



## Non-Medical Aesthetics Qualifications

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# Introduction

iTEC & VTCT has launched an unrivalled suite of Non-Medical Aesthetics qualifications, providing learners with the knowledge, understanding and technical skills at Level 4 and Level 5 in the Non-Medical Aesthetic sector.

The qualifications are Ofqual regulated and appear on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF). Offered exclusively through iTEC & VTCT, they are setting the industry standard for excellence and safety.

This suite of qualifications offers the perfect progression route for the qualified Beauty Therapist at Level 3 or 4 who wishes to add these services to their repertoire of treatments.

The qualification design has been informed by employers and adheres to the National Occupational Standards for Beauty Therapy. The qualifications therefore include all the required elements to work effectively as a fully commercial practitioner in the given practice.



Through undertaking these qualifications, the learner will develop core and transferable skills, which are required in this specialised sector and are recognised by insurance companies and employers. The primary purpose of the suite is to prepare learners for employment in the industry at a higher level.



## A dual branded suite

These Level 4 and 5 qualifications are available through both iTEC & VTCT.

QN	Product Code	Qualification Title
Level 4		
603/2908/7	BT4C4	VTCT (ITEC) Level 4 Certificate in Radio Frequency
603/2909/9	BT4C5	VTCT (ITEC) Level 4 Certificate in Skin Needling
603/2910/5	BT4C6	VTCT (ITEC) Level 4 Certificate in Skin Peeling
603/2911/7	BT4C7	VTCT (ITEC) Level 4 Certificate in Ultrasound
Level 5		
603/2912/9	BT5C1	VTCT (ITEC) Level 5 Certificate in Advanced Blemish Removal
603/2907/5	BT5C2	VTCT (ITEC) Level 5 Certificate in Laser Tattoo Removal

## What are the treatments?



### Ultrasound

During an ultrasound facial, high level sound wave technology is used to penetrate deep below the surface of the skin. This helps to promote cellular renewal and repair. The treatment tones the facial muscles. It increases blood circulation, which in turn encourages lymphatic drainage, which will combat puffiness and swelling. Skin care product penetration is improved.



### Radio Frequency

Radio frequency is used to heat the fat cells in problem areas, melting and liquefying the fat. It stimulates fibroblasts to replenish and strengthen collagen and elastin, to achieve long-term tightening and smoothing of the skin. A warming sensation can be felt as fine lines are reduced and loose skin tightened. 5 sessions are recommended, depending on individual needs and expectations. A minimum of 1 treatment per week is required for best results.



### Skin Needling

Skin needling, in its various forms, will stimulate the production of collagen and this wound healing response will: create smoother skin, reduce the appearance of acne scarring or stretch marks, minimise fine lines and enlarged pores, and improve the appearance of scars.



### Skin Peeling

A chemical peel is a skin-resurfacing treatment in which a chemical solution is applied to the skin to remove the upper layers. Working within the safe parameters of the qualification, the beauty therapist will assess the correct depth or type of peel to suit skin type and personal needs.

The skin that grows back after a chemical peel is smoother and younger looking when carried out correctly. Chemical peels are used to treat wrinkles, skin discolouration and scars. Deeper chemical peels produce more-dramatic results, but also involve longer recovery times and greater risks; additional qualifications and training are required to provide this service.



### Laser Tattoo Removal

During laser tattoo removal, laser energy penetrates the skin. The energy from the laser breaks down the tattoo ink into small fragments, which are eventually absorbed into the bloodstream and safely passed through the body naturally.



### Advanced Blemish Removal

Advanced blemish removal techniques are used to remove skin blemishes such as skin tags, thread veins, warts, milia and age spots.



## Who are these qualifications for?

### Level 4

These are advanced therapy qualifications aimed at Level 3 qualified practitioners aged 18 and over.

All learners are required to hold a Level 3 Beauty Therapy qualification or equivalent; this should include facial electrical and body electrical units, and Level 3 Anatomy and Physiology (for the **Level 4 Certificate in Skin Peeling**, at a minimum learners should hold a Level 2 facial unit and Level 3 Anatomy and Physiology).

