









Beauty Therapist

Electives: Perform photo facial services

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BWS/Q0102: Beauty Therapist

Brief Job Description

A Beauty Therapist is a professionally trained individual who specialises in beauty services of both the face and body. A beauty therapist performs various duties such as providing skin care, applying makeup, removal of unwanted hair, manicure and pedicure services. The Beauty Therapist needs to be knowledgeable on health, safety and hygiene, beauty products, and a range of beauty therapies.

Personal Attributes

This job requires an individual with experience in body and skincare treatments to provide a range of beauty services efficiently and effectively in a safe and hygienic working environment. The individual must have excellent interpersonal and communication skills. The individual must exhibit a neat personal appearance at all times have good hand-eye coordination. The individual must be pleasant, sensitive and tactful when dealing with clients andhave a genuine interest in people.

Applicable National Occupational Standards (NOS)

Compulsory NOS:

- 1. BWS/N9001: Prepare and maintain work area
- 2. BWS/N0104: Perform skin care services
- 3. BWS/N0105: Perform hair removal services
- 4. BWS/N0106: Perform makeup services
- 5. BWS/N0401: Provide manicure and pedicure services
- 6. <u>BWS/N0128</u>: Operate and apply electrical/ electronic equipment for facial beauty services safely and effectively
- 7. BWS/N0129: Perform salon reception duties
- 8. BWS/N9002: Maintain health and safety at the workplace
- 9. BWS/N9003: Create a positive impression at the workplace
- 10. DGT/VSQ/N0101: Employability Skills (30 Hours)

Electives(mandatory to select at least one):

Elective: Perform photo facial services









Photo Facial focuses on advanced skin treatments using light-based technologies like intense pulsed light (IPL) or LED light. The Photo Facial is a non-invasive skin rejuvenation treatment that targets a range of skin concerns, including pigmentation, redness, and signs of aging.

1. BWS/N0137: Perform photo facial services

Qualification Pack (QP) Parameters

Sector	Beauty & Wellness
Sub-Sector	Beauty and Salons
Occupation	Skincare Services
Country	India
NSQF Level	4
Credits	15
Aligned to NCO/ISCO/ISIC Code	NCO-2015/5142.0100
Minimum Educational Qualification & Experience	10th grade pass with 2 Years of experience of any combination of NTC/NAC/CITS or equivalent in beauty industry OR 10th grade pass with 3 Years of experience in beauty industry OR 11th grade pass with 1.5 years of experience in beauty industry OR Previous relevant Qualification of NSQF Level (3) with 3 Years of experience in beauty industry OR Previous relevant Qualification of NSQF Level (3.5) with 1.5 years of experience in beauty industry
Minimum Level of Education for Training in School	
Pre-Requisite License or Training	NA
Minimum Job Entry Age	16 Years
Last Reviewed On	NA
Next Review Date	16/12/2028









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NQR Version	2









BWS/N9001: Prepare and maintain work area

Description

Prepare the equipment's/ tools/ products/machinery (if required any) and work area ahead of service/ session delivery to ensure the efficiently and effectiveness of conducting treatments/ sessions considering the standards of operation of the organization/ salon/ beauty clinic.

Scope

The scope covers the following:

• Prepare and maintain work area

Elements and Performance Criteria

Prepare and maintain work area

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- PC1. ensure that ambient conditions are suitable for the client and the service procedures to be carried out in a hygienic, safe and disinfected environment such as using air purifiers to reduce dust, dander, smoke, allergens & odour resulting in a healthier, fresher & cleaner environment, restructuring the workplace set-up, by keeping a minimum distance of 2 meters in between two clientele, practicing social distancing by avoiding handshakes/ hugs to coworkers/ clientele, etc.
- **PC2.** identify and select suitable equipment and products required for the respective services/ session
- **PC3.** set up the area for services/ session in adherence to the organizational/ beauty salon/ centre's guidelines
- **PC4.** place disposable towels, glasses for water, tea/ coffee and other items/ tools/ equipment's (applicable if any) in area convenient for efficient service/ session delivery
- **PC5.** prepare sterilisation solution as per organizational/ salon standards using approved products and as per manufacturers instructions
- **PC6.** sterilize, disinfect the area as per organizational standards using recommended solutions and conditions
- **PC7.** dispose waste materials in adherence to the industry requirements; waste materials such as disposable linen, disposable head bands, disposable gowns, disposable apron, disposable face mask, disposable gloves, etc.
- **PC8.** identify ways to optimize usage of material including water in various tasks/activities/processes
- PC9. check for spills/leakages occurred while providing services
- **PC10.** identify and segregate recyclable, non-recyclable and hazardous waste generated in separate bin
- **PC11.** store the unused disposable material properly in a dedicated area; material such as disposable masks, gloves, etc.
- PC12. ensure electrical equipment and appliances are switched off when not in use
- PC13. store records, materials and equipment securely in line with the policies









- **PC14.** conduct awareness program (such as for Covid19) for the employees and display posters/ signage's promoting regular hand-washing and respiratory hygiene in the premises
- **PC15.** set up and promote digital modes of payment to lessen any kind of cross infection

Knowledge and Understanding (KU)

The individual on the job needs to know and understand:

- **KU1.** organizations standards of performance and sequence of services/ session
- **KU2.** range of services/ sessions and products offered by the organization
- **KU3.** health and safety requirements in the organization/ salon
- **KU4.** environmental conditions required and expected for carrying out services and importance of maintaining these Conditions: Air, light, space, temperature, sound, cleanliness, etc.
- **KU5.** types of products, materials and equipment required for the respective services/ sessions
- **KU6.** process and products to sterilize and disinfect equipment/tools
- **KU7.** manufacturers instructions related to equipment and product use and cleaning
- **KU8.** customer service principles including privacy and protection to modesty of the customers
- **KU9.** risks to customer privacy and modesty and actions (precautions) taken to maintain the same in the salon
- **KU10.** importance of keeping accurate records of services, clients and product usage (inventory)
- **KU11.** applicable legislation relating to the workplace Legislation for the workplace: eg. health and safety, workplace regulations, use of work equipment, control of substances hazardous to health, handling/storage/ disposal/ cautions in the use of products, fire precautions, occurrences, hygiene practice, disposal of waste, environmental protection

Generic Skills (GS)

User/individual on the job needs to know how to:

- **GS1.** read policy and procedure documents, guidelines and memos in English to interpret the gist correctly
- **GS2.** read common organizational signage in English accurately
- **GS3.** read simple emails, instructions, advertisements, brochures, manufacturers labels, forms, formats and other common documents accurately
- **GS4.** read and interpret correctly information about new products and services with reference to the organization and also from external forums such as websites and/or blogs
- **GS5.** write appointments, names, addresses, simple emails, messages, and applications in English accurately
- **GS6.** construct a CV or fill a job application form accurately representing skills, knowledge and past experiences in English accurately
- **GS7.** write an accident or incident report accurately in English
- **GS8.** fill in various applicable forms and formats at the workplace accurately
- **GS9.** maintain accurate records of client, services, operating and closing checklists, product stock status









- **GS10.** listen and interpret correctly simple instructions in English
- **GS11.** listen for and identify the main points of short explanations or presentations in English
- **GS12.** listen to and follow short, straightforward explanations and instructions in English
- **GS13.** introduce oneself and ones role to customers and visitors, in English and the local language
- **GS14.** express clearly statements of fact and give short explanations, accounts and descriptions to customers, seniors and co-workers in English
- **GS15.** give clear instructions to customers and/or coworkers as required
- **GS16.** pronounce the sounds of English or use sign language sufficiently clearly to be generally understood
- **GS17.** speak or communicate with reasonable ease in structured situations and short conversations on familiar topics
- **GS18.** exchange information effectively to perform a task
- **GS19.** give simple directions, instructions and explanations
- **GS20.** ask and answer simple questions such as to establish customer needs, or who a visitor is seeking to meet and for what purpose
- **GS21.** display an adequate range of vocabulary to communicate on familiar topics and perform simple tasks
- **GS22.** use simple and compound sentences in conversations
- **GS23.** avoid using jargon, slang or acronyms when communicating with a customer/ client, unless it is required
- **GS24.** speak in a manner and tone that is professional, supportive, respectful and sensitive
- **GS25.** listen and understand the local language in dealing with clients
- **GS26.** decide on course of action by recalling organisational policy, procedures and service standards
- **GS27.** make simple decisions with respect to appropriateness of own behaviour recalling principles and practices of professional and social etiquette
- **GS28.** get information on limits of authority and permitted actions while making decisions on how to act in routine situations
- **GS29.** get information on chain of command to be approached for decisions based on
- **GS30.** identify, plan and schedule tasks related to own work, to achieve standards of personal presentations expected in a professional set-up
- **GS31.** keep ones own documents and possessions in order at the workplace to ensure cleanliness, security and efficiency of use
- **GS32.** organize tasks based on instructions from supervisor or manager in order to complete them on time in order of stated priority
- **GS33.** organize service feedback files/documents
- **GS34.** plan and manage work routine based on salon procedure
- **GS35.** maintain the work area, equipment and product stocks to meet client schedules
- **GS36.** maintain accurate records of clients, services and product stock levels
- **GS37.** plan own development in line with feedback given from supervisor, coworkers and clients
- **GS38.** prioritise response to customers based on urgency and criticality of need, status of the customer and supervisor inputs
- **GS39.** minimize customer discomfort by taking permitted or directed actions in a timely manner









- **GS40.** respond promptly to customers in a manner that aims to exceed their expectation
- **GS41.** adhere to principles of service excellence as defined by the organization aimed at customer satisfaction
- **GS42.** build customer relationships using a customer centric approach
- **GS43.** follow hygiene, safety and personal presentation standards in line with customer and organisation expectations
- **GS44.** identify problems that hinder achievement or increase risks
- **GS45.** recall organizational policies, procedures, rules and guidelines applicable to the situation that may be used to decide course of action when faced with problems
- **GS46.** act in line with organizational policies, procedures, supervisor/manager instructions, rules and guidelines to contribute towards resolution of the problem in a timely and safe manner, within limits of authority
- **GS47.** escalate the problem in a timely manner to the supervisor/manager for effective resolution minimizing damage
- **GS48.** explain the importance of resolving problem in a timely manner
- **GS49.** explain the importance of accurate communications in problem resolution
- **GS50.** explain the negative effects of hiding problems instead of identifying, highlighting and working to resolve them
- **GS51.** seek guidance to define criteria and assign values of importance and urgency
- **GS52.** sort information in order of importance
- **GS53.** identify impact of own actions in terms of health, safety, security, customer satisfaction, influence of coworkers, achievement of task objectives
- **GS54.** differentiate between routine and non-routine issues and escalate issues of a non-routine nature and as needed
- **GS55.** verify information to clarify doubts through seeking guidance from organization documents, supervisor, managers and co-workers
- **GS56.** identify relevant and reliable sources of information for seeking clarity where required
- **GS57.** explain the concept of assumptions and how they impact decisions, actions and consequences
- **GS58.** identify situations and possible underlying intent where information provided by others may be unreliable









Assessment Criteria

Assessment Criteria for Outcomes	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks
Prepare and maintain work area	30	47	-	23
PC1. ensure that ambient conditions are suitable for the client and the service procedures to be carried out in a hygienic, safe and disinfected environment such as using air purifiers to reduce dust, dander, smoke, allergens & odour resulting in a healthier, fresher & cleaner environment, restructuring the workplace set-up, by keeping a minimum distance of 2 meters in between two clientele, practicing social distancing by avoiding handshakes/ hugs to coworkers/ clientele, etc.	2	4	-	2
PC2. identify and select suitable equipment and products required for the respective services/ session	2	3	-	2
PC3. set up the area for services/ session in adherence to the organizational/ beauty salon/ centre's guidelines	2	3	-	2
PC4. place disposable towels, glasses for water, tea/coffee and other items/ tools/ equipment's (applicable if any) in area convenient for efficient service/ session delivery	2	3	-	2
PC5. prepare sterilisation solution as per organizational/ salon standards using approved products and as per manufacturers instructions	2	3	-	2
PC6. sterilize, disinfect the area as per organizational standards using recommended solutions and conditions	2	4	-	2
PC7. dispose waste materials in adherence to the industry requirements; waste materials such as disposable linen, disposable head bands, disposable gowns, disposable apron, disposable face mask, disposable gloves, etc.	2	3	-	2
PC8. identify ways to optimize usage of material including water in various tasks/activities/processes	2	3	-	2
PC9. check for spills/leakages occurred while providing services	2	3	-	1









Assessment Criteria for Outcomes	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks
PC10. identify and segregate recyclable, non-recyclable and hazardous waste generated in separate bin	2	3	-	1
PC11. store the unused disposable material properly in a dedicated area; material such as disposable masks, gloves, etc.	2	3	-	1
PC12. ensure electrical equipment and appliances are switched off when not in use	2	3	-	1
PC13. store records, materials and equipment securely in line with the policies	2	3	-	1
PC14. conduct awareness program (such as for Covid19) for the employees and display posters/ signage's promoting regular hand-washing and respiratory hygiene in the premises	2	3	-	1
PC15. set up and promote digital modes of payment to lessen any kind of cross infection	2	3	-	1
NOS Total	30	47	-	23









National Occupational Standards (NOS) Parameters

NOS Code	BWS/N9001
NOS Name	Prepare and maintain work area
Sector	Beauty & Wellness
Sub-Sector	Generic
Occupation	Generic
NSQF Level	3
Credits	1
Version	5.0
Last Reviewed Date	18/12/2025
Next Review Date	18/12/2028
NSQC Clearance Date	18/12/2025









BWS/N0104: Perform skin care services

Description

Provide facial skin care services to enhance facial skin condition.

