a career as an employed and/or self-employed senior barber or senior men's hairdresser/stylist.


TQT 537 GLH 435




VRQ

Vocationally Related Qualifications, often classroom taught, broader in scope than NVQs and leading to further training or employment in a related sector.

QN	Product Code	Qualification Title (See below for qualification details)
VRQ Level 2		
500/9752/0	 AM20169	VTCT Level 2 Award in Preventing Contact Dermatitis
601/0228/7	 AM20528	VTCT Level 2 Award in Preparing to Run a Hair and Beauty Business
603/4486/6	 iHB2A6	VTCT (ITEC) Level 2 Award in Single Knotting
603/4487/8	 iHB2A7	VTCT (ITEC) Level 2 Award in Weaving a Two String Weft
500/8733/2	 AH20044	VTCT Level 2 Certificate in Colouring Hair
500/8730/7	AH20045	VTCT Level 2 Certificate in Barbering
603/4484/2	iHB2C5	VTCT (ITEC) Level 2 Certificate in Barbering
603/4490/8	 iHB2C7	VTCT (ITEC) Level 2 Certificate in Wig Making
500/9040/9	AH20040	VTCT Level 2 Diploma in Barbering
600/1065/4	 AH20225	VTCT Level 2 Diploma in Women's and Men's Hairdressing
600/8707/9	AH20505	VTCT Level 2 Diploma in Barbering Studies
603/4482/9	 iHB2D8	VTCT (ITEC) Level 2 Diploma in Hairdressing and Barbering
603/5113/5	 iHB2D12	VTCT (ITEC) Level 2 Diploma in Barbering
VRQ Level 3		
603/4494/5	iHB3A4	VTCT (ITEC) Level 3 Award in Provide Shaving Services
500/8731/9	AH30055	VTCT Level 3 Certificate in Barbering
603/4479/9	iHB3C2	VTCT (ITEC) Level 3 Certificate in Barbering
600/1484/2	AH30240	VTCT Level 3 Diploma in Barbering
VRQ Level 4		
600/4914/5	AH40419	VTCT Level 4 Award in Creative Male Grooming
603/4533/0	 iHB4C1	VTCT (ITEC) Level 4 Certificate in Trichology for Hairdressers
600/1397/7	 AM40237	VTCT Level 4 Diploma in Salon Management
601/8341/X	HB4D1	VTCT Level 4 Diploma in Advanced Techniques and Management Practice in Hairdressing

 This is a combined qualification offered in Hairdressing and Beauty.

 This is a combined qualification offered in Barbering and Hairdressing.

VRQ Level 2

- **VTCT Level 2 Award in Preventing Contact Dermatitis – AM20169** B

This is a course that has been specifically designed to develop the knowledge and understanding of the characteristics and causes of the ever increasing skin condition of contact dermatitis, and how it can be prevented if you work in the hair and beauty industries.

Credits **1** TQT **10** GLH **9**

- **VTCT Level 2 Award in Preparing to Run a Hair and Beauty Business – AM20528** B

This qualification has been specially designed to enable learners to gain the skills, knowledge and understanding required to be a successful beauty therapy or hairdressing entrepreneur, including an awareness of the benefits and risks involved in running their own business.

Credits **3** TQT **30** GLH **20**

- **VTCT (ITEC) Level 2 Award in Single Knotting – iHB2A6** H

The main aim of the VTCT (ITEC) Level 2 Award in Single Knotting is to enable learners to gain the necessary practical and theoretical skills required in order to provide wig making services. The qualification is suitable for learners aged 16 and over and is designed to provide occupational competence at level 2. It also provides a sound platform into further learning at level 3 and 4.

Credits **5** TQT **50** GLH **30**

- **VTCT (ITEC) Level 2 Award in Weaving a Two String Weft – iHB2A7** H

The main aim of the VTCT (ITEC) Level 2 Award in Weaving a Two String Weft is to enable learners to gain the necessary practical and theoretical skills required in order to provide wig making services. The qualification is suitable for learners aged 16 and over and is designed to provide occupational competence at level 2. It also provides a sound platform into further learning at level 3.

Credits **4** TQT **40** GLH **30**

- **VTCT Level 2 Certificate in Colouring Hair – AH20044** H

This is a qualification that has been specifically designed to develop practical skills in the creative art of colouring and lightening hair and how to provide an effective consultation service for clients.

Credits **16** TQT **160** GLH **145**

- **VTCT Level 2 Certificate in Barbering – AH20045**

This is a vocational qualification that has been designed to develop a limited number of barbering skills to a high level of occupational ability and will prepare learners to enter the men's hairdressing sector as a unisex hairdresser.

