



What is the Level 4 Entry Criteria

- The Level 4 in Skin Rejuvenation has been developed for students with a recognised Level 3 qualification in Beauty therapy. This allows them to enter the pathway to progress academically up to Level 7 in the field of **Microneedling and Chemical Peels**.

What is Covered at Level 4?

- **Level 4:** Facial Microneedling (0- 0.5mm); Non-Facial Microneedling (0-1.0mm); Very Superficial Chemical Peels to the Stratum Corneum

Is this Certification Scheme in line with Latest Cosmetic Guidelines?

- The IQ Verify Skin Rejuvenation programme has been developed against not just the older [HEE](#) guidelines and requirements, but also in alignment with the [CPSA](#) and more recent [JCCP](#) Competency Framework. For training and certification to stand the test of time, it must **ALWAYS** be in line with the latest cosmetic guidelines (from treatment specifics to documentation requirements).
- The IQ Verify Skin Rejuvenation programme meets the modality specific level requirements identified within the JCCP Education Standards. The JCCP state within these standards that only Skin Rejuvenation Training (Peels and Microneedling) alongside LIPLD required an academic Level of 4-6. If alternative treatments are offered at this level, the training package or course on offer does not meet the latest guidelines.

Is this Certification Scheme UKAS Accredited at Level 4?

- The first stage in this progression framework – the Level 4 in Skin Rejuvenation Techniques for Aesthetic Practitioners -is accredited by UKAS (the United Kingdom Accreditation Service). No other aesthetic framework in the UK has this achievement.

Who are UKAS?

The United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS) is the sole national accreditation body for the United Kingdom. UKAS is recognised by government, to assess against internationally agreed standards, organisations that provide certification, testing, inspection and calibration services.

Accreditation by UKAS demonstrates the competence, impartiality and performance capability of Certification Bodies. In short, UKAS 'checks the checkers'. UKAS is a non-profit-distributing private company, limited by guarantee. UKAS is independent of Government.

How is this Certification Scheme Internationally Recognised?

- The IQ Verify Level 4 in Skin Rejuvenation has been developed against an internationally recognised standard (ISO17024:2012). This is the recognised standard for personnel competency in over 70 countries around the world. No other aesthetics training framework on the market has been developed or accredited in alignment with this ISO standard.



Does this Certification Allow Entry to the Part B of the JCCP Practitioner Register?

- The IQ Verify Level 4 in Skin Rejuvenation has now been accepted by the JCCP as suitable for entry to Part B of the practitioners register. No other accredited Level 4 framework currently on the market can make this claim- let alone one accredited against an international standard.

Who Delivers This Certification Scheme?

- Using trained auditors, IQ Verify audit all prospective training centres against the CPSA Skin Rejuvenation and Overarching Standards. This audit takes a minimum of 3.5 days and ensures the training centre are equipped to deliver best practice from day one- from policies and procedures to equipment, resuscitation requirements and procedure room layout. No other certification body or awarding organisation deploys such stringent measures of quality assurance - meaning learners can be reassured they are in safe hands with an IQ Verify provider from day one.
- There are currently two Learning Providers approved by IQ Verify to deliver their Skin Rejuvenation programmes in the UK.

I have done these procedures previously- Is there any sort of RPL available for Level 4?

RPL – Recognised Prior Learning

- Yes. IQ Verify have defined RPL criteria within their Level 4 scheme document – the specification for this programme. Learning providers will work with their candidates to ensure that they can meet this criteria (i.e. meet the specific evidence requirements) prior to submitting RPL student registrations with IQ Verify (see RPL template for guidance)
- RPL will replace the need to complete 12 new mentored treatments (4x facial microneedling, 4x non-facial microneedling and 4x very superficial chemical peels).
- RPL candidates will still need to complete all of the examinations (simulated clinical, non-simulated clinical and MCQs at Level 4).
- Candidates who cannot meet the RPL criteria will be mentored on a 2:1 basis by an experienced clinical supervisor who will guide them through the 12 mentored treatments described previously.

What Is Happening with Levels 5-7?

- Entry to Level 5 relies upon prior certification against Level 4 (and so on).
- Whilst Levels 5-7 are available, they are not currently UKAS accredited. However, they are being submitted by IQ Verify for UKAS accreditation. UKAS uniquely require pilot students to form the basis of their accreditation decisions and so it will always be the case that a programme will run for a period of time un-accredited before it becomes accredited. This proactive approach ensures that certifications that meet accreditation requirements are of the highest standards.
- Learners graduating at L5-7 can have their certificates topped up once IQ Verify have achieved accreditation for each level, this may / may not require the learner to submit some additional work to meet the certification requirements that are finally accredited. As such, there is no real downside for enrolling pre-accreditation as it will ensure that you are one of the first to receive the accredited certificate when the accreditation process is complete. Your work may even be reviewed by the United Kingdom Accreditation Service as part of this process!