Scope

The scope covers the following:

- · Perform skin care services
- a. cleansing
- b. exfoliation
- c. facial
- d. toning
- · e. moisturizing
- AHA peels for skin rejuvenation and glow

Elements and Performance Criteria

Perform skincare services

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- **PC1.** adhere to the health and safety standards laid out by the manufacturer and salon
- **PC2.** position self and client correctly to ensure privacy, comfort and wellbeing throughout the service
- **PC3.** perform and adapt the therapy using materials, equipment and techniques correctly and safely to meet the needs of the client
- **PC4.** carry out facial care/ clean-up process using the products and equipment as per service levels laid down by the salon
 - Facials: skin lightening, radiance, anti-tan, hydration, oil control, harmonizing for sensitive skin
- **PC5.** ask relevant and effective questions to check and establish the client's understanding and expectation prior to commencement and clarify doubts, if any
- **PC6.** clean the skin and remove all traces of make-up by using superficial and deep cleansing techniques
 - Deep cleansing techniques: eg. gel, oil, cream, pore strips, masks, steam, vacuum suction, etc.
- **PC7.** use an exfoliation technique suitable for the client's skin type and skin condition
 - Skin type: Oily, dry, normal, combination, sensitive
 - Exfoliation techniques: Mechanical, chemical; clay exfoliants, biochemical skin peels, masks, enzymes, retinol, hydroxyl acids, pore grains
- **PC8.** use a suitable skin warming technique and carry out any necessary extractionrelevant to the client's skin type and skin condition
 - Skin warming techniques: warm towel, steam, etc.
- **PC9.** provide facial massage using a medium and techniques suitable for the clients skin type and condition
 - Medium: Oil, cream
 - Techniques: Effleurage, petrissage, tapotement
- **PC10.** apply masks evenly and neatly, covering the area to be treated completely









- **PC11.** remove masks as per the recommended time frame mentioned in manufacturers instructions or organisational standards
- **PC12.** carry out cleaning of the skin post-procedure to ensure skin is left clean, toned and suitably moisturized
- **PC13.** complete the therapy to the satisfaction of the client in a commercially acceptable time
- **PC14.** check the clients comfort and wellbeing throughout the service and adapt procedures to ensure the same, reassure the client with necessary information and positive comments as required
- PC15. record details of the therapy accurately as per organisation policy and procedures
- **PC16.** store information securely in line with the salons policies
- **PC17.** provide specific after-procedure, homecare advice and recommendations form product use and further services to the client

AHA peels for skin rejuvenation and glow

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- PC18. assess skin type, concerns, and suitability for AHA peels
- PC19. conduct a patch test 24 hours before treatment to check for sensitivity
- **PC20.** ensure the client avoids retinol, exfoliants, and harsh products 3-5 days before the peel
- PC21. use a gentle, pH balanced cleanser to remove makeup, oil, and dirt
- **PC22.** degrease the skin using an alcohol-free toner or prep solution to allow even penetration of the peel
- PC23. choose the AHA concentration based on skin type:
 - mild peels (5-10% AHA) for beginners & sensitive skin.
 - medium peels (20-30% AHA) for deeper exfoliation & pigmentation.
 - strong peels (50-70% AHA) for advanced treatment (done by professionals
- **PC24.** apply an even layer using a brush, gauze, or cotton pad
- **PC25.** leave on for 2-10 minutes, depending on skin tolerance
- **PC26.** clients may feel tingling or slight stinging, which is normal
- **PC27.** some AHA peels self- neutralize, while others require a neutralizing solution to stop the action
- PC28. gently apply the neutralizer with a cotton pad and rinse with cool water
- **PC29.** apply a hydrating serum (like hyaluronic acid) to restore moisture
- **PC30.** use a calming gel or mask (like aloe vera or chamomile) to reduce redness
- PC31. always finish with a broad-spectrum SPF 30+ sunscreen to protect the skin
- **PC32.** instruct the client to avoid sun exposure for at least 48 hours

Knowledge and Understanding (KU)

The individual on the job needs to know and understand:

- **KU1.** organizations standards of performance and sequence of services
- **KU2.** range of services and products offered by the organization
- **KU3.** health and safety requirements in the organization









- **KU4.** environmental conditions required and expected for carrying out services and importance of maintaining these (Conditions: Air, light, space, temperature, sound, cleanliness, etc.)
- **KU5.** anatomical structure, function, characteristics of skin (Structure: The layers of the epidermis: the dermis, the subcutaneous layer; the hair follicle, the hair shaft, the sebaceous gland, arrector pili muscle, sweat gland, and sensory nerve endings) (Functions: Sensitivity, heat regulation, absorption, protection, excretion, secretion and vitamin D production)
- **KU6.** differences in the structure of the skin for different client groups
- **KU7.** principles and practice of skin procedures relevant to beauty services
- **KU8.** contra-indications and respective necessary actions
- **KU9.** importance of AHA peels for skin rejuvenation and glow
- **KU10.** applicable legislation relating to the workplace (Legislation for workplace: eg. health and safety, workplace regulations, use of work equipment, handling/ storage/ disposal/ cautions in the use of products, fire precautions, hygiene practice, disposal of waste, environmental protection)
- **KU11.** characteristics of skin types and skin conditions
- **KU12.** position and action of the facial, neck and shoulder muscles
- **KU13.** position of head, face, neck, chest and shoulder girdle bones and skeletal function
- **KU14.** circulatory system, functions of blood, arteries, veins, blood composition and circulation and lymphatic system.
- **KU15.** effect of the natural ageing process on the skin and muscle tone
- **KU16.** customer service principles including privacy and protection to modesty of the customers
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Assessment Criteria

Assessment Criteria for Outcomes	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks
Perform skincare services	17	17	-	17
PC1. adhere to the health and safety standards laid out by the manufacturer and salon	1	1	-	1
PC2. position self and client correctly to ensure privacy, comfort and wellbeing throughout the service	1	1	-	1
PC3. perform and adapt the therapy using materials, equipment and techniques correctly and safely to meet the needs of the client	1	1	-	1
 PC4. carry out facial care/ clean-up process using the products and equipment as per service levels laid down by the salon Facials: skin lightening, radiance, anti-tan, hydration, oil control, harmonizing for sensitive skin 	1	1	-	1
PC5. ask relevant and effective questions to check and establish the client's understanding and expectation prior to commencement and clarify doubts, if any	1	1	-	1
 PC6. clean the skin and remove all traces of make-up by using superficial and deep cleansing techniques Deep cleansing techniques: eg. gel, oil, cream, pore strips, masks, steam, vacuum suction, etc. 	1	1	-	1
 PC7. use an exfoliation technique suitable for the client's skin type and skin condition Skin type: Oily, dry, normal, combination, sensitive Exfoliation techniques: Mechanical, chemical; clay exfoliants, biochemical skin peels, masks, enzymes, retinol, hydroxyl acids, pore grains 	1	1	-	1
 PC8. use a suitable skin warming technique and carry out any necessary extractionrelevant to the client's skin type and skin condition Skin warming techniques: warm towel, steam, etc. 	1	1	-	1









Assessment Criteria for Outcomes	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks
 PC9. provide facial massage using a medium and techniques suitable for the clients skin type and condition Medium: Oil, cream Techniques: Effleurage, petrissage, tapotement 	1	1	-	1
PC10. apply masks evenly and neatly, covering the area to be treated completely	1	1	-	1
PC11. remove masks as per the recommended time frame mentioned in manufacturers instructions or organisational standards	1	1	-	1
PC12. carry out cleaning of the skin post- procedure to ensure skin is left clean, toned and suitably moisturized	1	1	-	1
PC13. complete the therapy to the satisfaction of the client in a commercially acceptable time	1	1	-	1
PC14. check the clients comfort and wellbeing throughout the service and adapt procedures to ensure the same, reassure the client with necessary information and positive comments as required	1	1	-	1
PC15. record details of the therapy accurately as per organisation policy and procedures	1	1	-	1
PC16. store information securely in line with the salons policies	1	1	-	1
PC17. provide specific after-procedure, homecare advice and recommendations form product use and further services to the client	1	1	-	1
AHA peels for skin rejuvenation and glow	15	19	-	15
PC18. assess skin type, concerns, and suitability for AHA peels	1	1	-	1
PC19. conduct a patch test 24 hours before treatment to check for sensitivity	1	1	-	1
PC20. ensure the client avoids retinol, exfoliants, and harsh products 3-5 days before the peel	1	1	-	1









Assessment Criteria for Outcomes	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks
PC21. use a gentle, pH balanced cleanser to remove makeup, oil, and dirt	1	2	-	1
PC22. degrease the skin using an alcohol-free toner or prep solution to allow even penetration of the peel	1	1	-	1
 PC23. choose the AHA concentration based on skin type: mild peels (5-10% AHA) - for beginners & sensitive skin. medium peels (20-30% AHA) - for deeper exfoliation & pigmentation. strong peels (50-70% AHA) - for advanced treatment (done by professionals 	1	2	-	1
PC24. apply an even layer using a brush, gauze, or cotton pad	1	2	-	1
PC25. leave on for 2-10 minutes, depending on skin tolerance	1	1	-	1
PC26. clients may feel tingling or slight stinging, which is normal	1	1	-	1
PC27. some AHA peels self- neutralize, while others require a neutralizing solution to stop the action	1	1	-	1
PC28. gently apply the neutralizer with a cotton pad and rinse with cool water	1	2	-	1
PC29. apply a hydrating serum (like hyaluronic acid) to restore moisture	1	1	-	1
PC30. use a calming gel or mask (like aloe vera or chamomile) to reduce redness	1	1	-	1
PC31. always finish with a broad-spectrum SPF 30+ sunscreen to protect the skin	1	1	-	1
PC32. instruct the client to avoid sun exposure for at least 48 hours	1	1	-	1
NOS Total	32	36	-	32









National Occupational Standards (NOS) Parameters

NOS Code	BWS/N0104
NOS Name	Perform skin care services
Sector	Beauty & Wellness
Sub-Sector	Beauty and Salons
Occupation	Skincare Services
NSQF Level	4
Credits	2
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BWS/N0105: Perform hair removal services

Description

Consult, prepare, plan and perform various waxing techniques to remove hair in the areas of face, legs, underarm, and bikini line and provide after care advise.

Scope

The scope covers the following:

- prepare the client for service
- special techniques for threading
- perform waxing of various body areas
- perform brazilian waxing
- perform peel off waxing
- perform roller waxing
- performing post-procedure tasks

Elements and Performance Criteria

1. Prepare the client for service

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- **PC1.** adhere to the health and safety standards laid out by the manufacturer and salon
- **PC2.** sanitize the hands effectively prior to service commencement using a hand sanitiser
- **PC3.** prepare the client suitably for the respective service procedure and provide relevant required personal protective equipment
 - Yourself: sanitize the hands, wear suitable protective apparel, remove jewellery, etc. Client: provide suitable protective apparel, remove jewellery, etc.
 - Work area: organise and arrange products, tools and equipment, sanitise tools and equipment, no trailing wires, no obstructions, etc.
- **PC4.** ask relevant and effective questions to check and establish the client's understanding, requirements and expectation prior to commencement and clarify doubts, if any, including with quardians for minors
- **PC5.** select and prepare products, tools and equipment that are suitable to meet to the clients needs and requirements of the service plan Manage the client during depilation services

Special techniques for threading

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- **PC6.** know about the Threading Techniques:
 - hand Method Uses the thumb and forefinger to twist and move the thread.
 - mouth Method The thread is held in the mouth for better tension control (not commonly used due to hygiene concerns).
 - neck Method The thread is looped around the neck for hands-free threading control
- **PC7.** cleanse the skin with a mild toner to remove oil and dirt
- **PC8.** prepare the thread (cut about 12- 18 inches) twist it in the middle to create a loop
- **PC9.** hold the thread in a twisted fashion and use a scissoring motion to pull hair from the follicle









- **PC10.** shape the eyebrows carefully according to client preference
- **PC11.** apply a soothing gel or aloe vera to reduce redness and irritation

Perform waxing of various body areas

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- **PC12.** cleanse the skin with a pre-wax cleanser
- PC13. apply pre-wax oil or powder to absorb excess moisture
- **PC14.** use a spatula to apply soft wax in the direction of hair growth
- **PC15.** press a waxing strip firmly over the wax
- **PC16.** hold the skin taut and pull the strip quickly in the opposite direction of hair growth
- PC17. repeat until all hair is removed
- PC18. wipe away excess wax with a post-wax oil and apply a soothing lotion

Perform Brazilian waxing

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- **PC19.** ensure client comfort and privacy have disposable underwear or towels for modesty
- PC20. cleanse the bikini area and apply pre-wax powder to absorb moisture
- PC21. warm the hard wax and apply a thick layer in sections
- PC22. let it cool until it hardens slightly and can be peeled off
- PC23. hold the skin taut and remove the wax in a swift motion
- **PC24.** repeat the process for all desired areas
- **PC25.** apply a soothing post-wax oil or lotion to prevent irritation

Perform Peel off waxing

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- **PC26.** heat the hard wax to a honey-like consistency
- **PC27.** cleanse the skin and apply a thin layer of wax in the direction of hair growth
- **PC28.** allow the wax to cool and harden (30-60 seconds)
- PC29. hold the skin taut and peel off the wax in one guick motion
- PC30. remove any residue with a post-wax oil

Perform Roller waxing

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- **PC31.** insert a wax cartridge into the roller wax warmer
- PC32. once warmed, roll the applicator over the skin in the direction of hair growth
- **PC33.** apply a waxing strip and press firmly
- **PC34.** remove the strip in a quick, opposite motion
- **PC35.** cleanse the skin and apply a soothing lotion

Perform post-procedure tasks

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- **PC36.** check the clients comfort and wellbeing throughout the service and adapt procedures to ensure the same, reassure the client with necessary information and positive comments as required
- **PC37.** discontinue service, and do not provide advice and recommendations where contra-actions occur









- **PC38.** clean the treated area and use a suitable soothing product for post procedure relief as per organisational standards
- **PC39.** record the therapy details accurately as required by the organisation policies and procedures in a timely manner
- **PC40.** store information securely in line with the salons policies
- **PC41.** provide specific after-procedure, homecare advice and recommendations for product use and further services to the client
- PC42. ask guestions to check with the client their satisfaction with the finished result
- **PC43.** thank customer for feedback post-service, where customer is not satisfied with service take actions to resolve matter to customer satisfaction or apologise for the same and refer to supervisor
- **PC44.** minimize the wastage of products by using products economically and following correct storage procedures as per manufacturers instructions
- **PC45.** store chemicals and equipment securely post service
- PC46. dispose all waste safety according to the salons standards of hygiene and safety

Knowledge and Understanding (KU)

The individual on the job needs to know and understand:

- **KU1.** organizations standards of performance and sequence of services
- **KU2.** range of services and products offered by the organization
- **KU3.** health and safety requirements in the organization B.TechnicalKnowledge
- **KU4.** environmental conditions required and expected for carrying out services and importance of maintaining these Conditions: Air, light, space, temperature, sound, cleanliness, etc.
- **KU5.** allergies, contraindications, contra actions (Erythema) service plans and respective necessary action
- **KU6.** anatomical structure, function, characteristics of skin types Structure: The layers of the epidermis: the dermis, the subcutaneous layer; the hair follicle, the hair shaft, the sebaceous gland, arrector pili muscle, sweat gland, and sensory nerve endings Functions: Sensitivity, heat regulation, absorption, protection, excretion, secretion and vitamin D production
- **KU7.** hair structure, growth cycle and types of hair Structure: Arrector pili muscle, hair follicle, inner root sheath, cuticle layer), outer root sheath, vitreous membrane, connective tissue sheath, root, sebaceous gland Shaft: Medulla, cortex, cuticle Hair growth: Anagen, catagen, telogen
- **KU8.** circulatory system, functions of blood, arteries, veins, blood composition and circulation
- **KU9.** types of equipment and products used for waxing
- **KU10.** functions and purpose of pre-wax products
- **KU11.** ingredients and composition of waxingproducts Products: Warm wax, sugar paste, strip sugar and hot wax
- **KU12.** types of products suitable for skin irritations
- **KU13.** correct positioning of the client to carry out the threading service
- **KU14.** removal of hair by threading on areas of face and body Areas of face and body: Upper lips, sides of face, fore head and chin, forearm, abdomen









