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# Level 3

Diploma in  
Advanced Hairdressing

(610/4671/1)



Specification Pack

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## ABOUT NQUAL

NQual provides high-quality vocational and occupational qualifications designed to meet the needs of learners and employers.

At NQual we are committed to certificating current and relevant qualifications that meet the demands of today's ever-changing industries. Our dedication to staying at the forefront of knowledge ensures that our qualifications reflect the latest trends in your field of interest.

## QUALIFICATION SPECIFICATION

Qualification Specifications are used to inform and guide centres to deliver the qualification set out within this document. Information within this specification includes a qualification overview, unit breakdowns, assessment guidance and learning outcomes.

Alongside the specification, you will also find a qualification 'Fact Sheet'. These are used as handy tools to provide an overview of the qualifications.

## QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

The NQual Level 3 Diploma in Advanced Hairdressing is regulated by Ofqual.

- Qualification Number: 610/4671/1

### Overview

The NQual Level 3 Diploma in Advanced Hairdressing is an occupational qualification that equips learners with the advanced skills and knowledge needed required to work independently as a qualified hairdresser or a successful career within a salon environment. This qualification builds upon the foundation established at Level 2.

It will provide learners with the chance to develop theoretical knowledge and gain advanced technical skills in cutting, colouring and styling hair.

Upon completion of this qualification, learners will be more likely to gain employment opportunities, career progression, and advanced skill in treatment areas. This qualification will support progression within the hair industry.

This qualification has been mapped to the current National Occupational Standards: [www.ukstandards.org.uk/en](http://www.ukstandards.org.uk/en)

### Entry Requirements

- Minimum age 16
- Level 2 Diploma in Hairdressing

There are no further entry requirements for this qualification.

### Unit Guidance

Learners must achieve all mandatory units and at least 10 credits of optional units. The minimum credit value for this qualification is 60.

## Mandatory Units

Learners must achieve all mandatory units.

Unit Reference	Title	Level	GLH	Credit Value
A/651/2850	Health and Safety Practices in the Workplace	2	54	6
Y/651/2869	Hairdressing Consultation and Support For Colleagues	3	45	5
F/651/2870	Advanced Colouring Techniques	3	99	11
H/651/2871	Advanced Cutting Techniques	3	81	9
J/651/2872	Advanced Hair Styling and Finishing	3	63	7
K/651/2873	Advanced Hair Anatomy and Physiology	3	63	7
Y/651/2327	Professional Development and Personal Well-being	3	45	5

## Optional Units

Learners must achieve at least 10 credits of optional units.

Unit Reference	Title	Level	GLH	Credit Value
L/651/2874	Braid, Twist and Thread Wrap Hair	3	45	5
M/651/2875	Bridal Hairstyling	3	45	5
D/651/2860	Provide Hair Extension Services	3	54	6
R/651/2876	Hair Colour Correction	3	108	12
T/651/2877	Style Diverse Hair Types	3	54	6
J/651/2863	Provide Basic Business Support and Services	3	63	7
L/651/2865	Provide Hair Smoothing Services	2	54	6
H/651/2862	Set, Style and Dress Hair	2	54	6
K/651/2864	Using Social Media to Promote Services and Products	3	36	4
H/651/3186	Undertake Freelance Work	2	27	3

## Guided Learning Hours

These hours are made up of contact time, guidance or supervision from course tutors, trainers, or training providers. The minimum Guided Learning Hours for this qualification is 540.

## Total Qualification Time

This is an estimate of the total length of time it is expected that a learner will typically take to achieve and demonstrate the level of understanding required for the award of this qualification. This includes the Guided Learning Hours and time spent completing independent study.

The minimum Total Qualification Time for this qualification is 600.

## Delivery Options

NQual allows qualifications to be delivered both online and face-to-face. Please check the additional requirements with your Centre EQA if delivering qualifications online.

## Grading and Assessment

Assessment is used to measure a learner's skill or knowledge against the standards set in this qualification. This qualification is internally assessed and externally quality assured.