### Level 5

These are advanced therapy qualifications aimed at Level 4 qualified practitioners aged 18 and over.

#### Level 5 Certificate in Advanced Blemish Removal

Learners are required to hold a Level 4 Skin Blemish Removal qualification in order to progress onto the Level 5 Advanced Blemish Removal. Learners who hold a Level 3 Beauty Therapy qualification or equivalent will be able to access the Level 4 Skin Blemish Removal qualification as a natural progression route.

#### Level 5 Certificate in Laser Tattoo Removal

Learners are required to hold a Level 4 Laser and IPL qualification to progress onto the Level 5 Tattoo Removal. Learners who hold a Level 3 Beauty Therapy qualification or equivalent will be able to access the Level 4 Laser and IPL qualifications as a natural progression route.

# Qualification structure

The structure of these qualifications enables learners to develop both theoretical and practical skills that will support progression within the Beauty sector.

The structure of the mandatory units allows for external examinations so maintains academic rigour across the qualifications. Each of the six qualifications in the suite has **the same three mandatory units, which are the following:**

Unit Code	Unit Title	Type of Assessment
UBT273	Principles and practice of non-medical aesthetic therapies	Externally set and externally marked graded practical examination (50% of qualification grade)
UBT274	Advanced consultation for non-medical aesthetic therapies	Externally set and externally marked theory examination (50% of qualification grade)
UBT275	Advanced skin care for non-medical aesthetic therapies	Externally set and internally marked assignment/project (no contribution to overall grade)



Additionally, the learner will take the **individual technical unit**, which is any of the following:

Unit Code	Unit Title	Type of Assessment	Qualification Achieved
UBT277	Provide radio frequency treatments	Externally set and internally marked clinical case studies (no contribution to overall grade)	VTCT (ITEC) Level 4 Certificate in Radio Frequency
UBT278	Provide cosmetic skin needling treatments	Externally set and internally marked clinical case studies (no contribution to overall grade)	VTCT (ITEC) Level 4 Certificate in Skin Needling
UBT280	Provide skin peeling treatments	Externally set and internally marked clinical case studies (no contribution to overall grade)	VTCT (ITEC) Level 4 Certificate in Skin Peeling
UBT279	Provide ultrasound treatments	Externally set and internally marked clinical case studies (no contribution to overall grade)	VTCT (ITEC) Level 4 Certificate in Ultrasound
UBT281	Provide advanced blemish removal	Externally set and internally marked clinical case studies (no contribution to overall grade)	VTCT (ITEC) Level 5 Certificate in Advanced Blemish Removal
UBT276	Remove or fade tattoos using Q Switch Laser systems	Externally set and internally marked clinical case studies (no contribution to overall grade)	VTCT (ITEC) Level 5 Certificate in Laser Tattoo Removal



# Key information

## Total Qualification Time (TQT)

- ✓ The TQT for each of the Level 4 qualifications in the suite is 170 hours.
- ✓ The TQT for the Level 5 Certificate in Advanced Blemish Removal is 211 hours and for the Level 5 Certificate in Laser Tattoo Removal, it is 245 hours.

## Assessment

- ✓ The clinical case studies/treatment portfolio is an evidence requirement which must be completed prior to learners undertaking the practical and theoretical examinations.
- ✓ Learners are required to be on-programme for a minimum of 14 weeks from registration/enrolment before they can sit the practical and theory examinations.
- ✓ These qualifications are externally examined by ITEC & VTCT. Centres will have a quality assurance visit each time an examiner visits the centre.

## Why do we recommend a final practical examination?



External examinations prove to employers that you have achieved a high standard of achievement.



Certificates are graded pass, merit and distinction to further distinguish achievement.



## Why are case studies important?



To ensure you have the skills to give a good treatment and know when not to treat a client.



To gain practical skills to understand different skin types and how they react to treatments.



Build confidence in preparing for treatment.



Provide confidence and familiarity in completing paperwork.



To demonstrate you understand a subject.