- **KU15.** threading techniques Techniques: Hand loop, mouth threading, stretching
- **KU16.** products, materials, tools and equipment for threading Products: Hand sanitizer, henna, surgical spirit, soothing lotion, powder or gel, Materials: Thread, cotton, towel, headband, Tools and Equipment: Trolley, brow pencil, magnifying lamp, mirror, eye brow brush and comb. mascara brush
- **KU17.** procedure to be followed in case of a blood spot/ nipping/ cut Procedure: Apply pressure, clean with an antiseptic, change thread, clean with damp cotton
- **KU18.** other methods of temporary hair removal and the effect of these methods on the waxing process Methods: e.g. tweezing, shaving, depilatory creams, electrical depilatory, abrasive mitts
- **KU19.** cross infection, cross infestation their causes and precautions for prevention
- **KU20.** contact dermatitis, its causes and precautions for prevention
- **KU21.** difference between disinfecting and sterilising
- **KU22.** anatomy and physiology that relates to intimate waxing
- KU23. contra-indications and contra-actions to sensitive area and intimate waxing services

Generic Skills (GS)

User/individual on the job needs to know how to:

- **GS1.** read policy and procedure documents, guidelines and memos in English and/or local language to interpret the gist correctly
- **GS2.** read common organizational signage in English accurately
- **GS3.** read simple emails, instructions, advertisements, brochures, manufacturers labels, forms, formats and other common documents accurately
- **GS4.** read and interpret correctly information about new products and services with reference to the organization and also from external forums such as websites and/or blogs Writing Skills
- **GS5.** write appointments, names, addresses, simple emails, messages, and applications in English accurately
- **GS6.** construct a CV or fill a job application form accurately representing skills, knowledge and past experiences in English accurately
- **GS7.** write an accident or incident report accurately in English
- **GS8.** fill in various applicable forms and formats at the workplace accurately
- **GS9.** maintain accurate records of client, services, operating and closing checklists, product stock status
- **GS10.** listen and interpret correctly simple instructions in English
- **GS11.** listen for and identify the main points of short explanations or presentations in English
- **GS12.** listen to and follow short, straightforward explanations and instructions in English
- **GS13.** introduce oneself and ones role to customers and visitors, in English and the local language
- **GS14.** express clearly statements of fact and give short explanations, accounts and descriptions to customers, seniors and co-workers in English
- **GS15.** give clear instructions to customers and/or coworkers as required
- **GS16.** pronounce the sounds of English or use sign language sufficiently clearly to be generally understood









- **GS17.** speak or communicate with reasonable ease in structured situations and short conversations on familiar topics
- **GS18.** exchange information effectively to perform a task
- **GS19.** give simple directions, instructions and explanations
- **GS20.** ask and answer simple questions such as to establish customer needs, or who a visitor is seeking to meet and for what purpose
- **GS21.** display an adequate range of vocabulary to communicate on familiar topics and perform simple tasks
- **GS22.** use simple and compound sentences in conversations
- **GS23.** avoid using jargon, slang or acronyms when communicating with a customer/ client, unless it is required
- **GS24.** speak in a manner and tone that is professional, supportive, respectful and sensitive
- **GS25.** listen and understand the local language in dealing with clients
- **GS26.** decide on course of action by recalling organisational policy, procedures and service standards
- **GS27.** make simple decisions with respect to appropriateness of own behaviour recalling principles and practices of professional and social etiquette
- **GS28.** get information on limits of authority and permitted actions while making decisions on how to act in routine situations
- **GS29.** get information on chain of command to be approached for decisions
- **GS30.** identify, plan and schedule tasks related to own work, to achieve standards of personal presentations expected in a professional set-up
- **GS31.** keep ones own documents and possessions in order at the workplace to ensure cleanliness, security and efficiency of use
- **GS32.** organize tasks based on instructions from supervisor or manager in order to complete them on time in order of stated priority
- GS33. organize service feedback files/documents
- **GS34.** plan and manage work routine based on salon procedure
- **GS35.** maintain the work area, equipment and product stocks to meet client schedules
- **GS36.** maintain accurate records of clients, services and product stock levels
- **GS37.** plan own development in line with feedback given from supervisor, coworkers and clients
- **GS38.** prioritise response to customers based on urgency and criticality of need, status of the customer and supervisor inputs
- **GS39.** minimize customer discomfort by taking permitted or directed actions in a timely manner
- **GS40.** respond promptly to customers in a manner that aims to exceed their expectation
- **GS41.** adhere to principles of service excellence as defined by the organization aimed at customer satisfaction
- **GS42.** build customer relationships using a customer centric approach
- **GS43.** follow hygiene, safety and personal presentation standards in line with customer and organisation expectations
- **GS44.** identify problems that hinder achievement or increase risks
- **GS45.** recall organizational policies, procedures, rules and guidelines applicable to the situation that may be used to decide course of action when faced with problems









- **GS46.** act in line with organizational policies, procedures, supervisor/manager instructions, rules and guidelines to contribute towards resolution of the problem in a timely and safe manner, within limits of authority
- **GS47.** escalate the problem in a timely manner to the supervisor/manager for effective resolution minimizing damage
- GS48. explain the importance of resolving problem in a timely manner
- **GS49.** explain the importance of accurate communications in problem resolution
- **GS50.** explain the negative effects of hiding problems instead of identifying, highlighting and working to resolve them
- **GS51.** seek guidance to define criteria and assign values of importance and urgency
- **GS52.** sort information in order of importance
- **GS53.** identify impact of own actions in terms of health, safety, security, customer satisfaction, influence of coworkers, achievement of task objectives
- **GS54.** differentiate between routine and non-routine issues and escalate issues of a non-routine nature and as needed
- **GS55.** verify information to clarify doubts through seeking guidance from organization documents, supervisor, managers and co-workers
- **GS56.** identify relevant and reliable sources of information for seeking clarity where required
- **GS57.** explain the concept of assumptions and how they impact decisions, actions and consequences
- **GS58.** identify situations and possible underlying intent where information provided by others may be unreliable









Assessment Criteria

Assessment Criteria for Outcomes	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks
1. Prepare the client for service	2.5	3	-	3
PC1. adhere to the health and safety standards laid out by the manufacturer and salon	0.5	0.5	-	0.5
PC2. sanitize the hands effectively prior to service commencement using a hand sanitiser	-	0.5	-	0.5
 PC3. prepare the client suitably for the respective service procedure and provide relevant required personal protective equipment Yourself: sanitize the hands, wear suitable protective apparel, remove jewellery, etc. Client: provide suitable protective apparel, remove jewellery, etc. Work area: organise and arrange products, tools and equipment, sanitise tools and equipment, no trailing wires, no obstructions, etc. 	1	1	-	1
PC4. ask relevant and effective questions to check and establish the client's understanding, requirements and expectation prior to commencement and clarify doubts, if any, including with guardians for minors	0.5	0.5	-	0.5
PC5. select and prepare products, tools and equipment that are suitable to meet to the clients needs and requirements of the service plan Manage the client during depilation services	0.5	0.5	-	0.5
Special techniques for threading	3.5	4.5	-	4
 know about the Threading Techniques: hand Method - Uses the thumb and forefinger to twist and move the thread. mouth Method - The thread is held in the mouth for better tension control (not commonly used due to hygiene concerns). neck Method - The thread is looped around the neck for hands-free threading control 	0.5	0.5	-	0.5
PC7. cleanse the skin with a mild toner to remove oil and dirt	1	1	-	1









Assessment Criteria for Outcomes	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks
PC8. prepare the thread (cut about 12- 18 inches) twist it in the middle to create a loop	0.5	0.5	-	0.5
PC9. hold the thread in a twisted fashion and use a scissoring motion to pull hair from the follicle	0.5	0.5	-	0.5
PC10. shape the eyebrows carefully according to client preference	0.5	1	-	1
PC11. apply a soothing gel or aloe vera to reduce redness and irritation	0.5	1	-	0.5
Perform waxing of various body areas	3.5	5	-	4
PC12. cleanse the skin with a pre-wax cleanser	0.5	0.5	-	0.5
PC13. apply pre-wax oil or powder to absorb excess moisture	0.5	0.5	-	0.5
PC14. use a spatula to apply soft wax in the direction of hair growth	0.5	1	-	1
PC15. press a waxing strip firmly over the wax	0.5	1	-	0.5
PC16. hold the skin taut and pull the strip quickly in the opposite direction of hair growth	0.5	1	-	0.5
PC17. repeat until all hair is removed	0.5	0.5	-	0.5
PC18. wipe away excess wax with a post-wax oil and apply a soothing lotion	0.5	0.5	-	0.5
Perform Brazilian waxing	5.5	11	-	4.5
PC19. ensure client comfort and privacy – have disposable underwear or towels for modesty	1	2	-	1
PC20. cleanse the bikini area and apply pre-wax powder to absorb moisture	0.5	0.5	-	-
PC21. warm the hard wax and apply a thick layer in sections	-	0.5	-	0.5
PC22. let it cool until it hardens slightly and can be peeled off	1	2	-	0.5
PC23. hold the skin taut and remove the wax in a swift motion	1	2	-	0.5









Assessment Criteria for Outcomes	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks
PC24. repeat the process for all desired areas	1	2	-	1
PC25. apply a soothing post-wax oil or lotion to prevent irritation	1	2	-	1
Perform Peel off waxing	2	4	-	1.5
PC26. heat the hard wax to a honey-like consistency	-	0.5	-	-
PC27. cleanse the skin and apply a thin layer of wax in the direction of hair growth	0.5	1	-	0.5
PC28. allow the wax to cool and harden (30-60 seconds)	0.5	1	-	0.5
PC29. hold the skin taut and peel off the wax in one quick motion	0.5	1	-	0.5
PC30. remove any residue with a post-wax oil	0.5	0.5	-	-
Perform Roller waxing	3	8	-	4
PC31. insert a wax cartridge into the roller wax warmer	0.5	1	-	0.5
PC32. once warmed, roll the applicator over the skin in the direction of hair growth	1	3	-	2
PC33. apply a waxing strip and press firmly	0.5	2	-	0.5
PC34. remove the strip in a quick, opposite motion	0.5	1	-	0.5
PC35. cleanse the skin and apply a soothing lotion	0.5	1	-	0.5
Perform post-procedure tasks	6	12.5	-	5
PC36. check the clients comfort and wellbeing throughout the service and adapt procedures to ensure the same, reassure the client with necessary information and positive comments as required	0.5	1	-	0.5
PC37. discontinue service, and do not provide advice and recommendations where contraactions occur	0.5	1	-	0.5









Assessment Criteria for Outcomes	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks
PC38. clean the treated area and use a suitable soothing product for post procedure relief as per organisational standards	1	2	-	0.5
PC39. record the therapy details accurately as required by the organisation policies and procedures in a timely manner	0.5	1.5	-	0.5
PC40. store information securely in line with the salons policies	0.5	1	-	0.5
PC41. provide specific after-procedure, homecare advice and recommendations for product use and further services to the client	0.5	1	-	0.5
PC42. ask questions to check with the client their satisfaction with the finished result	0.5	1	-	0.5
PC43. thank customer for feedback post-service, where customer is not satisfied with service take actions to resolve matter to customer satisfaction or apologise for the same and refer to supervisor	0.5	1	-	0.5
PC44. minimize the wastage of products by using products economically and following correct storage procedures as per manufacturers instructions	0.5	1	-	0.5
PC45. store chemicals and equipment securely post service	0.5	1	-	0.5
PC46. dispose all waste safety according to the salons standards of hygiene and safety	0.5	1	-	-
NOS Total	26	48	-	26









National Occupational Standards (NOS) Parameters

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NOS Name	Perform hair removal services
Sector	Beauty & Wellness
Sub-Sector	Beauty and Salons
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BWS/N0106: Perform makeup services

Description

Provide make-up for a variety of occasions, including day, evening and special occasions. This unit covers the application of vast range of make-up products to suit skin tones and age groups.

Scope

The scope covers the following:

- apply make-up for day, evening and special occasions
- perform the different draping styles of saree, dupatta, dhoti and safa

Elements and Performance Criteria

Apply make-up for day, evening and special occasions

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- **PC1.** adhere to the health and safety standards laid out by the manufacturer and organization
- **PC2.** ask relevant and effective questions to the client to identify contra-indications to skin and make-up products, if any
- **PC3.** sanitize the hands prior to treatment commencement
- **PC4.** prepare the client and provide suitable protective apparel
- **PC5.** position self and client throughout procedure to ensure privacy, comfort and wellbeing
- **PC6.** define a suitable treatment plan to meet the clients needs
- **PC7.** select and prepare suitable skin care and make up products to meet the clients needs and work plan
- **PC8.** clarify the client's understanding and expectation prior to commencement of procedure
- **PC9.** clean, tone and moisturize the skin to suit the clients skin type and needs in the correct sequence, applying correct techniques, using organisation approved tools and processes
- **PC10.** conceal skin imperfections and blemishes, using the suitable colour corrective products, where required applying correct techniques and procedures
- **PC11.** select and apply the correct make-up products to enhance facial features, to suit the clients needs and achieve the desired effect for the occasion, applying correct techniques as per organisation standards
- **PC12.** adapt the make-up procedure using materials, equipment and techniques correctly and safely to meet the needs of the client, where required
- PC13. adjust the clients position to meet the needs of the service without causing them discomfort
- **PC14.** check the clients comfort and wellbeing throughout the service and adapt procedures to ensure the same, reassure the client with necessary information and positive comments as required
- **PC15.** complete the procedure to the satisfaction of the client in a commercially acceptable time and as per organisational standards
- **PC16.** ensure the work area is kept clean and tidy during the service









- **PC17.** dispose waste materials as per organisational standards in a safe and hygienic manner
- PC18. record details of the procedure accurately as per organisational policy and approved practice
- **PC19.** store information securely in line with the salons policies
- **PC20.** provide specific after-procedure, homecare advice and recommendations for product use and further services to the client
- **PC21.** ask guestions to check with the client their satisfaction with the finished result
- **PC22.** thank customer for feedback post-service, where customer is not satisfied with service take actions to resolve matter to customer satisfaction or apologise for the same and refer to supervisor

Perform the different draping styles of saree, dupatta, dhoti and safa

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- **PC23.** select a fabric that complements the style and occasion. Lightweight fabrics like georgette or chiffon drape differently than heavier ones like silk or brocade
- **PC24.** ensure the base garment (petticoat for saree, churidar for dupatta, or pyjama for dhoti) is tied snugly to hold the drape in place without slipping
- **PC25.** create even pleats or folds to achieve a structured look. This is crucial for sarees, dupattas, and safas, ensuring symmetry and elegance
- **PC26.** check the length of the drape before finalizing. Saree pleats should touch the floor, dupattas should be pinned at the right spots, and dhoti folds should be even on both sides
- **PC27.** use safety pins or tucks to keep the drape in place, especially in areas prone to movement. Pin saree pleats at the waist, lehenga dupattas at the shoulder, and safa layers at the back
- **PC28.** experiment with different draping styles based on the occasion. For example, Gujarati and Bengali saree drapes differ, just like a Maharashtrian dhoti differs from a South Indian veshti
- **PC29.** once draped, check if it's comfortable to move and sit in. Adjust for symmetry and smooth out any uneven pleats or wrinkles for a polished look

Knowledge and Understanding (KU)

The individual on the job needs to know and understand:

- **KU1.** organizations standards of performance and sequence of services
- **KU2.** range of services and products offered by the organization
- **KU3.** health and safety requirements in the organization
- **KU4.** environmental conditions required and expected for carrying out services and importance of maintaining these Conditions: Air, light, space, temperature, sound, cleanliness, etc.
- **KU5.** natomical structure, function, characteristics of skin and differences in the structure of the skin for different client groups Structure: The layers of the epidermis: the dermis, the subcutaneous layer; the hair follicle, the hair shaft, the sebaceous gland, arrector pili muscle, sweat gland, and sensory nerve endings functions of the skin Functions: Sensitivity, heat regulation, absorption, protection, excretion, secretion and vitamin D production
- **KU6.** colour wheel and how to use it
- **KU7.** hue, tints and other colour aspects relevant to make up
- **KU8.** highlighting and contouring with respect to make
- **KU9.** use and maintenance of brushes and tools used in make up









- **KU10.** range and use of product available for facial beauty service procedures suitable for different skin types and conditions Products: Eye makeup remover, cleansers, astringent/toner, moisturizers, exfoliating products, eye creams / gel, lip balm, serums, massage mediums, masks, sun protection,
- **KU11.** ageing and lifestyle effects on the skin and muscle tone
- KU12. diseases and disorders of the skin
- **KU13.** types of make-up products Types of Foundations: Cream, liquid, cake, powder foundation, concealers (foundation concealer, color corrective concealer, camouflage concealer), effect of lighting on the colour of make-up Other make up products: blushers (powder and cream), eye shadow (cream, crayon, powder), eye liners (eyebrow pencil, powder brow colour), Mascara, lip cosmetics (lip pencil, lipsticks, Lip glosses), etc.
- **KU14.** corrective make-up technique to suit the face shape
- KU15. nose, eye, lip corrective make-up techniques
- **KU16.** removal of eye make-up and skin make-up (cleanse, tone, and moisturize)
- **KU17.** cross infection, cross infestation their causes and precautions for prevention
- **KU18.** contact dermatitis, its causes and precautions for prevention
- **KU19.** difference between disinfecting and sterilising
- **KU20.** customer service principles including privacy and protection to modesty of the customers
- **KU21.** risks to customer privacy and modesty and actions (precautions) taken to maintain the same in the salon
- **KU22.** importance of keeping accurate records of services, clients and product usage (inventory)

Generic Skills (GS)

User/individual on the job needs to know how to:

- **GS1.** read policy and procedure documents, guidelines and memos in English and/or local language to interpret the gist correctly
- **GS2.** read common organizational signage in English accurately
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- **GS13.** introduce oneself and ones role to customers and visitors, in English and the local language
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- **GS21.** display an adequate range of vocabulary to communicate on familiar topics and perform simple tasks
- **GS22.** use simple and compound sentences in conversations
- **GS23.** avoid using jargon, slang or acronyms when communicating with a customer/ client, unless it is required
- **GS24.** speak in a manner and tone that is professional, supportive, respectful and sensitive
- **GS25.** listen and understand the local language in dealing with clients
- **GS26.** decide on course of action by recalling organisational policy, procedures and service standards
- **GS27.** make simple decisions with respect to appropriateness of own behaviour recalling principles and practices of professional and social etiquette
- **GS28.** get information on limits of authority and permitted actions while making decisions on how to act in routine situations
- **GS29.** get information on chain of command to be approached for decisions based on
- **GS30.** identify, plan and schedule tasks related to own work, to achieve standards of personal presentations expected in a professional set-up
- **GS31.** keep ones own documents and possessions in order at the workplace to ensure cleanliness, security and efficiency of use
- **GS32.** organize tasks based on instructions from supervisor or manager in order to complete them on time in order of stated priority
- **GS33.** organize service feedback files/documents
- **GS34.** plan and manage work routine based on salon procedure
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- **GS42.** build customer relationships using a customer centric approach
- **GS43.** follow hygiene, safety and personal presentation standards in line with customer and organisation expectations
- **GS44.** identify problems that hinder achievement or increase risks
- **GS45.** recall organizational policies, procedures, rules and guidelines applicable to the situation that may be used to decide course of action when faced with problems
- **GS46.** act in line with organizational policies, procedures, supervisor/manager instructions, rules and guidelines to contribute towards resolution of the problem in a timely and safe manner, within limits of authority
- **GS47.** escalate the problem in a timely manner to the supervisor/manager for effective resolution minimizing damage
- **GS48.** explain the importance of resolving problem in a timely manner
- **GS49.** explain the importance of accurate communications in problem resolution
- **GS50.** explain the negative effects of hiding problems instead of identifying, highlighting and working to resolve them
- **GS51.** seek guidance to define criteria and assign values of importance and urgency
- **GS52.** sort information in order of importance
- **GS53.** identify impact of own actions in terms of health, safety, security, customer satisfaction, influence of coworkers, achievement of task objectives
- **GS54.** differentiate between routine and non-routine issues and escalate issues of a non-routine nature and as needed
- **GS55.** verify information to clarify doubts through seeking guidance from organization documents, supervisor, managers and co-workers
- **GS56.** identify relevant and reliable sources of information for seeking clarity where required
- **GS57.** explain the concept of assumptions and how they impact decisions, actions and consequences
- **GS58.** identify situations and possible underlying intent where information provided by others may be unreliable









Assessment Criteria

Assessment Criteria for Outcomes	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks
Apply make-up for day, evening and special occasions	21	22	-	22
PC1. adhere to the health and safety standards laid out by the manufacturer and organization	1	1	-	1
PC2. ask relevant and effective questions to the client to identify contra-indications to skin and make-up products, if any	1	1	-	1
PC3. sanitize the hands prior to treatment commencement	1	1	-	1
PC4. prepare the client and provide suitable protective apparel	1	1	-	1
PC5. position self and client throughout procedure to ensure privacy, comfort and wellbeing	1	1	-	1
PC6. define a suitable treatment plan to meet the clients needs	1	1	-	1
PC7. select and prepare suitable skin care and make up products to meet the clients needs and work plan	1	1	-	1
PC8. clarify the client's understanding and expectation prior to commencement of procedure	1	1	-	1
PC9. clean, tone and moisturize the skin to suit the clients skin type and needs in the correct sequence, applying correct techniques, using organisation approved tools and processes	1	1	-	1
PC10. conceal skin imperfections and blemishes, using the suitable colour corrective products, where required applying correct techniques and procedures	1	1	-	1
PC11. select and apply the correct make-up products to enhance facial features, to suit the clients needs and achieve the desired effect for the occasion, applying correct techniques as per organisation standards	1	1	-	1









Assessment Criteria for Outcomes	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks
PC12. adapt the make-up procedure using materials, equipment and techniques correctly and safely to meet the needs of the client, where required	1	1	-	1
PC13. adjust the clients position to meet the needs of the service without causing them discomfort	1	1	-	1
PC14. check the clients comfort and wellbeing throughout the service and adapt procedures to ensure the same, reassure the client with necessary information and positive comments as required	1	1	-	1
PC15. complete the procedure to the satisfaction of the client in a commercially acceptable time and as per organisational standards	1	1	-	1
PC16. ensure the work area is kept clean and tidy during the service	1	1	-	1
PC17. dispose waste materials as per organisational standards in a safe and hygienic manner	1	1	-	1
PC18. record details of the procedure accurately as per organisational policy and approved practice	1	1	-	1
PC19. store information securely in line with the salons policies	1	1	-	1
PC20. provide specific after-procedure, homecare advice and recommendations for product use and further services to the client	1	1	-	1
PC21. ask questions to check with the client their satisfaction with the finished result	1	1	-	1
PC22. thank customer for feedback post-service, where customer is not satisfied with service take actions to resolve matter to customer satisfaction or apologise for the same and refer to supervisor	-	1	-	1
Perform the different draping styles of saree, dupatta, dhoti and safa	7	21	-	7
PC23. select a fabric that complements the style and occasion. Lightweight fabrics like georgette or chiffon drape differently than heavier ones like silk or brocade	1	3	-	1









Assessment Criteria for Outcomes	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks
PC24. ensure the base garment (petticoat for saree, churidar for dupatta, or pyjama for dhoti) is tied snugly to hold the drape in place without slipping	1	3	-	1
PC25. create even pleats or folds to achieve a structured look. This is crucial for sarees, dupattas, and safas, ensuring symmetry and elegance	1	3	-	1
PC26. check the length of the drape before finalizing. Saree pleats should touch the floor, dupattas should be pinned at the right spots, and dhoti folds should be even on both sides	1	3	-	1
PC27. use safety pins or tucks to keep the drape in place, especially in areas prone to movement. Pin saree pleats at the waist, lehenga dupattas at the shoulder, and safa layers at the back	1	3	-	1
PC28. experiment with different draping styles based on the occasion. For example, Gujarati and Bengali saree drapes differ, just like a Maharashtrian dhoti differs from a South Indian veshti	1	3	-	1
PC29. once draped, check if it's comfortable to move and sit in. Adjust for symmetry and smooth out any uneven pleats or wrinkles for a polished look	1	3	-	1
NOS Total	28	43	-	29









National Occupational Standards (NOS) Parameters

NOS Code	BWS/N0106
NOS Name	Perform makeup services
Sector	Beauty & Wellness
Sub-Sector	Beauty and Salons
Occupation	Skincare Services
NSQF Level	4
Credits	1
Version	8.0
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BWS/N0401: Provide manicure and pedicure services

Description

Clean and remove dead skin and callous from hands and feet and improve the appearance of nails.

Scope

The scope covers the following:

- prepare the client for service
- carrying out manicure and pedicure services
- aroma manicure and pedicure services
- advance mani/pedi-Bomb pedicure
- post service procedures

Elements and Performance Criteria

Prepare the client for service

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- **PC1.** adhere to the health and safety standards laid out by the manufacturer and organization
- **PC2.** sanitize the hands prior to procedure commencement as per organisational approved process
- **PC3.** prepare the client suitably for the respective service procedure and provide relevant required personal protective equipment
- **PC4.** ask relevant and effective questions to check and establish the client's understanding, requirements and expectation prior to commencement and clarify doubts, if any
- **PC5.** position self and client in a way to ensure privacy, comfort and wellbeing, throughout the procedure
- **PC6.** adjust the clients position to meet the needs of the service without causing them discomfort
- **PC7.** perform and adapt the manicure and pedicure procedures using materials, equipment and techniques correctly and safely to meet the needs of the client

Carrying out manicure and pedicure services

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- **PC8.** remove any existing nail polish using approved products and procedures before proceeding further
- **PC9.** enquire to establish the desired length and shape of nails (hands or toes) with the client
- **PC10.** file the nails ensuring the nails free edge is left smooth and shaped to required length according to the clients preference
- **PC11.** remove dirt in the underside of the nails using nail pick, clippers, nail brush, soaking and washing to be dirt free
- **PC12.** use suitable cuticle tools and products, safely and effectively, to remove excess cuticle, ensuring that the cuticle and nail plate are undamaged









- **PC13.** use specialized procedures (hand and leg, finger and toe nails) to improve the appearance of the clients skin and nails (Procedures: File, buff and shape, cuticle pushing, clipping, massage, polish, etc.)
- **PC14.** use smooth and even massage techniques for hands and lower arms, lower legs and feet and apply appropriate pressure to meet the clients needs
- **PC15.** remove any excessive hard skin using a foot scrapper during the manicure service without discomfort to the client
- **PC16.** leave the hands and lower arm, foot and lower leg free of any excess massage medium at the end of the pedicure or manicure process respectively, by clearing these using a towel or other suitable materials
- **PC17.** check that the nail plate is dehydrated and the underside is clean and free of debris
- **PC18.** apply sufficient base coat, polish coats and top coats as required to achieve the desired nail finish
- **PC19.** check that the final nail finish is smooth, even textured and uniformly coloured, with the cuticle and nail wall free of enamel

Aroma manicure and pedicure services

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- **PC20.** essential oils like lavender, peppermint, or rose are infused in water, creams, and scrubs to provide relaxation and rejuvenation
- **PC21.** hands and feet are soaked in warm water with essential oils and mild cleansers to soften the skin and relax muscles
- **PC22.** scrub with aromatic ingredients like sugar, salt, or herbal extracts removes dead skin cells, leaving the skin smooth
- **PC23.** nails are trimmed, shaped, and cuticles are softened with nourishing oils for healthy, well-groomed nails
- **PC24.** soothing massage with essential oil-infused creams improves blood circulation, reduces stress, and hydrates the skin
- **PC25.** hydrating mask or lotion is applied, followed by nail polishing (optional) to complete the treatment with a fresh, glowing look

Advance mani/pedi—Bomb pedicure

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- **PC26.** ensure all tools (nail clippers, files, cuticle, pushers, foot scrubbers) are sterilized
- **PC27.** prepare a warm foot soak with a fizzing pedicure bomb
- **PC28.** place feet in warm water and drop in the pedicure bomb
- **PC29.** allow it to dissolve, releasing essential oils and minerals
- **PC30.** let the client relax while the soak softens skin and nails
- **PC31.** use a scrub (sugar or salt-based) to gently exfoliate feet and remove dead skin
- PC32. push back and trim cuticles for a clean nail bed
- **PC33.** use a pumice stone or foot file to smooth rough heels
- **PC34.** apply a nourishing foot mask or cream infused with essential oils
- **PC35.** perform a relaxing foot and calf massage to boost circulation
- **PC36.** trim and file nails into the desired shape
- **PC37.** apply a base coat, polish, and top coat









Post Service procedures

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- **PC38.** check the clients comfort and wellbeing throughout the service and adapt procedures to ensure the same, reassure the client with necessary information and positive comments as required
- **PC39.** clean the treated area and use a suitable soothing product
- **PC40.** complete the therapy to the satisfaction of the guest in a commercially acceptable time
- **PC41.** record the therapy accurately and store information securely in line with the organizations policies
- **PC42.** provide specific after-procedure, homecare advice and recommendations for product use and further services to the client
- **PC43.** ask guestions to check with the client their satisfaction with the finished result
- **PC44.** thank customer for feedback post-service, where customer is not satisfied with service take actions to resolve matter to customer satisfaction or apologise for the same and refer to supervisor

Knowledge and Understanding (KU)

The individual on the job needs to know and understand:

- **KU1.** organizations standards of performance and sequence of services
- **KU2.** range of services and products offered by the organization
- **KU3.** health and safety requirements in the organization
- **KU4.** environmental conditions required and expected for carrying out services and importance of maintaining these Conditions: Air, light, space, temperature, sound, cleanliness, etc.
- **KU5.** anatomical structure, function, characteristics of nail and the process of nail growth Structure: Nail root-matrix, mantle, plate, wall, grooves, bed, lunula, free edge, hyponychium, cuticle);Functions protection
- **KU6.** anatomical structure and function of the skinStructure: The layers of the epidermis: the dermis, the subcutaneous layer; the hair follicle, the hair shaft, the sebaceous gland, arrector pili muscle, sweat gland, and sensory nerve endingsFunctions: Sensitivity, heat regulation, absorption, protection, excretion, secretion and vitamin D production
- **KU7.** names and position of bones of lower leg and foot
- **KU8.** names and position of bones of the wrist, hands fingers and forearm
- **KU9.** structure and functions of the lymphatic vessels of the lower leg, foot, hand and arm
- **KU10.** position of arteries and veins of lower leg, foot, hand and arm
- **KU11.** location of muscles of the lower leg, foot, hand and arms
- KU12. nail diseases and disorders
- **KU13.** nail and skin analysis by visual/manual examination to identify treatable conditions and contra indications restricting or preventing service
- **KU14.** respective necessary action relevant to contra-indications
- **KU15.** products and tools suitable to carry the procedure Products: Exfoliant, enamel remover, nail enamels, cuticle creamTools: pedicure clipper, foot scrapper, nail brush, nail file, cuticle nippers, cuticle knife, emery boards, nail scissors, nail clippers