The assessment consists of:

- An internally assessed Portfolio of Evidence and externally quality assured by NQual.

A Portfolio of Evidence can contain:

- Observation Records
- Professional Discussion and/or Q&A records
- Written answers
- PowerPoint Presentations
- Feedback forms
- Worksheets
- Audio/ video recordings
- Images
- Witness Testimony

Please note this is not an exhaustive list.

Learners should have opportunities to practice skills-based criteria and outcomes, outside of their programme delivery.

Observations are favourable to demonstrate skills-based criteria however we also accept other assessment methods to demonstrate the ability to complete services/treatments.

## Approved Centre

To deliver any NQual qualification, each centre must be approved by NQual and meet the qualification approval criteria. The recognition process requires centres to implement policies and procedures to protect learners when undergoing NQual qualifications.

Approved centres must seek approval for each qualification they wish to offer.

The approval process requires centres to demonstrate that they have the resources, including staff, and processes in place to deliver and assess the qualification.

Once approved to offer this qualification, centres must register learners before any assessment takes place. Centres must follow NQual's procedures for registering learners.

## Support From NQual

NQual support all new and existing approved centres. We respond to all communication within 48 hours and hold regular information webinars. If you would like to book our next webinar, please visit the 'News & Events' section on our website.

## Initial Assessment

It is part of the enrolment process by the approved centre to complete an initial assessment. Approved centres must ensure everyone undertaking an NQual qualification complete some form of initial assessment. This will be used to inform the tutor/trainer of current knowledge and understanding.

## Reasonable Adjustment

NQual is committed to providing fair and reasonable adjustments for learners to help reduce the effect of a disability or difficulty that places the learners at a disadvantage during an assessment. For more information on Reasonable Adjustments, please see our Reasonable Adjustments and Fair Access Policy.

## Responsibilities

### Assessor

It is important to note, that to assess qualification content, the assessor must be occupationally competent to assess skills-based competence and/or occupationally knowledgeable to assess knowledge-based content.

Assessors who deliver NQual qualifications must possess a qualification appropriate for the level they are delivering. Examples of these can include at least one of the following:

- D32 Assess Candidate Performance and D33 Assess Candidate Using Differing Sources of Evidence
- A1 Assess Candidate Performance Using a Range of Methods and A2 Assessing Candidates' Performance through Observation
- Level 3 Award in Assessing Competence in the Work Environment (for competence/skills learning outcomes only)
- Level 3 Award in Assessing Vocationally Related Achievement (for knowledge learning outcomes only)
- Level 3 Certificate in Assessing Vocational Achievement
- HEI Certificate in Education
- Qualified Teacher Status Certificate in Education in Post Compulsory Education (PCE)
- Post Graduate Certificate in Education
- Teaching Certificate in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector (CTLLS)
- Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector (DTLLS)
- L&D9DI - Assessing workplace competence using Direct and Indirect methods (Scotland)
- L&D9D - Assessing workplace competence using Direct methods (Scotland)
- Level 4 Certificate in Education and Training
- Level 5 Diploma in Education and Training
- Level 3 Learning and Skills Assessor Apprenticeship

- Level 5 Learning and Skills Teacher Apprenticeship

Examples of evidence for subject knowledge can include:

- Qualification at the same level or above, the qualification you are delivering
- Extensive experience at the same level or above, the qualification you are delivering

### Internal Quality Assurer

Centre staff who complete Internal Quality Assurance for NQual qualification must possess or be working towards a relevant qualification. Examples of these can include at least one of the following:

- D34 Unit **Internally verify the assessment process**
- V1 Verifiers Award
- Level 4 Award in the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice or
- Level 4 Certificate in Leading the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice

Examples of evidence for subject knowledge must include at least one of the following:

- Qualification at the same level or above, the qualification you are quality assuring
- Extensive experience at the same level or above, the qualification you are quality assuring

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