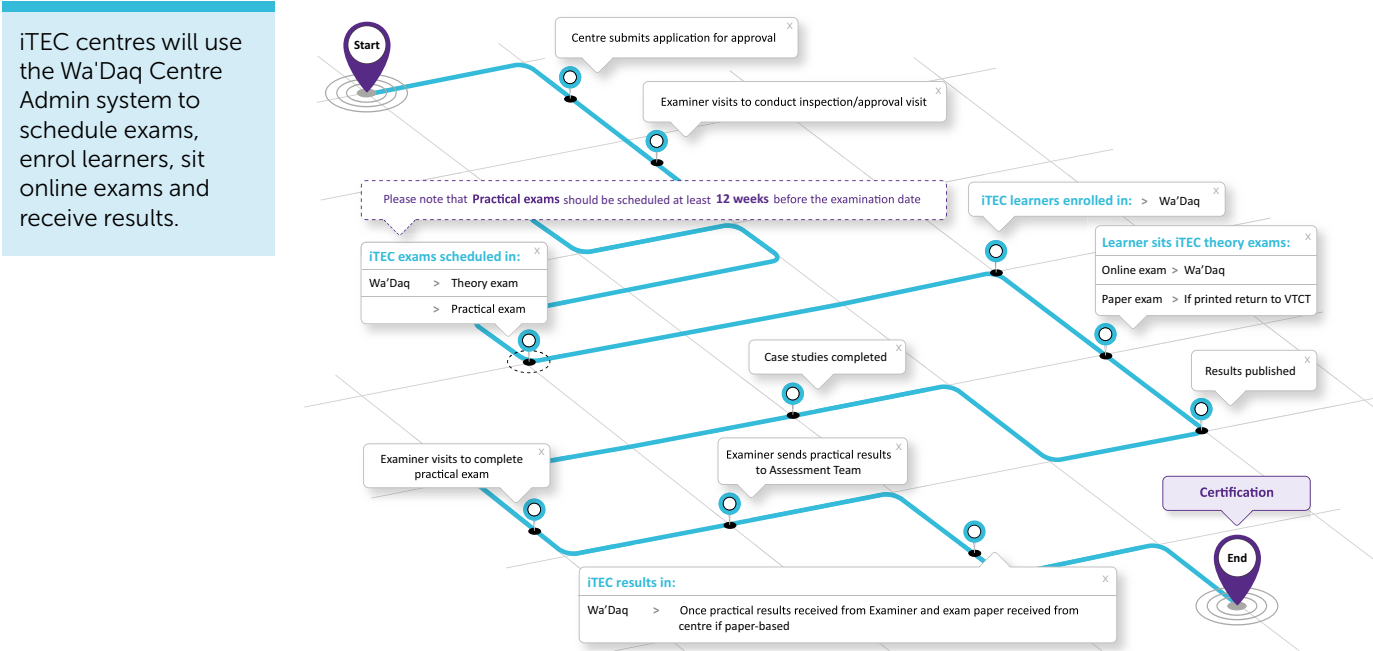
To show a potential employer what you can do.

The case studies can be evidenced as the treatments conducted during training.