- **KU16.** pedicure and manicure techniques Techniques: Filing, buffing, application of cuticle cream, removal of cuticle, cuticle pushing, polishing
- **KU17.** contra-actions and respective necessary actions
- **KU18.** customer service principles including privacy and protection to modesty of the customers
- **KU19.** importance of keeping accurate records of services, clients and product usage (inventory)

Generic Skills (GS)

User/individual on the job needs to know how to:

- **GS1.** read policy and procedure documents, guidelines and memos in English to interpret the gist correctly
- **GS2.** read common organizational signage in English accurately
- **GS3.** read simple emails, instructions, advertisements, brochures, manufacturers labels, forms, formats and other common documents accurately
- **GS4.** read and interpret correctly information about new products and services with reference to the organization and also from external forums such as websites and/or blogs
- **GS5.** write appointments, names, addresses, simple emails, messages, and applications in English accurately
- **GS6.** construct a CV or fill a job application form accurately representing skills, knowledge and past experiences in English accurately
- **GS7.** write an accident or incident report accurately in English
- **GS8.** fill in various applicable forms and formats at the workplace accurately
- **GS9.** maintain accurate records of client, services, operating and closing checklists, product stock status skills)
- **GS10.** listen and interpret correctly simple instructions in English
- **GS11.** listen for and identify the main points of short explanations or presentations in English
- **GS12.** listen to and follow short, straightforward explanations and instructions in English
- **GS13.** introduce oneself and ones role to customers and visitors, in English and the local language
- **GS14.** express clearly statements of fact and give short explanations, accounts and descriptions to customers, seniors and co-workers in English
- **GS15.** give clear instructions to customers and/or coworkers as required
- **GS16.** pronounce the sounds of English or use sign language sufficiently clearly to be generally understood
- **GS17.** speak or communicate with reasonable ease in structured situations and short conversations on familiar topics
- **GS18.** exchange information effectively to perform a task
- **GS19.** give simple directions, instructions and explanations
- **GS20.** ask and answer simple questions such as to establish customer needs, or who a visitor is seeking to meet and for what purpose
- **GS21.** display an adequate range of vocabulary to communicate on familiar topics and perform simple tasks
- **GS22.** use simple and compound sentences in conversations









- **GS23.** avoid using jargon, slang or acronyms when communicating with a customer/ client, unless it is required
- **GS24.** speak in a manner and tone that is professional, supportive, respectful and sensitive
- **GS25.** listen and understand the local language in dealing with clients
- **GS26.** decide on course of action by recalling organisational policy, procedures and service standards
- **GS27.** make simple decisions with respect to appropriateness of own behaviour recalling principles and practices of professional and social etiquette
- **GS28.** get information on limits of authority and permitted actions while making decisions on how to act in routine situations
- **GS29.** get information on chain of command to be approached for decisions based on Plan and Organize
- **GS30.** identify, plan and schedule tasks related to own work, to achieve standards of personal presentations expected in a professional set-up
- **GS31.** keep ones own documents and possessions in order at the workplace to ensure cleanliness, security and efficiency of use
- **GS32.** organize tasks based on instructions from supervisor or manager in order to complete them on time in order of stated priority
- GS33. organize service feedback files/documents
- **GS34.** plan and manage work routine based on salon procedure
- **GS35.** maintain the work area, equipment and product stocks to meet client schedules
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Assessment Criteria

Assessment Criteria for Outcomes	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks
Prepare the client for service	4	4	-	4
PC1. adhere to the health and safety standards laid out by the manufacturer and organization	0.5	0.5	-	0.5
PC2. sanitize the hands prior to procedure commencement as per organisational approved process	0.5	0.5	-	0.5
PC3. prepare the client suitably for the respective service procedure and provide relevant required personal protective equipment	0.5	0.5	-	0.5
PC4. ask relevant and effective questions to check and establish the client's understanding, requirements and expectation prior to commencement and clarify doubts, if any	0.5	0.5	-	0.5
PC5. position self and client in a way to ensure privacy, comfort and wellbeing, throughout the procedure	0.5	0.5	-	0.5
PC6. adjust the clients position to meet the needs of the service without causing them discomfort	0.5	0.5	-	0.5
PC7. perform and adapt the manicure and pedicure procedures using materials, equipment and techniques correctly and safely to meet the needs of the client	1	1	-	1
Carrying out manicure and pedicure services	6	6	-	6
PC8. remove any existing nail polish using approved products and procedures before proceeding further	0.5	0.5	-	0.5
PC9. enquire to establish the desired length and shape of nails (hands or toes) with the client	0.5	0.5	-	0.5
PC10. file the nails ensuring the nails free edge is left smooth and shaped to required length according to the clients preference	0.5	0.5	-	0.5









Assessment Criteria for Outcomes	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks
PC11. remove dirt in the underside of the nails using nail pick, clippers, nail brush, soaking and washing to be dirt free	0.5	0.5	-	0.5
PC12. use suitable cuticle tools and products, safely and effectively, to remove excess cuticle, ensuring that the cuticle and nail plate are undamaged	0.5	0.5	-	0.5
PC13. use specialized procedures (hand and leg, finger and toe nails) to improve the appearance of the clients skin and nails (Procedures: File, buff and shape, cuticle pushing, clipping, massage, polish, etc.)	0.5	0.5	-	0.5
PC14. use smooth and even massage techniques for hands and lower arms, lower legs and feet and apply appropriate pressure to meet the clients needs	0.5	0.5	-	0.5
PC15. remove any excessive hard skin using a foot scrapper during the manicure service without discomfort to the client	0.5	0.5	-	0.5
PC16. leave the hands and lower arm, foot and lower leg free of any excess massage medium at the end of the pedicure or manicure process respectively, by clearing these using a towel or other suitable materials	0.5	0.5	-	0.5
PC17. check that the nail plate is dehydrated and the underside is clean and free of debris	0.5	0.5	-	0.5
PC18. apply sufficient base coat, polish coats and top coats as required to achieve the desired nail finish	0.5	0.5	-	0.5
PC19. check that the final nail finish is smooth, even textured and uniformly coloured, with the cuticle and nail wall free of enamel	0.5	0.5	-	0.5
Aroma manicure and pedicure services	5	6	-	6
PC20. essential oils like lavender, peppermint, or rose are infused in water, creams, and scrubs to provide relaxation and rejuvenation	1	1	-	1









Assessment Criteria for Outcomes	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks
PC21. hands and feet are soaked in warm water with essential oils and mild cleansers to soften the skin and relax muscles	0.5	1	-	1
PC22. scrub with aromatic ingredients like sugar, salt, or herbal extracts removes dead skin cells, leaving the skin smooth	1	1	-	1
PC23. nails are trimmed, shaped, and cuticles are softened with nourishing oils for healthy, well-groomed nails	1	1	-	1
PC24. soothing massage with essential oil-infused creams improves blood circulation, reduces stress, and hydrates the skin	1	1	-	1
PC25. hydrating mask or lotion is applied, followed by nail polishing (optional) to complete the treatment with a fresh, glowing look	0.5	1	-	1
Advance mani/pedi—Bomb pedicure	11	12	-	12
PC26. ensure all tools (nail clippers, files, cuticle, pushers, foot scrubbers) are sterilized	1	1	-	1
PC27. prepare a warm foot soak with a fizzing pedicure bomb	1	1	-	1
PC28. place feet in warm water and drop in the pedicure bomb	1	1	-	1
PC29. allow it to dissolve, releasing essential oils and minerals	1	1	-	1
PC30. let the client relax while the soak softens skin and nails	1	1	-	1
PC31. use a scrub (sugar or salt-based) to gently exfoliate feet and remove dead skin	1	1	-	1
PC32. push back and trim cuticles for a clean nail bed	1	1	-	1
PC33. use a pumice stone or foot file to smooth rough heels	0.5	1	-	1
PC34. apply a nourishing foot mask or cream infused with essential oils	0.5	1	-	1









Assessment Criteria for Outcomes	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks
PC35. perform a relaxing foot and calf massage to boost circulation	1	1	-	1
PC36. trim and file nails into the desired shape	1	1	-	1
PC37. apply a base coat, polish, and top coat	1	1	-	1
Post Service procedures	4	7	-	7
PC38. check the clients comfort and wellbeing throughout the service and adapt procedures to ensure the same, reassure the client with necessary information and positive comments as required	0.5	1	-	1
PC39. clean the treated area and use a suitable soothing product	0.5	1	-	1
PC40. complete the therapy to the satisfaction of the guest in a commercially acceptable time	0.5	1	-	1
PC41. record the therapy accurately and store information securely in line with the organizations policies	0.5	1	-	1
PC42. provide specific after-procedure, homecare advice and recommendations for product use and further services to the client	0.5	1	-	1
PC43. ask questions to check with the client their satisfaction with the finished result	0.5	1	-	1
PC44. thank customer for feedback post-service, where customer is not satisfied with service take actions to resolve matter to customer satisfaction or apologise for the same and refer to supervisor	1	1	-	1
NOS Total	30	35	-	35









National Occupational Standards (NOS) Parameters

NOS Code	BWS/N0401
NOS Name	Provide manicure and pedicure services
Sector	Beauty & Wellness
Sub-Sector	Beauty and Salons
Occupation	Skincare Services, Nailcare Services
NSQF Level	4
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BWS/N0128: Operate and apply electrical/ electronic equipment for facial beauty services safely and effectively

Description

This OS unit is about operating various electronic beauty services equipment. This unit covers the care, operation and application of the range of equipment.

Scope

The scope covers the following:

- prepare equipment
- operate equipment
- use equipment for facial beauty services
- 4. Post-operation activities

Elements and Performance Criteria

Prepare equipment

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- 1. adhere to the health and safety standards laid out by the manufacturer and salon
- 2. identify various electrical/electronic machine equipment for beauty services correctly
 - (Equipment: Brush Machine/Brush Unit, Facial Steamer (Vapour Zone), High frequency, Galvanic (Iontophoresis, Deincrustation), Faradic, Vacuum suction, Microcurrent, Electro-muscle Stimulator, Lymphatic Drainage Equipment, Microdermabrasion, Ultra-sonic, advance machine facials such as direct high frequency, indirect high frequency, galvanic, etc.)
- **3.** select the correct machine and accessories as per the service plan
- **4.** check the machine for damage, faults and risks before operating, if detected take necessary action as per organisation approved procedures and ensure safety
- 5. ensure all component and parts of the machine are available, clean and ready for use
- **6.** attach and assemble the accessories/parts following manufacturers instructions
- **7.** ensure there are no bare or trailing wires
- **8.** ensure the machine is calibrated and approved for usage
- **9.** ensure the environment is safe and suitable for equipment operation
- **10.** sterilise, sanitise and disinfect tools and machine parts as per requirements and organisation standard using various methodsmethods: heat or chemical methods, bactericides, fungicides, viricides, UV cabinet for storage only.
- **11.** assemble and organise products and accessories related to the respective service and keep ready for use
- **12.** prepare yourself, the client and work area for shampoo and conditioning servicesYourself: Sanitize the hands prior to service commencement, personal protective equipment, remove jewellery, etc. Client: provide suitable protective apparel, remove jewellery, etc. work area: no obstructions, equipment in clean and working condition, tools and equipment in correct position, etc









- 13. identify contra-indications and respective necessary actions
- **14.** position self and equipment in relation to client and each other, safely and in a manner to operate the equipment effectively
- **15.** define a suitable service procedure plan to meet the clients needs
- 16. ensure the service plan is as per skin type, skin condition and client needs
- 17. ensure the service plan

Operate the equipment

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- **18.** select and prepare suitable skin care products to meet the clients needs in line with the client service plan
- 19. ensure the dials are at zero and mains are off
- 20. switch on the mains and operate the equipment at low intensity to test the equipment
- 21. switch off the machine if any malfunction is noticed and report to concerned personnel

Use the equipment for facial beauty services

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- 22. clarify the client's understanding and expectation prior to commencement of procedure
- **23.** explain the sensation, temperature and other sensory experiences the client is likely to experience in order to prepare them for it
- 24. adjust the clients position to meet the needs of the service without causing them discomfort
- **25.** check the clients comfort and wellbeing throughout the service and adapt procedures to ensure the same, reassure the client with necessary information and positive comments as required
- **26.** operate the equipment as per manufacturers instructions in line with service procedure requirements
- **27.** apply products as per service plan and in line with procedural guidelines of the manufacturer and organisation standards
- 28. ensure correct techniques are used for movement
- **29.** ensure the right parameters as per manufacturers instructions, organisation and safety standards are maintained and followed during application
- **30.** complete the procedure to the satisfaction of the client in a commercially acceptable time and as per organisational standards
- 31. identify contra-actions and necessary subsequent action
- **32.** ensure the work area is kept clean and tidy during the service
- **33.** provide specific after-procedure, homecare advice and recommendations for product use and further treatments to the client

Post-procedure activities

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- 34. clean and dismantle the machine as per organisation standards after service
- **35.** ensure electrodes are cleaned, handled and stored as per manufacturers instructions
- **36.** store equipment as per manufacturers instruction and keep ready for next service
- **37.** record details of the procedure accurately as per organisational policy and approved practice
- **38.** store information securely in line with the salons policies
- 39. ask questions to check with the client their satisfaction with the finished result









40. thank customer for feedback post-service, where customer is not satisfied with service take actions to resolve matter to customer satisfaction or apologise for the same and refer to supervisor

Knowledge and Understanding (KU)

The individual on the job needs to know and understand:

- **KU1.** organizations standards of performance and sequence of services
- **KU2.** range of services and products offered by the organization
- **KU3.** health and safety requirements in the organization
- **KU4.** environmental conditions required and expected for carrying out services and importance of maintaining these Conditions: Air, light, space, temperature, sound, cleanliness, etc.
- **KU5.** anatomical structure, function, characteristics of skin Structure: The layers of the epidermis: the dermis, the subcutaneous layer; the hair follicle, the hair shaft, the sebaceous gland, arrector pili muscle, sweat gland, and sensory nerve endings Functions: Sensitivity, heat regulation, absorption, protection, excretion, secretion and vitamin D production
- KU6. use and maintenance of brushes, brush units and tools used in a salon
- **KU7.** range and use of product available for facial treatment suitable for different skin types and conditions Products: Eye makeup remover, cleansers, astringent/toner, moisturizers, exfoliating products, eye creams / gel, lip balm, serums, massage mediums, masks, sun protection,
- **KU8.** names and position of the bones of head, neck and face
- **KU9.** names and position of bones of the head, neck and face
- **KU10.** structure and functions of the lymphatic vessels of the head, neck and face
- **KU11.** skeletal and muscle functions
- **KU12.** position of arteries and veins of head, neck and face
- **KU13.** types of muscles of the head, neck and face
- **KU14.** ageing and lifestyle effects on the skin and muscle tone
- KU15. diseases and disorders of the skin
- **KU16.** cross infection, cross infestation -their causes and precautions for prevention
- **KU17.** contact dermatitis, its causes and precautions for prevention
- **KU18.** difference between disinfecting and sterilizing
- **KU19.** various machinesused in a beauty salon their parts, usage and care procedures
- **KU20.** various beauty services and related techniques delivered using various devices and machines to provide facial beauty services Techniques: Galvanic (deincrustation, iontophoresis), faradic, high frequency, micro-current, electro-muscular stimulation, lymphatic drainage (vacuum suction), microdermabrasion, infra-red lamp, ultrasonic machine, brush unit
- **KU21.** effects and benefits of various procedures and services provided using beauty devices and machines
- **KU22.** effects and benefits of various procedures and services provided using beauty devices and machines