What is Covered at Levels 5 – 7?

- **Level 5:** Facial Microneedling (0.5- 1.0mm); Non-Facial Microneedling (1.0- 1.5mm); Superficial Chemical Peels to the Mid-Epidermis
- **Level 6:** Facial Microneedling (1.0- 1.5mm); Non-Facial Microneedling (1.5- 2.0mm); Grenz Depth Chemical Peels
- **Level 7:** Medium Depth Chemical Peels

What is the Registration Process?

1. Choose your approved IQ Verify Learning Provider.
2. Submit evidence to this provider confirming your suitability for enrolment (Recognised Level 3 beauty qualification, Native English Speaker/ IELTS 6.5 (or equivalent)).
3. Pay your course fees.
4. Confirm whether you will be undertaking an RPL or non-RPL route- working with the learning provider in either instance to verify the application.
5. Sign and submit your registration, entry evidence and declaration to IQ Verify, the certification provider. Your learning provider will assist you with this process*

**Please Note: It can take up to 14 days to be allocated to your cohort following completion of stage 5 above.*

6. Receive eLearning for the course to work through independently at your own pace. The eLearning will be assigned to your electronic student profile and is part of a broader learning package within which you will also document and upload your mentoring and examination evidence as required (see examination section below). This is referred to as a Learning Management System (LMS).
7. If you are a non-RPL student, complete your required 12 2:1 mentored clinical treatments as outlined above. If you are an RPL student, skip to the below.
8. Schedule your examinations with your learning provider at a time that suits you (see below).

What are the Examinations?

There are three distinct forms of examination at Level 4:

- **Competency Exam 1-** Simulated Exercises/ OSCEs: For the examination of clinical skills unsafe or unfeasible within a clinical environment (e.g. complication management, adverse effects and follow up consultations). These take the form of an examined group case discussion and reflection with a maximum of 4 students for every one trainer and examiner. This will take **up to two hours to complete.**
- **Competency Exam 2-** Clinical Examinations: A 1:1 examination of clinical competency on a real patient. You will deliver 1x full treatment for each of Microneedling (0-0.5mm Facial and 0-1.0mm Non-Facial) and Very Superficial Chemical Peels and be graded on your performance by a qualified clinical examiner. Should the examiner need to intervene / help, you will need to repeat the exam. This will take **approximately 1 hour per treatment / approx. 3 hours in total.**



- **Knowledge Exam** - MCQs: 168 multiple choice question each with one correct answer. This is split into three papers and the combined pass mark for this is **75%**.
Each exam paper **(x3) will take one hour each / 3 hours in total** and can be run in an exam hall back to back or with a break between each sitting.
- Competency Exams 1 and 2 are documented by all persons (student, mentor and/ or examiner) within your electronic student profile/ LMS.
- At Level 5-7 the general structure is the same (clinical exam per treatment modality, simulations and knowledge examination) although increasingly you will be required to write academically/ complete extended matching questions in place of the MCQs to examine higher order knowledge.

How are Results Issued?

- Four IQ Verify standardisation and decision making meetings will be held per year to review candidate assessment evidence and to conclude results. All examinations per candidate must be submitted for a candidate to be eligible for consideration.
- Results will be issued within 31 days following each of these submission deadlines

Submission Deadline	Results Released By*
31 st December	31 st January
31 st March	30 th April
30 th June	31 st July
30 th September	31 st October

**IQ Verify reserves the right to withhold results in the case of there being specific concerns.*

What is Recertification?

- All ISO aligned programmes require recertification to ensure the original certification is maintained over time. IQ Verify Skin Rejuvenation uniquely requires recertification every three years to ensure the highest standards in skin rejuvenation practice are truly upheld.
- IQ Verify recertification requirements are based on the CPSA ongoing appraisal requirements.
- JCCP registration is tied to the maintenance of this certification. If your certification lapses, so too will your listing on Part B of the JCCP Practitioner Register.
- Recertification provides **professional accountability** through ongoing certificate ownership- a much needed attribute for non-healthcare professionals.
- To recertify at Level 4 a candidate must submit the following every three years:
 - A CPD logbook containing 50hours of post-graduation CPD relevant to Skin Rejuvenation
 - A competency logbook of post-graduation clinical practice evidencing:
 - The safe conduct of 10x single agent chemical peel treatments
 - The safe conduct of 10x combination chemical peel treatments
 - The safe conduct of 12x 0-0.5mm facial/ 0-1.0mm non-facial microneedling treatments
- Each candidate must also undertake a competency examination at an approved learning provider that mimics the examination taken at the point of initial certification-



“A 1:1 examination of clinical competency on a real patient. You will deliver 1x full treatment for each of Microneedling (0-0.5mm Facial and 0-1.0mm Non-Facial) and Very Superficial Chemical Peels and be graded on your performance by a qualified clinical examiner.”

