



CO2A5 VTCT Level 1/2 Technical Award in the Study of Hair and Beauty

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Introduction

- This qualification has been developed for learners aged 14-16.
- There is no formal entry requirement to access this qualification and no prior knowledge, skills or understanding are required; however, an interest in hairdressing and beauty therapy and the related industries is desirable.
- Centres are responsible for ensuring that this qualification is appropriate for the age and ability of learners. Centres need to make sure that learners can fulfil the requirements of the learning outcomes and comply with the relevant literacy, numeracy, and academic aspects of the qualification.
- The VTCT Level 1/2 Technical Award in the Study of Hair and Beauty is aimed at learners aged 14-16 who have an interest in developing a broad understanding of the hairdressing and beauty therapy sector and related industries, including retail, leisure, manufacturing and other personal care services.
- Throughout the delivery of the qualification, learners will develop the following skills and knowledge;
- A broad and comprehensive understanding of the hair and beauty sector
- A significant knowledge core which spans the vocational sector and related industries
- Academic and study skills that will support progression within the hair and beauty sector and more broadly



Transferable skills

- Throughout the delivery of the qualification, the following core areas and transferable skills should be evident:
 - Personal development and critical reflection
 - The ability to interpret, analyse and apply knowledge
 - Organisation, planning and research skills
 - Innovation and creativity
 - Reasoning skills
 - Problem solving
- The knowledge and skills gained will provide a secure foundation for careers in the hair and beauty sector and related industries.



Qualification structure

To be awarded the VTCT Level 1/2 Technical Award in the Study of Hair and Beauty, learners must achieve a Level 1 Pass grade (or higher) in:

- Assessment by examination (external written exam)
- Non-exam assessment (synoptic assignment)

This qualification consists of three mandatory units.

- **UCO90** – Business and entrepreneurship in the hair and beauty sector
- **UCO91** – Anatomy, physiology and cosmetic science
- **UCO92** – Design in the hair and beauty sector



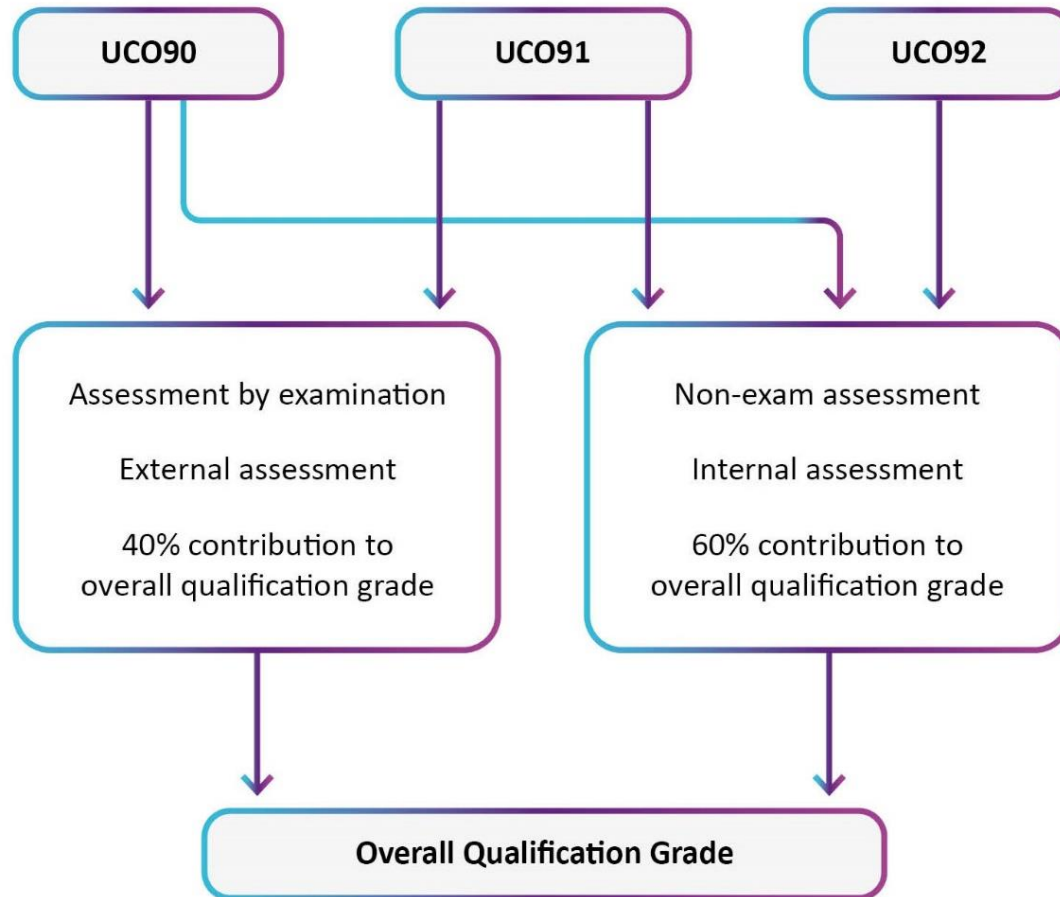
GLH and TQT

- GLH for this qualification is **140 hours**
- The minimum TQT required to achieve this qualification is **175**
- The breakdown of GLH is as follows:

Product code	Unit title	Level	GLH	Unit reference number
Mandatory units				
UCO90	Business and entrepreneurship in the hair and beauty sector	1/2	55	T/618/6357
UCO91	Anatomy, physiology and cosmetic science	1/2	45	A/618/6358
UCO92	Design in the hair and beauty sector	1/2	40	F/618/6359