- **KU23.** products used in conjunction with specific devices and machines for services(as per skin condition and skin type)
- **KU24.** contra-indications and respective necessary actions KB21.contra-actions and respective necessary subsequent actions
- **KU25.** nervous system, lymphatic system and circulatory system of the body
- **KU26.** correct cleaning and storage guidelines for various machines, electrodes and other accessories
- **KU27.** correct storage guidelines for various skin products
- **KU28.** importance and procedure to report malfunctions of devices and machines in(a prompt and timely manner)
- **KU29.** importance and procedure of testing equipment prior to use on customers
- **KU30.** importance of following manufacturers instruction while using, cleaning,(storing and operating devices and machines)
- **KU31.** customer service principles including privacy and protection to modesty of the customers
- **KU32.** importance of keeping accurate records of treatments, clients and product usage (inventory)

Generic Skills (GS)

User/individual on the job needs to know how to:

- **GS1.** read policy and procedure documents, guidelines and memos in English and/or local language to interpret the gist correctly
- **GS2.** read common organizational signage in English accurately
- **GS3.** read simple emails, instructions, advertisements, brochures, manufacturers labels, forms, formats and other common documents accurately
- **GS4.** read and interpret correctly information aboutnew products and services with reference to the organization and also from external forums suchas (websites and/orblogs) (Writing Skills)
- **GS5.** write appointments, names, addresses, simple emails, messages, and applications in English accurately
- **GS6.** construct a CV or fill a job application form accurately representing skills,(knowledge and past experiences in English accurately)
- **GS7.** write an accident or incident report accurately in English
- **GS8.** fill in various applicable forms and formats at the workplace accurately
- **GS9.** maintain accurate records of client, services, operating and closing checklists, product stock status
- **GS10.** listen and interpret correctly simple instructions in English
- **GS11.** listen for and identify the main points of short explanations or presentations in English
- **GS12.** listen to and follow short, straightforward explanations and instructions in English
- **GS13.** introduce oneself and ones role to customers and visitors, in English and the local language
- **GS14.** express clearly statements of fact and give short explanations, accounts and descriptions to customers, seniors and co-workers in English
- **GS15.** give clear instructions to customers and/or coworkers as required
- **GS16.** pronounce the sounds of English or use sign language sufficiently clearly to be generally understood









- **GS17.** speak or communicate with reasonable ease in structured situations and short conversations on familiar topics
- **GS18.** exchange information effectively to perform a task
- **GS19.** give simple directions, instructions and explanations
- **GS20.** ask and answer simple questions such as to establish customer needs, or who a visitor is seeking to meet and for what purpose
- **GS21.** display an adequate range of vocabulary to communicate on familiar topics and perform simple tasks
- **GS22.** use simple and compound sentences in conversations
- **GS23.** avoid using jargon, slang or acronyms when communicating with a customer/ client, unless it is required
- **GS24.** speak in a manner and tonethat is professional, supportive, respectfuland sensitive
- **GS25.** listen and understand the local language in dealing with clients
- **GS26.** decide on course of action by recalling organisational policy, procedures and service standards
- **GS27.** make simple decisions with respect to appropriateness of own behaviour recalling principles and practices of professional and social etiquette
- **GS28.** get information on limits of authority and permitted actions while making decisions on how to act in routine situations
- **GS29.** get information on chain of command to be approached for decisions based on Plan and Organize
- **GS30.** identify, plan and schedule tasks related to own work, to achieve standards of personal presentations expected in a professional set-up
- **GS31.** keep ones own documents and possessions in order at the workplace to ensure cleanliness, security and efficiency of use
- **GS32.** organize tasks based on instructions from supervisor or manager in order to complete them on time in order of stated priority
- **GS33.** organize service feedback files/documents
- **GS34.** plan and manage work routine based on salon procedure
- **GS35.** maintain the work area, equipment and product stocks to meet client schedules
- **GS36.** maintain accurate records of clients, services and product stock levels
- **GS37.** plan own development in line with feedback given from supervisor, coworkers and clients
- **GS38.** prioritise response to customers based on urgency and criticality of need, status of the customer and supervisor inputs
- **GS39.** minimize customer discomfort by taking permitted or directed actions in a timely manner
- **GS40.** respond promptly to customers in a manner that aims to exceed their expectation
- **GS41.** adhere to principles of service excellenceas defined by the organization aimed at customer satisfaction
- **GS42.** build customer relationships using acustomer centric approach
- **GS43.** follow hygiene, safety and personal presentation standards in line with customer and organisation expectations
- **GS44.** identify problems that hinder achievement or increase risks









- **GS45.** recall organizational policies, procedures, rules and guidelines applicable to the situation that may be used to decide course of action when faced with problems
- **GS46.** act in line with organizational policies, procedures, supervisor/manager instructions, rules and guidelines to contribute towards resolution of the problem in a timely and safe manner, within limits of authority
- **GS47.** escalate the problem in a timelymanner to the supervisor/manager for effective resolution minimizing damage
- **GS48.** explain the importance of resolving problem in a timely manner
- **GS49.** explain the importance of accurate communications in problem resolution
- **GS50.** explain the negative effects of hiding problems instead of identifying, highlighting and working to resolve them
- **GS51.** seek guidance to define criteria and assign values of importance and urgency
- GS52. sort information in order of importance
- **GS53.** identify impact of own actions in terms of health, safety, security, customer satisfaction, influence of coworkers, achievement of task objectives
- **GS54.** differentiate between routine and non-routine issues and escalate issues of a non-routine nature and as needed
- **GS55.** verify information to clarify doubts through seeking guidance from organization documents, supervisor, managers and co-workers
- **GS56.** identify relevant and reliable sources of information for seeking clarity where required
- **GS57.** explain the concept of assumptions and how they impact decisions, actions and consequences
- **GS58.** identify situations and possible underlying intent where information provided by others may be unreliable









Assessment Criteria

Assessment Criteria for Outcomes	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks
Prepare equipment	8	19	-	13
1. adhere to the health and safety standards laid out by the manufacturer and salon	0.5	1	-	0.5
 identify various electrical/electronic machine equipment for beauty services correctly (Equipment: Brush Machine/Brush Unit, Facial Steamer (Vapour Zone), High frequency, Galvanic (Iontophoresis, Deincrustation), Faradic, Vacuum suction, Microcurrent, Electro-muscle Stimulator, Lymphatic Drainage Equipment, Microdermabrasion, Ultra-sonic, advance machine facials such as direct high frequency, indirect high frequency, galvanic, etc.) 	0.5	1	-	0.5
3. select the correct machine and accessories as per the service plan	0.5	1	-	0.5
4. check the machine for damage, faults and risks before operating, if detected take necessary action as per organisation approved procedures and ensure safety	1	1	-	1
5. ensure all component and parts of the machine are available, clean and ready for use	-	1	-	1
6. attach and assemble the accessories/parts following manufacturers instructions	0.5	1	-	0.5
7. ensure there are no bare or trailing wires	-	1	_	1
8. ensure the machine is calibrated and approved for usage	1	1	-	1
9. ensure the environment is safe and suitable for equipment operation	-	1	-	1
10. sterilise, sanitise and disinfect tools and machine parts as per requirements and organisation standard using various methodsmethods: heat or chemical methods, bactericides, fungicides, viricides, UV cabinet for storage only.	1	1	-	1









Assessment Criteria for Outcomes	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks
11. assemble and organise products and accessories related to the respective service and keep ready for use	0.5	2	-	0.5
12. prepare yourself, the client and work area for shampoo and conditioning services Yourself: Sanitize the hands prior to service commencement, personal protective equipment, remove jewellery, etc. Client: provide suitable protective apparel, remove jewellery, etc. work area: no obstructions, equipment in clean and working condition, tools and equipment in correct position, etc	0.5	1	-	0.5
13. identify contra-indications and respective necessary actions	0.5	1	-	0.5
14. position self and equipment in relation to client and each other, safely and in a manner to operate the equipment effectively	0.5	2	-	0.5
15. define a suitable service procedure plan to meet the clients needs	1	1	-	1
16. ensure the service plan is as per skin type, skin condition and client needs	-	1	-	1
17. ensure the service plan	-	1	-	1
Operate the equipment	2	4	-	3
18. select and prepare suitable skin care products to meet the clients needs in line with the client service plan	1	1	-	1
19. ensure the dials are at zero and mains are off	-	1	-	1
20. switch on the mains and operate the equipment at low intensity to test the equipment	0.5	1	-	0.5
21. switch off the machine if any malfunction is noticed and report to concerned personnel	0.5	1	-	0.5
Use the equipment for facial beauty services	6.5	19	-	10
22. clarify the client's understanding and expectation prior to commencement of procedure	0.5	1.5	-	1









Assessment Criteria for Outcomes	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks
23. explain the sensation, temperature and other sensory experiences the client is likely to experience in order to prepare them for it	0.5	2	-	1
24. adjust the clients position to meet the needs of the service without causing them discomfort	0.5	2	-	0.5
25. check the clients comfort and wellbeing throughout the service and adapt procedures to ensure the same, reassure the client with necessary information and positive comments as required	0.5	2	-	0.5
26. operate the equipment as per manufacturers instructions in line with service procedure requirements	0.5	2.5	-	1.5
27. apply products as per service plan and in line with procedural guidelines of the manufacturer and organisation standards	1	2	-	1
28. ensure correct techniques are used for movement	0.5	1	-	1
29. ensure the right parameters as per manufacturers instructions, organisation and safety standards are maintained and followed during application	0.5	1	-	0.5
30. complete the procedure to the satisfaction of the client in a commercially acceptable time and as per organisational standards	0.5	2	-	0.5
31. identify contra-actions and necessary subsequent action	0.5	1	-	0.5
32. ensure the work area is kept clean and tidy during the service	-	1	-	1
33. provide specific after-procedure, homecare advice and recommendations for product use and further treatments to the client	1	1	-	1
Post-procedure activities	3.5	8	-	4
34. clean and dismantle the machine as per organisation standards after service	0.5	2	-	0.5









Assessment Criteria for Outcomes	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks
35. ensure electrodes are cleaned, handled and stored as per manufacturers instructions	0.5	1	-	0.5
36. store equipment as per manufacturers instruction and keep ready for next service	0.5	1	-	0.5
37. record details of the procedure accurately as per organisational policy and approved practice	0.5	1	-	0.5
38. store information securely in line with the salons policies	0.5	1	-	0.5
39. ask questions to check with the client their satisfaction with the finished result	0.5	1	-	1
40. thank customer for feedback post-service, where customer is not satisfied with service take actions to resolve matter to customer satisfaction or apologise for the same and refer to supervisor	0.5	1	-	0.5
NOS Total	20	50	-	30









National Occupational Standards (NOS) Parameters

NOS Code	BWS/N0128
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BWS/N0129: Perform salon reception duties

Description

This OS unit is about performance reception duties at a salon including booking appointments, handling customers, explaining range of services and billing as per the standards of operation of the organization.

Scope

The scope covers the following:

- book appointments
- handle clients and client needs
- maintain the reception
- process payments

Elements and Performance Criteria

Book appointments

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- 1. book appointments in person and over telephone accurately and promptly
- 2. maintain and interpret the appointment register accurately
- 3. estimate timings for various services offered by the salon with reasonable precision
- 4. record details in a register or electronically in an accurate and efficient manner
- **5.** ask relevant questions to customers to obtain required information to book an appointment
- **6.** politely decline appointments where time slots unavailable and offer alternate arrangements in keeping with client needs and preferences

Handle clients and client needs

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- 7. speak to clients in a professional and pleasant tone and speech
- **8.** maintain confidentiality of client information
- **9.** do not disclose client information to unauthorised personnel
- **10.** accommodate special requests as per feasibility and in consultation with service personnel
- 11. respond to emails as per organisational and professional protocols
- **12.** offer clients to wait in the lounge area/waiting area, offer water and means of passing time as per organisational policy and procedures
- **13.** inform waiting customers of time left to service periodically
- 14. manage wait times to ensure customer satisfaction
- **15.** inform customers promptly and apologise earnestly to customers if there is an anticipated delay in servicing a client as per appointment schedule, offer alternative where required
- 16. inform clients of organisational facilities, services, prices, and layout as required
- 17. inform customers of emergency procedures if required

Maintain the reception









To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- **18.** maintain the reception in a neat and tidy manner
- 19. maintain displays, magazines and promotional materials, etc. to give a neat and orderly look
- **20.** ensure cleaning processes are followed for all areas of the reception
- 21. maintain records neatly in a secure location, where it is also easy to retrieve when required
- **22.** follow correct filing and storing procedures for efficient storage
- 23. switch off all electronic equipment at the end of the day

Process payments

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- 24. maintain opening and closing balances and adequate change in the cash box/register
- 25. process cash payments correctly by receiving and tendering accurate amounts
- 26. calculate due amounts accurately for billing
- 27. produce invoices accurately using manual and computerised billing systems
- **28.** process credit card payments on manual swipe machines, electronic swipe machine, etc. of cards with and without pin authorisations
- **29.** follow organisation procedure in relation to cheque payments and follow essential checks required to process these while accepting them
- **30.** reconcile payments with billing done at the end of the shift
- **31.** operate and escalate problems with credit card machines efficiently and in a timely manner
- **32.** follow organisational procedures when faced with payment discrepancies (Payment discrepancies: eg. damaged currency, counterfeit currency, invalid cheques and credit cards, declined credit cards, etc.)
- 33. maintain confidentiality and security of passwords and other access devices/permits
- **34.** inform customers of schemes, discounts and other offers accurately for purposes of upselling and providing customers legitimate benefits
- **35.** accurately calculate applicable discounts and apply these to invoices
- **36.** calculate applicable taxes correctly and apply them to invoices
- **37.** explain taxes to customers and components of the charged invoice to the customer
- 38. handover money and receipts to authorised personnel at the end of the shift
- **39.** escalate any disputes that cannot be resolved to the supervisor

Knowledge and Understanding (KU)

The individual on the job needs to know and understand:

- **KU1.** organizations standards of performance and sequence of services
- **KU2.** range of services and products offered by the organization
- **KU3.** health and safety requirements in the organization
- **KU4.** applicable legislation relating to the workplace legislation for the workplace: eg. health and safety, workplace regulations, use of work equipment, control of substances hazardous to health, handling/storage/ disposal/ cautions in the use of products, fire precautions, occurrences, hygiene practice, disposal of waste, environmental protection
- **KU5.** types of products and services offered by the salon and their costs