Credits **16** TQT **160** GLH **137**

- **VTCT (ITEC) Level 2 Certificate in Barbering – iHB2C5**

The main aim of the VTCT (ITEC) Level 2 Certificate in Barbering is to enable learners to gain the necessary practical skills and knowledge required by the barbering industry. The qualification is suitable for learners aged 16 and over and is designed to provide occupational competence at level 2. It also provides a sound platform into further learning at level 3.

Credits **16** TQT **160** GLH **137**

B This is a combined qualification offered in Hairdressing and Beauty.

H This is a combined qualification offered in Barbering and Hairdressing.

• **VTCT (ITEC) Level 2 Certificate in Wig Making – iHB2C7** ⓘ

The main aim of the VTCT (ITEC) Level 2 Certificate in Wig Making is to enable learners to gain the necessary practical and theoretical skills required in order to provide wig making services. The qualification is suitable for learners aged 16 and over and is designed to provide occupational competence at level 2. It also provides a sound platform into further learning at level 3.

Credits **13** TQT **130** GLH **77**

• **VTCT Level 2 Diploma in Barbering – AH20040**

This qualification includes all the required elements to work effectively as a junior men's hairdresser including health and safety, client consultation, shampooing and conditioning hair, the research unit – working in the hair industry, basic cutting including facial hair and styling men's hair.

Credits **53** TQT **530** GLH **466**

• **VTCT Level 2 Diploma in Women's and Men's Hairdressing – AH20225** ⓘ

This qualification includes all the required elements to work effectively as a junior unisex hairdresser/stylist including health and safety, client consultation, shampooing and conditioning hair, cut womens' hair, the art of dressing hair, cutting men's hair and cutting facial hair.

Credits **52** TQT **520** GLH **445**

• **VTCT Level 2 Diploma in Barbering Studies – AH20505**

This qualification has been specifically designed for the 16-19 age group and it builds on existing knowledge and understanding of barbering/hairdressing or will develop a complete repertoire of technical skills to prepare learners for employment as a junior men's hairdresser. Learners will have their barbering skills assessed in a real or realistic working environment.

Credits **40** TQT **400** GLH **345**

• **VTCT (ITEC) Level 2 Diploma in Hairdressing and Barbering – iHB2D8** ⓘ

The main aim of the VTCT (ITEC) Level 2 Diploma in Hairdressing and Barbering is to enable learners to gain the necessary practical skills and knowledge required by the hairdressing industry. The qualification is suitable for learners aged 16 and over and is designed to provide occupational competence at level 2. It also provides a sound platform into further learning at level 3.

Credits **52** TQT **520** GLH **442**

• **VTCT (ITEC) Level 2 Diploma in Barbering – iHB2D12** ⓘ

The main aim of the VTCT (ITEC) Level 2 Diploma in Hairdressing and Barbering is to enable learners to gain the necessary practical skills and knowledge required by the hairdressing industry. The qualification is suitable for learners aged 16 and over and is designed to provide occupational competence at level 2. It also provides a sound platform into further learning at level 3.

TQT **520** GLH **389**

VRQ Level 3

• **VTCT (ITEC) Level 3 Award in Provide Shaving Services – iHB3A4**

The main aim of the VTCT (ITEC) Level 3 Award in Provide Shaving Services is to enable learners to gain the necessary practical and theoretical skills required by the barbering industry. The qualification is suitable for learners aged 16 and over and is designed to provide occupational competence at level 3. It also provides a sound platform into further learning at level 3 and 4.

Credits **3** TQT **30** GLH **30**

- **VTCT Level 3 Certificate in Barbering – AH30055**

This is a qualification that has been specifically designed to develop practical skills to an advanced level through a variety of techniques including creatively cutting men's hair and the intricate specialist work of cutting facial hair.

Credits **13** TQT **130** GLH **105**

- **VTCT (ITEC) Level 3 Certificate in Barbering – iHB3C2**

The main aim of the VTCT (ITEC) Level 3 Certificate in Barbering is to enable learners to gain the necessary practical skills and knowledge in order to provide barbering services to the general public and to gain employment in the barbering industry. The qualification is suitable for learners aged 16 and over and is designed to provide occupational competence at level 3. It also provides a sound platform into further training at level 4.

Credits **31** TQT **310** GLH **267**

- **VTCT Level 3 Diploma in Barbering – AH30240**

This qualification includes all the required elements to work effectively as an advanced men's hairdresser including health and safety, client consultation, advanced cutting and selling products and services to clients.

