

Centre Re-opening Information Notice for Hairdressing and Barbering Services

Following the release of the Government guidelines ‘**Keeping workers and clients safe during COVID-19 in close contact services**’ on 23 June 2020, it has been confirmed that Hairdressing and Barbering services are now permitted to be undertaken. It will be the responsibility of the centre and training provider to ensure that the following information is adhered to when preparing for internal practical assessments within the training environment.

Prior to any internal practical assessments of Hairdressing and Barbering services, centres and training providers must ensure the following:

- A risk assessment has been completed regarding the prevention of infection in preparation for the re-opening of the hairdressing salon/barbershop following COVID-19
- A deep clean of the salon environment has been conducted prior to any internal practical assessments taking place
- All learners have undertaken the VTCT Level (ITEC) 2 Award in Infection Prevention (COVID-19) for Hairdressing and Barbering Services qualification. There will be no registration fee for this qualification for current learners. Free on-line learning materials can be accessed on VTCT and ITEC websites:
 - **VTCT qualifications:** https://www.vtct.org.uk/qualification-category/hairdressing-barbering/?keywords=covid&search_type=qualifications
 - **ITEC qualifications:** https://www.itecworld.co.uk/qualification-category/all-categories/?Keywords=covid&search_type=qualifications
- All learners and staff have been inducted and have received the appropriate training following COVID-19. For example, the prevention and the response to any infection. This training must include hand cleaning procedures and the use and disposal of Personal Protective equipment (PPE)
- The salon environment has been arranged to ensure that the workstations are 2 metres apart/1 metre plus with risk mitigation. Risk mitigation may be a barrier between the workstations
- Communal areas have been arranged to align with social distancing measures. For example, the reception areas and any learner/staff areas
- Good respiratory hygiene is promoted to all learners and staff by the ‘**catch it, bin it, kill it**’ approach and that hand sanitisers/hand washing facilities have been placed at regular points within the salon environment
- COVID-19 signage is displayed within the salon environment to instruct learners, clients and staff about the new requirements

Government guidance:

- [‘Keeping workers and clients safe during COVID-19 in close contact services’](#)
- [Government guidance for FE colleges and providers \(updated 2 July 2020\)](#)

Please note that any bookings for the VTCT End-point Assessment Hair Professional Standard can now take place from the 29 July 2020.