- **KU6.** time taken for various services and procedures offered by the salon
- **KU7.** common types of queries customers ask in salons
- KU8. importance of customer satisfaction for business and professional success
- **KU9.** importance of maintaining the salon reception properly
- **KU10.** information required for booking an appointment and the purpose of each item of information
- **KU11.** features and operational procedures of computerized booking systems
- **KU12.** feature and operational procedures of credit card machines
- **KU13.** tax structure as applicable to services provided
- **KU14.** authorized sources of information for applicable taxes
- **KU15.** cash handling precautions and procedures
- **KU16.** following organization procedure while taking messages
- **KU17.** important factors and consequences for taking and communicating messages correctly and incorrectly
- **KU18.** calculating and applying discounts to the invoice
- **KU19.** credit terms, policy and procedures dealing with credit
- **KU20.** precautions to be taken while accepting bank cheques and related policy and procedures
- **KU21.** security policy and procedures to be complied with while handling payments of different types
- **KU22.** procedure for handling payment related discrepancies and issues (Payment discrepancies: eg. damaged currency, counterfeit currency, invalid cheques and credit cards, declined credit cards, etc.)
- KU23. importance of managing customers during waiting periods and possible ways to do that
- **KU24.** customer service principles including privacy and protection to modesty of the customers
- **KU25.** what constitutes professional communication and importance of carrying out communication with customers in a professional manner
- **KU26.** business and professional etiquette
- **KU27.** professional grooming standards and importance of complying with it
- **KU28.** risks to customer privacy and modesty and actions (precautions) taken to maintain the same in the salon
- **KU29.** data protection, its importance, application and relevant practices

Generic Skills (GS)

User/individual on the job needs to know how to:

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- **GS3.** read simple emails, instructions, advertisements, brochures, manufacturers labels, forms, formats and other common documents accurately
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- **GS5.** write appointments, names, addresses, simple emails, messages, and applications in English accurately
- **GS6.** construct a CV or fill a job application form accurately representing skills, knowledge and past experiences in English accurately
- **GS7.** write an accident or incident report accurately in English
- GS8. fill in various applicable forms and formats at the workplace accurately
- **GS9.** maintain accurate records of client, services, operating and closing checklists, product stock status
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- **GS14.** express clearly statements of fact and give short explanations, accounts and descriptions to customers, seniors and co-workers in English
- **GS15.** give clear instructions to customers and/or coworkers as required
- **GS16.** pronounce the sounds of English or use sign language sufficiently clearly to be generally understood
- **GS17.** speak or communicate with reasonable ease in structured situations and short conversations on familiar topics
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- **GS19.** give simple directions, instructions and explanations
- **GS20.** ask and answer simple questions such as to establish customer needs, or who a visitor is seeking to meet and for what purpose
- **GS21.** display an adequate range of vocabulary to communicate on familiar topics and perform simple tasks
- **GS22.** use simple and compound sentences in conversations
- **GS23.** avoid using jargon, slang or acronyms when communicating with a customer/ client, unless it is required
- **GS24.** speak in a manner and tone that is professional, supportive, respectful and sensitive
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- **GS26.** decide on course of action by recalling organisational policy, procedures and service standards
- **GS27.** make simple decisions with respect to appropriateness of own behaviour recalling principles and practices of professional and social etiquette
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- **GS30.** identify, plan and schedule tasks related to own work, to achieve standards of personal presentations expected in a professional set-up
- **GS31.** keep ones own documents and possessions in order at the workplace to ensure cleanliness, security and efficiency of use









- **GS32.** organize tasks based on instructions from supervisor or manager in order to complete them on time in order of stated priority
- **GS33.** organize service feedback files/documents
- **GS34.** plan and manage work routine based on salon procedure
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- **GS37.** plan own development in line with feedback given from supervisor, coworkers and clients Customer Centricity
- **GS38.** prioritise response to customers based on urgency and criticality of need, status of the customer and supervisor inputs
- **GS39.** minimize customer discomfort by taking permitted or directed actions in a timely manner
- **GS40.** respond promptly to customers in a manner that aims to exceed their expectation
- **GS41.** adhere to principles of service excellence as defined by the organization aimed at customer satisfaction
- **GS42.** build customer relationships using a customer centric approach
- **GS43.** follow hygiene, safety and personal presentation standards in line with customer and organisation expectations Problem Solving
- **GS44.** identify problems that hinder achievement or increase risks
- **GS45.** recall organizational policies, procedures, rules and guidelines applicable to the situation that may be used to decide course of action when faced with problems
- **GS46.** act in line with organizational policies, procedures, supervisor/manager instructions, rules and guidelines to contribute towards resolution of the problem in a timely and safe manner, within
- **GS47.** escalate the problem in a timely manner to the supervisor/manager for effective resolution minimizing damage
- **GS48.** explain the importance of resolving problem in a timely manner
- **GS49.** explain the importance of accurate communications in problem resolution
- **GS50.** explain the negative effects of hiding problems instead of identifying, highlighting and working to resolve them Analytical Thinking
- **GS51.** seek guidance to define criteria and assign values of importance and urgency
- **GS52.** sort information in order of importance
- **GS53.** identify impact of own actions in terms of health, safety, security, customer satisfaction, influence of coworkers, achievement of task objectives
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- **GS58.** identify situations and possible underlying intent where information provided by others may be unreliable









Assessment Criteria

Assessment Criteria for Outcomes	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks
Book appointments	5	7	-	5
1. book appointments in person and over telephone accurately and promptly	1	1	-	1
2. maintain and interpret the appointment register accurately	1	1	-	1
3. estimate timings for various services offered by the salon with reasonable precision	1	1	-	1
4. record details in a register or electronically in an accurate and efficient manner	0.5	1	-	0.5
5. ask relevant questions to customers to obtain required information to book an appointment	0.5	2	-	0.5
6. politely decline appointments where time slots unavailable and offer alternate arrangements in keeping with client needs and preferences	1	1	-	1
Handle clients and client needs	7	14	-	7
7. speak to clients in a professional and pleasant tone and speech	0.5	2	-	0.5
8. maintain confidentiality of client information	0.5	2	-	0.5
9. do not disclose client information to unauthorised personnel	0.5	2	-	0.5
10. accommodate special requests as per feasibility and in consultation with service personnel	1	1	-	1
11. respond to emails as per organisational and professional protocols	1	1	-	1
12. offer clients to wait in the lounge area/waiting area, offer water and means of passing time as per organisational policy and procedures	0.5	1	-	0.5
13. inform waiting customers of time left to service periodically	0.5	1	-	0.5









Assessment Criteria for Outcomes	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks
14. manage wait times to ensure customer satisfaction	0.5	1	-	0.5
15. inform customers promptly and apologise earnestly to customers if there is an anticipated delay in servicing a client as per appointment schedule, offer alternative where required	0.5	1	-	0.5
16. inform clients of organisational facilities, services, prices, and layout as required	0.5	1	-	0.5
17. inform customers of emergency procedures if required	1	1	-	1
Maintain the reception	3	5	-	4
18. maintain the reception in a neat and tidy manner	0.5	1	-	1
19. maintain displays, magazines and promotional materials, etc. to give a neat and orderly look	1	1	-	1
20. ensure cleaning processes are followed for all areas of the reception	-	0.5	-	0.5
21. maintain records neatly in a secure location, where it is also easy to retrieve when required	0.5	1	-	0.5
22. follow correct filing and storing procedures for efficient storage	0.5	1	-	0.5
23. switch off all electronic equipment at the end of the day	0.5	0.5	-	0.5
Process payments	13	17	-	13
24. maintain opening and closing balances and adequate change in the cash box/register	1	1	-	1
25. process cash payments correctly by receiving and tendering accurate amounts	1	1	-	1
26. calculate due amounts accurately for billing	1	1	-	1
27. produce invoices accurately using manual and computerised billing systems	1	1	-	1









Assessment Criteria for Outcomes	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks
28. process credit card payments on manual swipe machines, electronic swipe machine, etc. of cards with and without pin authorisations	0.5	1	-	0.5
29. follow organisation procedure in relation to cheque payments and follow essential checks required to process these while accepting them	0.5	1	-	0.5
30. reconcile payments with billing done at the end of the shift	0.5	2	-	0.5
31. operate and escalate problems with credit card machines efficiently and in a timely manner	1	1	-	1
32. follow organisational procedures when faced with payment discrepancies (Payment discrepancies: eg. damaged currency, counterfeit currency, invalid cheques and credit cards, declined credit cards, etc.)	0.5	1	-	0.5
33. maintain confidentiality and security of passwords and other access devices/permits	1	1	-	1
34. inform customers of schemes, discounts and other offers accurately for purposes of upselling and providing customers legitimate benefits	0.5	1	-	0.5
35. accurately calculate applicable discounts and apply these to invoices	1	1	-	1
36. calculate applicable taxes correctly and apply them to invoices	1	1	-	1
37. explain taxes to customers and components of the charged invoice to the customer	1	1	-	1
38. handover money and receipts to authorised personnel at the end of the shift	0.5	1	-	0.5
39. escalate any disputes that cannot be resolved to the supervisor	1	1	-	1
NOS Total	28	43	-	29









National Occupational Standards (NOS) Parameters

NOS Code	BWS/N0129
NOS Name	Perform salon reception duties
Sector	Beauty & Wellness
Sub-Sector	Beauty and Salons
Occupation	Skincare Services
NSQF Level	4
Credits	1
Version	5.0
Last Reviewed Date	16/12/2025
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NSQC Clearance Date	16/12/2025









BWS/N9002: Maintain health and safety at the workplace

Description

This unit describes maintaining a safe and hygienic environment at the work area.

Scope

The scope covers the following:

Maintain health and safety at the workplace

Elements and Performance Criteria

Maintain health and safety at the workplace

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- **PC1.** ensure proper supply of Personal Protective Equipment such as tissues, antibacterial soaps, alcohol-based hand cleansers, triple layered surgical face masks, gloves, etc. for the employees and clientele
- PC2. ensure maintaining basic hygiene and keep proper distance between the clientele to avoid any kind of cross infection, basic hygiene such as wearing disposable N-95/ triple layered surgical face mask, gloves, apron, washing/ sanitizing hands & taking bath at regular intervals, etc.
- **PC3.** set up and position oneself, equipment, chemicals, products and tools in the work area to meet legal, hygiene and safety requirements
- **PC4.** clean and sterilize all tools and equipment before and after use
- **PC5.** maintain one's posture and position to minimize fatigue, risk of injury and chances of cross infection
- **PC6.** dispose waste materials in accordance to the industry accepted standards
- **PC7.** maintain first aid kit and keep oneself updated on the first aid procedures
- PC8. identify and document potential risks and hazards in the workplace
- **PC9.** accurately maintain accident reports
- **PC10.** report health and safety risks/ hazards to concerned personnel
- **PC11.** use tools, equipment, chemicals and products in accordance with the guidelines and manufacturers' instructions

Knowledge and Understanding (KU)

The individual on the job needs to know and understand:

- **KU1.** organizations policies and procedures to address risks and hazards
- **KU2.** health and safety requirements in the organization
- **KU3.** contra-indications related to various treatment
- **KU4.** process and products to sterilize and disinfect equipment/ tools
- KU5. manufacturers instructions related to equipment and product use and cleaning









KU6. Knowledge of applicable legislation relating to the workplace (for example health and safety, workplace regulations, use of work equipment, control of substances hazardous to health, handling/storage/ disposal/ cautions in the use of products, fire precautions, occurrences, hygiene practice, disposal of waste, environmental protection

Generic Skills (GS)

User/individual on the job needs to know how to:

- **GS1.** read about new products and services with reference to the organization and also from external forums such as websites and blogs
- **GS2.** keep abreast with the latest knowledge by reading brochures, pamphlets, and product information sheets
- **GS3.** reading and writing comprehension to understand, communicate and maintain processes, techniques, records, policies and procedures
- **GS4.** maintain accurate records of client, treatments, operating and closing checklists, product stock status
- **GS5.** reading and writing comprehension to understand, communicate and maintain processes, techniques, records, policies and procedures
- **GS6.** discuss task lists, schedules, and work-loads with co-workers
- **GS7.** question customers/ clients appropriately in order to understand the nature of the problem and make a diagnosis
- **GS8.** give clear instructions to customers/ clients
- **GS9.** keep customers/ clients informed about progress
- **GS10.** avoid using jargon, slang or acronyms when communicating with a customer/ client, unless it is required
- **GS11.** manner and tone, professional, supportive, respectful, sensitive to client
- **GS12.** speak clearly and precisely in a courteous manner and develop a professional relationship with the client
- **GS13.** understand the directives passed down by supervisors
- **GS14.** ability to listen and understand the local language in dealing with clients and maintain client confidentiality
- **GS15.** make decisions pertaining to the concerned area of work
- **GS16.** plan and organize service feedback files/documents
- **GS17.** plan and manage work routine based on salon procedure
- **GS18.** understand the client scheduling and bookings and maintain the work area, equipment and product stocks to meet the schedule
- **GS19.** maintain accurate records of clients, treatments and product stock levels
- **GS20.** accept feedback in a positive manner and develop on the shortcomings
- **GS21.** committed to service excellence, courteous, pleasant personality
- **GS22.** manage relationships with customers who may be stressed, frustrated, confused, or angry
- **GS23.** build customer relationships and use customer centric approach
- **GS24.** clean, sporting the professional uniform, neat combed hair, closed-in footwear, personal hygiene and cleanliness (shower/bath), oral hygiene (clean teeth, fresh breath)









- **GS25.** maintain a hygienic work area adhering to the salon and applicable legal health and safety standards
- **GS26.** sanitize the hands and clean all working surfaces, use disposable products and sterilized tools
- **GS27.** manage the storage/ disposal/ cautions of use of products, fire precautions, occurrences, hygiene practice, disposal of waste and environmental protection
- **GS28.** handle, use and store products, tools and equipment safely to meet with the manufacturers instructions
- **GS29.** think through the problem, evaluate the possible solution(s) and suggest an optimum/best possible solution(s)
- **GS30.** deal with clients lacking the technical background to solve the problem on their own
- **GS31.** identify immediate or temporary solutions to resolve delays
- **GS32.** use the existing data to arrive at specific data points
- GS33. use the existing data points to generate required reports for business
- **GS34.** apply, analyze, and evaluate the information gathered from observation, experience, reasoning, or communication, as a guide to thought and action
- **GS35.** participate in self-developmental training activities to enhance ones knowledge of salon performance standards and applicable health and









Assessment Criteria

Assessment Criteria for Outcomes	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks
Maintain health and safety at the workplace	33	45	-	22
PC1. ensure proper supply of Personal Protective Equipment such as tissues, antibacterial soaps, alcohol-based hand cleansers, triple layered surgical face masks, gloves, etc. for the employees and clientele	3	5	-	2
PC2. ensure maintaining basic hygiene and keep proper distance between the clientele to avoid any kind of cross infection, basic hygiene such as wearing disposable N-95/ triple layered surgical face mask, gloves, apron, washing/ sanitizing hands & taking bath at regular intervals, etc.	3	4	-	2
PC3. set up and position oneself, equipment, chemicals, products and tools in the work area to meet legal, hygiene and safety requirements	3	4	-	2
PC4. clean and sterilize all tools and equipment before and after use	3	4	-	2
PC5. maintain one's posture and position to minimize fatigue, risk of injury and chances of cross infection	3	4	-	2
PC6. dispose waste materials in accordance to the industry accepted standards	3	4	-	2
PC7. maintain first aid kit and keep oneself updated on the first aid procedures	3	4	-	2
PC8. identify and document potential risks and hazards in the workplace	3	4	-	2
PC9. accurately maintain accident reports	3	4	-	2
PC10. report health and safety risks/ hazards to concerned personnel	3	4	-	2
PC11. use tools, equipment, chemicals and products in accordance with the guidelines and manufacturers' instructions	3	4	-	2
NOS Total	33	45	-	22