Credits **52** TQT **520** GLH **431**

VRQ Level 4

- **VTCT Level 4 Award in Creative Male Grooming – AH40419**

This is a vocational qualification that has been specifically designed to develop and showcase practical barbering skills to an advanced level.

Credits **10** TQT **100** GLH **72**

- **VTCT (ITEC) Level 4 Certificate in Trichology for Hairdressers- iHB4C1 ^H**

The main aim of the VTCT (ITEC) Level 4 Certificate in Trichology for Hairdressers is to enable learners to gain the necessary practical and theoretical skills in order to provide hair and scalp services. The qualification is suitable for learners aged 19 and over and is designed to provide occupational competence at level 4.

Credits **34** TQT **340** GLH **268**

- **VTCT Level 4 Diploma in Salon Management – AM40237 ^B**

This is a vocationally related qualification and includes all the required elements to work effectively as a salon manager.

Credits **59** TQT **590** GLH **301**

- **VTCT Level 4 Diploma in Advanced Techniques and Management Practice in Hairdressing – HB4D1 ^H**

This qualification is ideal for experienced and qualified hairdressing professionals who work unsupervised, possibly in a supervisory or managerial role, and have a high level of relevant knowledge and skills.

Credits **68** TQT **680** GLH **425**

^B This is a combined qualification offered in Hairdressing and Beauty.

^H This is a combined qualification offered in Barbering and Hairdressing.

NVQ

Assessed in the workplace and based on National Occupational Standards, generally leading to a specific occupation.

QN	Product Code	Qualification Title (See below for qualification details)
NVQ Level 1		
500/7527/5	 AH10146	VTCT Level 1 NVQ Certificate in Hairdressing and Barbering
601/5885/2	 HB1N1	VTCT Level 1 NVQ Certificate in Hairdressing and Barbering
NVQ Level 2		
600/3210/8	AH20276	VTCT Level 2 NVQ Award in Cutting Men's Hair
600/3485/3	AH20283	VTCT Level 2 NVQ Award in Shampooing, Conditioning and Treating the Hair and Scalp
600/3491/9	AH20285	VTCT Level 2 NVQ Award in Styling and Finishing Hair
500/7356/4	AH20149	VTCT Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Barbering
601/5887/6	HB2N1	VTCT Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Barbering
NVQ Level 3		
500/7386/2	AH30151	VTCT Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Barbering
601/5888/8	HB3N1	VTCT Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Barbering

NVQ Level 1

• VTCT Level 1 NVQ Certificate in Hairdressing and Barbering – AH10146

This qualification includes all the required elements to work effectively as an assistant junior hairdresser or barber including shampooing and conditioning hair, preparing for hair services, preparing the work area, and assisting in the monitoring of health and safety practices in the salon.

Credits **20** TQT **200** GLH **196**

• VTCT Level 1 NVQ Certificate in Hairdressing and Barbering – HB1N1

The purpose of this qualification is to provide the knowledge, skills and understanding to be a hairdressing or barbering assistant.

Credits **23** TQT **230** GLH **208**

NVQ Level 2

• VTCT Level 2 NVQ Award in Cutting Men's Hair – AH20276

This qualification is about the precision cutting skills involved in barbering to achieve a variety of looks and neckline finishes for men using club cutting, scissors over comb, clippers over comb, thinning and freehand techniques.

Credits **8** TQT **80** GLH **80**

• **VTCT Level 2 NVQ Award in Shampooing, Conditioning and Treating the Hair and Scalp – AH20283**

Through this qualification, learners will learn the skill of shampooing, conditioning and treating the hair and scalp using a variety of products and massage techniques. Being able to identify the condition of their client's hair, skin and scalp will determine which products and massage techniques to use.

Credits **4** TQT **40** GLH **36**

• **VTCT Level 2 NVQ Award in Styling and Finishing Hair – AH20285**

Through this qualification learners will develop the skill of blow-drying, finger drying and finishing techniques on variety of hair types and lengths. Being able to identify the capability of their client's hair will allow them to choose from a range of products, tools and equipment to complete the look.

Credits **6** TQT **60** GLH **50**

• **VTCT Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Barbering – AH20149**

This qualification includes all the required elements to work effectively as a junior barber including health and safety, client consultation, shampooing and conditioning hair, basic hair cuts, blowdry and finishing and cutting facial hair to shape.