- Your certification will be extended for a further three years if this evidence can be provided according to the certification scheme requirements.
- Recertification will only be required against the highest level achieved within the L4-7 progression framework.
- The cost of recertification is £300 plus an examination fee and evidence is collated within the same LMS as was used at initial certification.

No other framework can offer such benefits:

- ✓ Aligned to an international standard (ISO/IEC 17024:2012)
- ✓ UKAS accredited Level 4 Certification
- ✓ Level 4 accepted for access to Part B of the JCCP Practitioners Register
- ✓ Enables academic progression
- ✓ Guideline compliant at each and every stage
- ✓ Requires prospective learning providers to undertake and complete a full audit against the CPSA standards to promote safety and quality training provision
- ✓ Knowledge delivered remotely through eLearning, ideally suited to those working from home
- ✓ Ensures the maintenance of competency over time through ISO required recertification every three years

With all this available, why would you settle for any less?



RPL Requirements for IQ Verify Level 4 in Skin Rejuvenation Techniques for Aesthetic Practitioners

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) is a method of assessment that considers whether candidates can demonstrate that they can meet the assessment requirements for a unit through knowledge, understanding or skills they already possess and so not need to develop through a course of learning

RPL will only be accepted for clinical practice conducted by a candidate that occurred **prior** to their registration with IQ Verify that can meet specific documentation requirements (*see below*).

Candidates will be required to evidence the satisfactory completion of **all** of the following treatments to qualify for RPL:

- **(4x)** 0- 0.5mm Facial Microneedling
- **(4x)** 0- 1.0mm Non-Facial Microneedling
- **(4x)** Very Superficial Chemical Peels to the Stratum Corneum
- RPL will replace the need to complete 12 mentored treatments required within the certification scheme. RPL **will not** replace the need to complete any of the examinations (simulated clinical, non-simulated clinical and MCQs at Level 4).
- As part of the student enrolment process, learning providers must assess whether a candidate can qualify for RPL based on their available prior practice **evidence** (*see table below for requirements*).
- RPL evidence must be documented within the student LMS logbook - assigned following their registration with IQ Verify.
- IQ Verify must be notified of all RPL applications as part of the candidate registration process.

To help learning providers and students gauge whether they can qualify for RPL, please see below for an evidence checklist that must be available for **each** of the 12 treatments listed above.

Microneedling RPL Evidence Requirements (per treatment)	Evidence Available?
Own Name	Yes/ No
Date of Procedure	Yes/ No
Time of Procedure	Yes/ No
Treatment Description Skin Preparation; Local Anaesthetic Product; Local Anaesthetic Quantity; Product; Technique; Depth; Skin Quality/ Condition; Anatomical Site; Adverse Effects/ Reactions and Post-Treatment Instructions/ Aftercare	Yes/ No
Treatment Reflection	Yes/ No
Treatment Photography Before and after treatment photography must be taken for each logbook applicable clinical administration. Treatment photography must be standardised (e.g. background; client position; client facial expression; lighting; camera) and include AP/ PA and lateral views at a minimum. One pre and one post-treatment photograph must be included within the competency logbook, per clinical administration, to evidence the completion of the treatment.	Yes/ No
Declaration of Authenticity	Yes/ No



Chemical Peel RPL Evidence Requirements (per treatment)	Evidence Available?
Own Name	Yes/ No
Date of Procedure	Yes/ No
Time of Procedure	Yes/ No
Treatment Description Skin Preparation; Product Name; Batch Number; Strength; Skin Quality/ Condition; Length of Skin Contact Time; Depth of Peel; Anatomical Site; Adverse Effects/ Reactions and Post-Treatment Instructions/ Aftercare	Yes/ No
Treatment Reflection	Yes/ No
Treatment Photography Before and after treatment photography must be taken for each logbook applicable clinical administration. Treatment photography must be standardised (e.g. background; client position; client facial expression; lighting; camera) and include AP/ PA and lateral views at a minimum. One pre and one post-treatment photograph must be included within the competency logbook, per clinical administration, to evidence the completion of the treatment.	Yes/ No
Declaration of Authenticity	Yes/ No

- Learning providers are expected to assist RPL candidates to collate and develop this evidence in advance of their registration with IQ Verify.
- Where this evidence of prior practice cannot be provided, the candidate will be required to undertake the non-RPL based route of certification and complete these treatments under the supervision of an approved clinical mentor (2:1 student to tutor ratio).

For more information, please refer to the scheme document, available via the
IQ Verify website: www.iqverify.org.uk