Assessment design



Assessment by Examination

- The Assessment by Examination contributes to 40% of the overall qualification grade
- Marks available: 80 marks
- Time allocation: 1 hour and 40 minutes
- It is an external written exam which will contain a variety of question types.
- It will cover Unit **UCO90** Business and Entrepreneurship in the Hair and Beauty Sector and **UC091** Anatomy, Physiology and Cosmetic Science.
- Questions will contain 'real world' scenarios to engage and stimulate learners and facilitate the drawing out of knowledge and skills developed over the duration of the qualification.
- The Assessment by Examination will be available in a **January** and **May** assessment series.
- Learners will have **one** resit opportunity for the examination if they fail to achieve a Level 1 Pass.



Non-exam assessment

- The non-exam assessment will contribute **60%** to the overall qualification grade.
- Learners must complete the synoptic assignment brief in approximately **20 hours**.
- The non-exam assessment will assess the learner's knowledge and understanding of the topics from within the three mandatory units
 - UCO90 Business and Entrepreneurship in the Hair and Beauty Sector
 - UC091 Anatomy, Physiology and Cosmetic Science
 - UCO92 Design in the Hair and Beauty Sector
- The release of the synoptic assignment brief for the non-exam assessment will be in **December**.
- Deadline for submission will be in the **March** of the same academic year.
- Learners will have **one** resit opportunity for the non-exam assessment if they fail to achieve a Level 1 Pass.



Synoptic Assessment

- Synoptic assessment is at the heart of VTCT's Technical Award, as it is an important part of high-quality vocational qualifications.
- Learners are required on an ongoing basis to effectively make connections between different aspects of the content within the mandatory units and across the breadth of the assessment objectives in an integrated way.
- Synoptic assessment underpins the assessment strategy for the qualification and has been implemented in both the assessment by examination and non-exam assessment for the qualification.



Terminal rule

- In order to meet the DfE's KS4 Technical Guidance and Ofqual's regulatory conditions the assessment by examination must be taken at the end of a learner's course of study ("terminal assessment").
- Learners must use the result of the assessment by examination towards their overall qualification grade in the assessment series in which they are completing the course, typically this will be at the end of year 11.



Principles of the terminal assessment rule

- Learners must take the assessment by examination in the series in which they certificate.
- Only the results for the assessment by examination that are required to fulfil the terminal rule achieved in the assessment series in which learners' certificate, can contribute to the overall qualification grade.
- If a learner takes the required assessment by examination prior to the assessment series in which they certificate, those results cannot contribute to the overall qualification grade – even if these are better than the results achieved subsequently.
- In relation to school performance table points, as opposed to individual learner results, it is always the first qualification result which stands, irrespective of whether a learner re-certificates again at a later date.



Retaking the assessment by examination

- Learners who fail to achieve a Level 1 Pass for the assessment by examination are permitted.
- **ONE retake opportunity.**
- The retake must be in a different assessment series and it is expected that further teaching/tuition would have taken place. A resit fee will be charged. Fees are published on the VTCT website.



Resources and staffing

- Centres must possess the physical resources needed to support the delivery of the programme and the assessment of knowledge and skills across the learning outcomes. These may typically include:
 - IT facilities
 - Internet/research facilities
 - Literature on business, science and design
 - Resources to support the presentation of design ideas
- Teachers/assessors are not required to hold specific occupational qualifications from the hair and beauty sector, however it is recommended that teachers/assessors are familiar with the qualification content and have suitable experience and adequate knowledge of the subject matter to ensure a high standard of course delivery.
- It is recommended that teachers/assessors hold or are working towards an assessor or teaching qualification, although this is not a formal requirement.



Internal quality assurance and standardisation

- Centres must have a rigorous internal quality assurance system in place
- Centres must have an internal moderator to ensure standardisation across teachers/assessors, assessment decisions and assessment sites
- VTCT expects that all centre staff involved in the delivery, assessment or internal quality assurance relating to this qualification will participate in internal standardisation and quality assurance activities
- It is recommended that staff responsible for quality assurance within centres hold an internal quality assurance qualification, although this is not a formal requirement



External Quality Assurance

- VTCT's Technical Award's non-exam assessment is externally moderated by VTCT.
- The learner evidence for the non-exam assessment must be internally marked and internally moderated by the centre staff using the grade descriptors.
- VTCT will publish an annual timetable for entry and submission dates.
- It is the centre's responsibility to ensure that learner evidence for the non-exam assessment is in VTCT's possession by the specified dates, as late submissions of evidence may not be accepted.
- VTCT will conduct external moderation on the non-exam assessment, using external moderators appointed and trained by VTCT.
- In addition to the external moderation process, VTCT may carry out risk based monitoring visits of centres delivering this qualification, which will be undertaken as part of VTCT's formal quality assurance process.



Support

- Link to <https://www.vtct.org.uk/technical-award-hair-and-beauty/>
- Specification <https://qualifications.vtct.org.uk/finder/qualfinder/qual.php?qual=C02A5> under the documents tab
- Training dates for getting ready to deliver events will be in May.
- Resources to be added- Schemes of Work, sample lesson plans, teaching resources.
- Resource pack to be added- Delivery materials, presentations, lesson plans, Worksheets and more
- Contact your Partnership Planning Manager or Relationship Manager





Thank you