Credits **37** TQT **370** GLH **333**

• **VTCT Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Barbering – HB2N1**

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 advise and consult, and provide a range of cutting and barbering services specifically for men's hair, which includes shaving and creating facial hair shapes. 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.

Credits **53** TQT **530** GLH **452**

NVQ Level 3

• **VTCT Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Barbering – AH30151**

This qualification includes all the required elements to work effectively as an advanced barber including health and safety, client consultation, creative hair cutting, designing and creating facial hair shapes, and selling products and services to clients.

Credits **47** TQT **470** GLH **334**

• **VTCT Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Barbering – HB3N1**


This qualification covers the specific skills necessary to work as a senior hairdresser in the men's/barber hairdressing industry. The qualification builds on existing knowledge and understanding of hairdressing and develops more detailed and enhanced technical skills necessary for employment. Learners skills and techniques will be assessed in a real working environment.

Credits **66** TQT **660** GLH **530**



SVQ

Qualifications for Scotland – assessed in the workplace and based on National Occupational Standards, generally leading to a specific occupation.

QN	Product Code	Qualification Title (See below for qualification details)
SCQF Level 4		
GL0M 21	 HB4S1	SVQ 1 in Hairdressing and Barbering at SCQF Level 4
SCQF Level 5		
GL0N 22	HB5S2	SVQ 2 in Barbering at SCQF Level 5
SCQF Level 6		
GP2M 46	HB6S2	SVQ Barbering at SCQF Level 6

SCQF Level 4

• SVQ 1 in Hairdressing and Barbering at SCQF Level 4 – HB4S1

The purpose of this qualification is to provide the knowledge, skills and understanding to be a hairdressing or barbering assistant. The mandatory units are shampoo and condition hair, preparing for hair services and maintaining the work area, contributing to the development of effective working relationships and blow-drying hair.

SCQF Level 5

• SVQ 2 in Barbering at SCQF Level 5 – HB5S2

The purpose of this qualification is to provide the knowledge, skills and understanding to be a junior barber. The mandatory units are advise and consult with clients, shampoo, condition and treat the hair and scalp, develop and maintain the learners effectiveness at work, cut hair using basic barbering techniques, cut facial hair to shape using basic techniques, dry and finish men's hair and create basic outlines and detailing in hair.

SCQF Level 6

• SVQ Barbering at SCQF Level 6 – HB6S2

The purpose of this qualification is to provide the learner with the knowledge, skills and understanding to be a barber. This qualification is designed for learners aged 16 years or over and has both mandatory and optional units



Apprenticeship Standards (England)

Apprenticeships aim to develop the professional knowledge, skills and behaviour required for a specific job role. You will learn both theory and practical knowledge that will create the foundation for your career. It's important to know there are three stages of the Apprenticeship Standard which are known as 1) On-Programme, 2) Gateway and 3) End-point Assessment.

To find out more, visit vtct.org.uk/apprenticeships

QN	Product Code	Qualification Title (See below for qualification details)
Apprenticeship Standards		
603/1324/9	HB2D3	VTCT Level 2 Diploma for Hair Professionals (Barbering)

• VTCT Level 2 Diploma for Hair Professionals (Barbering) – HB2D3

On completion of this qualification, learners will be able to shampoo and condition hair, cut hair using barbering techniques, style and finish hair, cut facial hair into shape and provide shaving services for men. Learners will be able to work with all hair types ranging from straight hair to very curly, wiry hair. Learners will also be able to carry out consultations with clients, demonstrate the professionalism, values, behaviours, communication skills and safe working practices associated with their role and be able to work without supervision to a high level of precision, with exceptional client care skills.

Please note: only for sale as part of the new professional apprenticeship.

TQT 644 GLH 520

Apprenticeship Packages (Wales)

Packages comprising the necessary elements to complete an Apprenticeship.

A VTCT Apprenticeship package in Wales includes a competence qualification, a knowledge qualification and employment rights and responsibilities (ERR) (where applicable).

Product Code	Qualification Title (See below for qualification details)
Apprenticeship Packages (Wales) Foundation	
AI20106	Foundation Apprenticeship in Barbering (Wales)
Apprenticeship Packages (Wales)	
AA30107	Apprenticeship in Barbering (Wales)



Functional Skills

Qualifications which teach post-16 and adult learners in England how to apply practical Maths, English and ICT skills to real-life and vocational contexts.