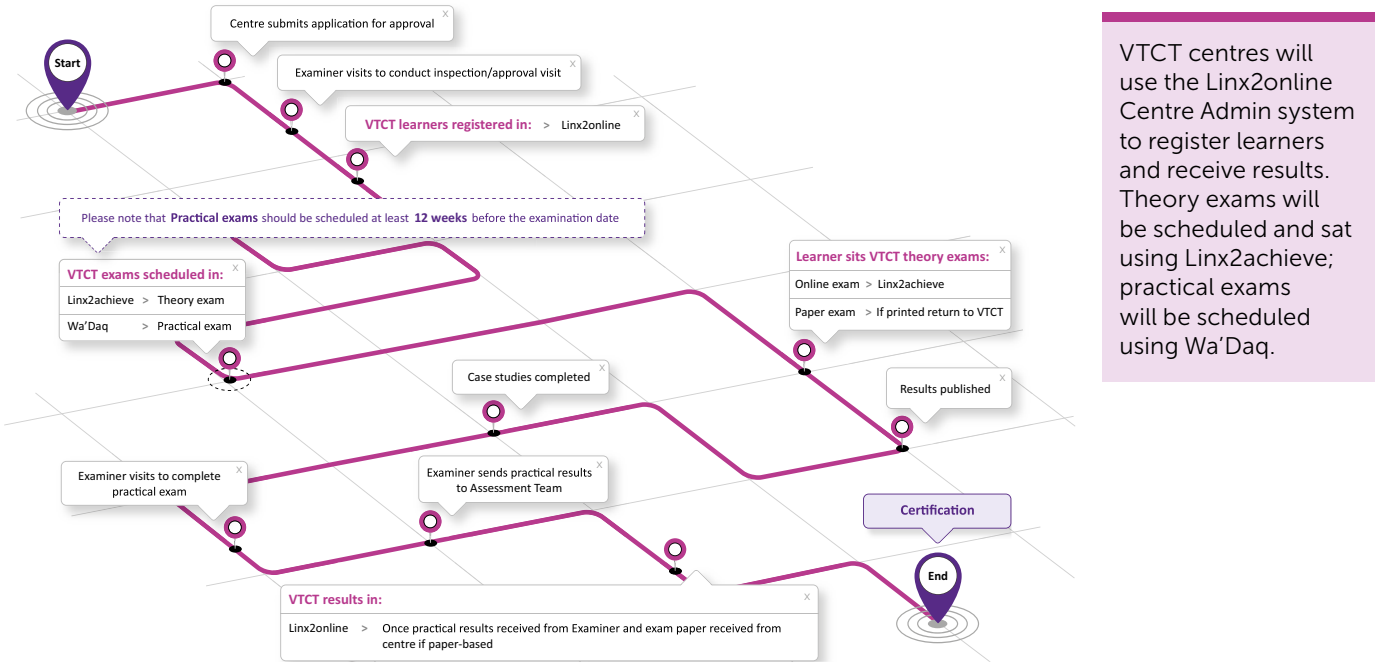


# Customer journeys

The below customer journeys outline the steps in becoming approved for delivery and subsequently delivering the qualifications in the Level 4 & 5 Non Medical Aesthetics suite.



These qualifications are dual branded so both iTEC & VTCT centres can apply for approval to deliver them. The centre admin and exam booking systems used will differ depending on whether the centre is approved with iTEC or VTCT.





iTEC & VTCT offer a range of other Beauty Therapy qualifications at Level 4 which are industry recognised and OfQual regulated.

QN	Product Code	Qualification Title
500/8888/9	AB40164	VTCT Level 4 Award in Skin Blemish Removal
600/4910/8	AB40394	VTCT Level 4 Award in Laser and Light Treatments for Hair Reduction
600/4911/X	AB40395	VTCT Level 4 Award in Laser and Light Treatments for Skin Rejuvenation
603/4083/6	iBT4A1	VTCT (ITEC) Level 4 Award in Micro-Pigmentation Treatment
500/9034/3	AB40163	VTCT Level 4 Certificate in Laser and Intense Pulsed Light (IPL) Treatments
600/3288/1	AB40168	VTCT Level 4 Certificate in Micropigmentation
603/1305/5	BT4C2	VTCT Level 4 Certificate in Enhancing Eyebrows with Microblading Techniques
603/4085/X	iBT4C8	VTCT (ITEC) Level 4 Certificate in Micro-Pigmentation Treatment
500/8886/5	AB40162	VTCT Level 4 Diploma in Advanced Beauty Therapy
500/9037/9	AB40184	VTCT Level 4 Diploma in Permanent Hair Removal and Skin Rejuvenation
600/1397/7	AM40237	VTCT Level 4 Diploma in Salon Management
603/4044/7	iBT4D1	VTCT (ITEC) Level 4 Diploma in Advanced Skincare
501/0146/8	iC04D1	VTCT (iTEC) Level 4 Diploma in Spa and Salon Management

You can find more detailed information about the Non-Medical Aesthetics suite, including the Qualification Specifications and FAQ on our websites.

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