QN	Product Code	Qualification Title (See below for qualification details)
Functional Skills Level 1		
603/4608/5	RFSE1	Skillsfirst Level 1 Functional Skills Qualification in English
603/4807/0	RFSM1	Skillsfirst Level 1 Functional Skills Qualification in Mathematics
501/1438/4	FSI01	Skillsfirst Functional Skills Qualification in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) at Level 1
Functional Skills Level 2		
603/4606/1	RFSE2	Skillsfirst Level 2 Functional Skills Qualification in English
603/4808/2	RFSM2	Skillsfirst Level 2 Functional Skills Qualification in Mathematics
501/1314/8	FSI02	Skillsfirst Functional Skills Qualification in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) at Level 2



Core Skills

Qualifications covering the five skills most needed in many work environments, available at levels 3 to 6 of the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework.

QN	Product Code	Qualification Title (See below for qualification details)
SCQF Level 3		
H8JM 04	NL3C1	Numeracy at SCQF Level 3
H8JT 04	NL3C5	Communication at SCQF Level 3
H8JY 04	NL3C9	Information and Communication Technology at SCQF Level 3
H8K3 04	NL3C13	Problem Solving at SCQF Level 3
H8K7 04	NL3C17	Working with Others at SCQF Level 3
SCQF Level 4		
H8JN 04	NL4C2	Numeracy at SCQF Level 4
H8JV 04	NL4C6	Communication at SCQF Level 4
H8K0 04	NL4C10	Information and Communication Technology at SCQF Level 4
H8K4 04	NL4C14	Problem Solving at SCQF Level 4
H8K8 04	NL4C18	Working with Others at SCQF Level 4
SCQF Level 5		
H8JP 04	NL5C3	Numeracy at SCQF Level 5
H8JW 04	NL5C7	Communication at SCQF Level 5
H8K1 04	NL5C11	Information and Communication Technology at SCQF Level 5
H8K5 04	NL5C15	Problem Solving at SCQF Level 5
H8K9 04	NL5C19	Working with Others at SCQF Level 5
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H8JR 04	NL6C4	Numeracy at SCQF Level 6
H8JX 04	NL6C8	Communication at SCQF Level 6
H8K2 04	NL6C12	Information and Communication Technology at SCQF Level 6
H8K6 04	NL6C16	Problem Solving at SCQF Level 6
H8KA 04	NL6C20	Working with Others at SCQF Level 6



Glossary of Terms

The following terms are used throughout this book. Please see below for clarification on any of these terms. If you find you still have additional questions about any of our qualification listings, please contact [Customer Support](#).

Award: This describes the size of a qualification in terms of Total Qualification Time (TQT) (comprising both supervised and unsupervised study) required by an average learner. An Award has a TQT of 120 hours or less.

Certificate: This describes the size of a qualification in terms of Total Qualification Time (TQT) (comprising both supervised and un-supervised study) required by an average learner. A Certificate has a TQT of 121-369 hours.

Credits: This is the number of credits awarded upon successful achievement of all unit outcomes. Credit is a numerical value that represents a means of recognising, measuring, valuing and comparing achievement.

Diploma: This describes the size of a qualification in terms of Total Qualification Time (TQT) (comprising both supervised and un-supervised study) required by an average learner. A Diploma has a TQT of 370 hours or more.

GLH: This refers to **Guided Learning Hours**. These are defined as all times when a member of staff is present to give specific guidance towards the learning aim being studied on a programme. It includes any activity of a learner in being taught or instructed by – or otherwise participating in education or training under the immediate guidance or supervision of – a lecturer, supervisor, tutor or other appropriate provider of education or training. No learner is required to take a certain amount of time; some may take less and some may take more time. Qualifications can sit at different levels, but require similar or different amounts of study and assessment time.

Product Code: This is a unique, identifying code which is assigned to every qualification. The code identifies the sector, level and qualification type. You can learn more about product codes here: itecworld.co.uk/qualification-product-codes.

QN: This is the unique number assigned to a qualification upon successful submission to Ofqual's Register of Regulated Qualifications.

Qualification Title: Some qualifications have had title amendments to ensure they are most representative of the qualification's content.

TQT: This is the **Total Qualification Time**, a term used within qualifications regulated by Ofqual as part of the Regulated Qualification Framework (RQF). It aims to provide an indication of the minimum length of time it would take the average learner to complete their qualification. This includes the number of hours an awarding organisation has assigned to a qualification for Guided Learning and an estimate of the number of hours a learner will reasonably be likely to spend in preparation, study, or any other form of participation in education or training. This includes assessment, which takes place as directed – but, unlike Guided Learning, not under the immediate guidance or supervision of – a lecturer, supervisor, tutor or other appropriate provider of education or training.



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