National Occupational Standards (NOS) Parameters

NOS Code	BWS/N9002
NOS Name	Maintain health and safety at the workplace
Sector	Beauty & Wellness
Sub-Sector	Generic
Occupation	Generic
NSQF Level	3
Credits	1
Version	5.0
Last Reviewed Date	18/12/2025
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BWS/N9003: Create a positive impression at the workplace

Description

This unit provides Performance Criteria, Knowledge & Understanding and Skills & Ability for individuals to meet the personal grooming and behavior requirements, execute tasks as per the organizations standards and communicate/record information in order to create a positive impression at the workplace

Scope

The scope covers the following:

- Appearance and behavior
- Task execution as per organisation's standards
- Communication and information record

Elements and Performance Criteria

Appearance and Behavior

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- **PC1.** ensure maintaining good health and personal hygiene such as sanitized hands, neatly tied and covered hair, clean nails, etc.
- **PC2.** meet the organization's standards of grooming (courtesy, behavior and efficiency) such as engaging with clients with no gender stereotyping, positioning self and client in a manner, to ensure privacy, comfort and well-being of all the genders throughout the services, etc.
- **PC3.** stay free from intoxicants while on duty
- **PC4.** wear and carry organization's uniform and accessories correctly and smartly by sanitizing it in hot water with detergent and bleach

Task execution as per organization's standards

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- **PC5.** take appropriate and approved actions in line with instructions and guidelines
- **PC6.** participate in workplace activities as a part of the larger team
- **PC7.** report to supervisor immediately in case there are any work issues
- **PC8.** use appropriate language, tone and gestures while interacting with guests from different cultural and religious backgrounds, age, disabilities and gender
- **PC9.** improve upon existing techniques of services by updating skills, such as, learning about digital technologies (by using digital platform for booking an appointment, making bills & payments, collecting feedback); financial literacy (opening savings bank accounts, linking Aadhaar card to bank account, using various e-commerce platforms); self-ownership, etc.

Communication and Information record

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- **PC10.** communicate procedure related information to guests based on the sectors code of practices and organisations procedures/ guidelines
- **PC11.** communicate role related information to stakeholders in a polite manner and resolve queries, if any









- **PC12.** assist and guide guests to services or products based on their needs
- **PC13.** report and record instances of aggressive/ unruly behavior and seek assistance
- PC14. use communication equipment (phone, email etc.) as mandated by the organization
- **PC15.** carry out routine documentation (such as recording details related to employee's tasks, services taken and feedback given by clients) legibly and accurately in the desired format
- **PC16.** maintain confidentiality of information, as required, in the role
- **PC17.** communicate the internalization of gender & its concepts at work place
- **PC18.** conduct various workshops for the employees at workplace; using range of technologies that aid PwDs at the workplace, etc.

Knowledge and Understanding (KU)

The individual on the job needs to know and understand:

- **KU1.** importance of personal health and hygiene
- **KU2.** salon's standards of grooming and personal behavior
- **KU3.** salon's standards related to courtesy, behavior and efficiency
- **KU4.** ill-effects of intoxicants and potential actions at workplace
- KU5. items of uniform & accessories and correct method of wearing/ carrying them
- **KU6.** reporting/ recording formats and protocol for documentation
- **KU7.** kinds of work issues that may arise and reporting structure
- **KU8.** code of practices and guidelines relating to communication with people
- **KU9.** salon's requirements for recording and retaining information
- **KU10.** ability to speak, read and write in the local vernacular language and English
- **KU11.** appropriate verbal and non-verbal cues while dealing with clients from different cultural, religious backgrounds, age, disabilities and gender
- KU12. different formats on which information is to be recorded
- **KU13.** importance to maintain security and confidentiality of information
- **KU14.** kinds of communication equipment (email, phone etc) available and their effective use
- **KU15.** selling/ influencing techniques to provide additional services/products to clients

Generic Skills (GS)

User/individual on the job needs to know how to:

- **GS1.** read about new products and services with reference to the organization and also from external forums such as websites and blogs
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- **GS3.** reading and writing comprehension to understand, communicate and maintain processes, techniques, records, policies and procedures
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- **GS25.** maintain a hygienic work area adhering to the salon and applicable legal health and safety standards
- **GS26.** sanitize the hands and clean all working surfaces, use disposable products and sterilized tools
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GS35. participate in self-developmental training activities to enhance ones knowledge of salon performance standards and applicable health and









Assessment Criteria

Assessment Criteria for Outcomes	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks
Appearance and Behavior	7	10	-	5
PC1. ensure maintaining good health and personal hygiene such as sanitized hands, neatly tied and covered hair, clean nails, etc.	2	3	-	1
PC2. meet the organization's standards of grooming (courtesy, behavior and efficiency) such as engaging with clients with no gender stereotyping, positioning self and client in a manner, to ensure privacy, comfort and well-being of all the genders throughout the services, etc.	2	3	-	1
PC3. stay free from intoxicants while on duty	1	2	-	1
PC4. wear and carry organization's uniform and accessories correctly and smartly by sanitizing it in hot water with detergent and bleach	2	2	-	2
Task execution as per organization's standards	10	13	-	5
PC5. take appropriate and approved actions in line with instructions and guidelines	2	2	-	1
PC6. participate in workplace activities as a part of the larger team	2	3	-	1
PC7. report to supervisor immediately in case there are any work issues	2	2	_	1
PC8. use appropriate language, tone and gestures while interacting with guests from different cultural and religious backgrounds, age, disabilities and gender	2	3	-	1
PC9. improve upon existing techniques of services by updating skills, such as, learning about digital technologies (by using digital platform for booking an appointment, making bills & payments, collecting feedback); financial literacy (opening savings bank accounts, linking Aadhaar card to bank account, using various e-commerce platforms); self-ownership, etc.	2	3	-	1
Communication and Information record	18	23	-	9









Assessment Criteria for Outcomes	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks
PC10. communicate procedure related information to guests based on the sectors code of practices and organisations procedures/ guidelines	2	3	-	1
PC11. communicate role related information to stakeholders in a polite manner and resolve queries, if any	2	2	-	1
PC12. assist and guide guests to services or products based on their needs	2	3	-	1
PC13. report and record instances of aggressive/ unruly behavior and seek assistance	2	2	-	1
PC14. use communication equipment (phone, email etc.) as mandated by the organization	2	2	-	1
PC15. carry out routine documentation (such as recording details related to employee's tasks, services taken and feedback given by clients) legibly and accurately in the desired format	2	2	-	1
PC16. maintain confidentiality of information, as required, in the role	2	3	-	1
PC17. communicate the internalization of gender & its concepts at work place	2	3	-	1
PC18. conduct various workshops for the employees at workplace; using range of technologies that aid PwDs at the workplace, etc.	2	3	-	1
NOS Total	35	46	-	19









National Occupational Standards (NOS) Parameters

NOS Code	BWS/N9003
NOS Name	Create a positive impression at the workplace
Sector	Beauty & Wellness
Sub-Sector	Generic
Occupation	Generic
NSQF Level	3
Credits	1
Version	5.0
Last Reviewed Date	18/12/2025
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DGT/VSQ/N0101: Employability Skills (30 Hours)

Description

This unit is about employability skills, Constitutional values, becoming a professional in the 21st Century, digital, financial, and legal literacy, diversity and Inclusion, English and communication skills, customer service, entrepreneurship, and apprenticeship, getting ready for jobs and career development.

Scope

The scope covers the following:

- Introduction to Employability Skills
- Constitutional values Citizenship
- Becoming a Professional in the 21st Century
- Basic English Skills
- Communication Skills
- Diversity & Inclusion
- Financial and Legal Literacy
- Essential Digital Skills
- Entrepreneurship
- Customer Service
- Getting ready for Apprenticeship & Jobs

Elements and Performance Criteria

Introduction to Employability Skills

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

PC1. understand the significance of employability skills in meeting the job requirements

Constitutional values - Citizenship

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

PC2. identify constitutional values, civic rights, duties, personal values and ethics and environmentally sustainable practices

Becoming a Professional in the 21st Century

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

PC3. explain 21st Century Skills such as Self-Awareness, Behavior Skills, Positive attitude, self-motivation, problem-solving, creative thinking, time management, social and cultural awareness, emotional awareness, continuous learning mindset etc.

Basic English Skills

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

PC4. speak with others using some basic English phrases or sentences

Communication Skills

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- **PC5.** follow good manners while communicating with others
- **PC6.** work with others in a team









Diversity & Inclusion

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- PC7. communicate and behave appropriately with all genders and PwD
- **PC8.** report any issues related to sexual harassment

Financial and Legal Literacy

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- **PC9.** use various financial products and services safely and securely
- PC10. calculate income, expenses, savings etc.
- **PC11.** approach the concerned authorities for any exploitation as per legal rights and laws

Essential Digital Skills

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- PC12. operate digital devices and use its features and applications securely and safely
- **PC13.** use internet and social media platforms securely and safely

Entrepreneurship

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- PC14. identify and assess opportunities for potential business
- PC15. identify sources for arranging money and associated financial and legal challenges

Customer Service

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- **PC16.** identify different types of customers
- **PC17.** identify customer needs and address them appropriately
- **PC18.** follow appropriate hygiene and grooming standards

Getting ready for apprenticeship & Jobs

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- PC19. create a basic biodata
- **PC20.** search for suitable jobs and apply
- PC21. identify and register apprenticeship opportunities as per requirement

Knowledge and Understanding (KU)

The individual on the job needs to know and understand:

- **KU1.** need for employability skills
- **KU2.** various constitutional and personal values
- **KU3.** different environmentally sustainable practices and their importance
- **KU4.** Twenty first (21st) century skills and their importance
- **KU5.** how to use basic spoken English language
- **KU6.** Do and dont of effective communication
- **KU7.** inclusivity and its importance
- KU8. different types of disabilities and appropriate communication and behaviour towards PwD
- **KU9.** different types of financial products and services









- **KU10.** how to compute income and expenses
- **KU11.** importance of maintaining safety and security in financial transactions
- KU12. different legal rights and laws
- **KU13.** how to operate digital devices and applications safely and securely
- KU14. ways to identify business opportunities
- KU15. types of customers and their needs
- **KU16.** how to apply for a job and prepare for an interview
- **KU17.** apprenticeship scheme and the process of registering on apprenticeship portal

Generic Skills (GS)

User/individual on the job needs to know how to:

- **GS1.** communicate effectively using appropriate language
- GS2. behave politely and appropriately with all
- **GS3.** perform basic calculations
- **GS4.** solve problems effectively
- **GS5.** be careful and attentive at work
- **GS6.** use time effectively
- **GS7.** maintain hygiene and sanitisation to avoid infection









Assessment Criteria

Assessment Criteria for Outcomes	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks
Introduction to Employability Skills	1	1	-	-
PC1. understand the significance of employability skills in meeting the job requirements	-	-	-	-
Constitutional values – Citizenship	1	1	-	-
PC2. identify constitutional values, civic rights, duties, personal values and ethics and environmentally sustainable practices	-	-	-	-
Becoming a Professional in the 21st Century	1	3	-	-
PC3. explain 21st Century Skills such as Self-Awareness, Behavior Skills, Positive attitude, self-motivation, problem-solving, creative thinking, time management, social and cultural awareness, emotional awareness, continuous learning mindset etc.	-	-	-	-
Basic English Skills	2	3	-	-
PC4. speak with others using some basic English phrases or sentences	-	-	-	-
Communication Skills	1	1	-	-
PC5. follow good manners while communicating with others	-	-	-	-
PC6. work with others in a team	-	-	-	-
Diversity & Inclusion	1	1	-	-
PC7. communicate and behave appropriately with all genders and PwD	-	-	-	-
PC8. report any issues related to sexual harassment	-	-	-	-
Financial and Legal Literacy	3	4	-	-
PC9. use various financial products and services safely and securely	-	-	-	-









Assessment Criteria for Outcomes	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks
PC10. calculate income, expenses, savings etc.	-	-	-	-
PC11. approach the concerned authorities for any exploitation as per legal rights and laws	-	-	-	-
Essential Digital Skills	4	6	-	-
PC12. operate digital devices and use its features and applications securely and safely	-	-	-	-
PC13. use internet and social media platforms securely and safely	-	-	-	-
Entrepreneurship	3	5	-	-
PC14. identify and assess opportunities for potential business	-	-	-	-
PC15. identify sources for arranging money and associated financial and legal challenges	-	-	-	-
Customer Service	2	2	-	-
PC16. identify different types of customers	-	-	-	-
PC17. identify customer needs and address them appropriately	-	-	-	-
PC18. follow appropriate hygiene and grooming standards	-	-	-	-
Getting ready for apprenticeship & Jobs	1	3	-	-
PC19. create a basic biodata	-	-	-	-
PC20. search for suitable jobs and apply	-	-	-	-
PC21. identify and register apprenticeship opportunities as per requirement	-	-	-	-
NOS Total	20	30	-	-









National Occupational Standards (NOS) Parameters

NOS Code	DGT/VSQ/N0101
NOS Name	Employability Skills (30 Hours)
Sector	Cross Sectoral
Sub-Sector	Professional Skills
Occupation	Employability
NSQF Level	2
Credits	1
Version	1.0
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BWS/N0137: Perform photo facial services

Description

Photo facial focuses on advanced skin treatments using light-based technologies like intense pulsed light (IPL) or LED light. The photo facial is a non-invasive skin rejuvenation treatment that targets a range of skin concerns, including pigmentation, redness, and signs of aging.

Scope

The scope covers the following:

- introduction to photo facial
- types of photo facial technology
- pre-treatment consultation
- treatment process
- post-treatment care

Elements and Performance Criteria

Introduction to Photo Facial

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- **PC1.** photo facials, often known as IPL facials or photo rejuvenation, use light technology to improve the skin's appearance
- **PC2.** primarily used to treat skin conditions like sun damage, age spots, acne scars, redness, and uneven skin tone
- **PC3.** refresh and rejuvenate the skin by stimulating collagen production, improving blood circulation, and reducing hyperpigmentation

Types of Photo Facial Technology

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- **PC4.** intense pulsed light technology emits broad-spectrum light that penetrates different layers of the skin. It is used for treating pigmentation, broken capillaries, and fine lines. IPL uses various filters to target specific skin concerns
- **PC5.** light emitting diode therapy uses specific wavelengths of light (blue, red, and near-infrared) to target skin issues. Red light stimulates collagen production, while blue light targets acnecausing bacteria

Pre-Treatment Consultation

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- **PC6.** skin analysis:
 - before performing a photo facial, a detailed skin analysis is conducted to identify skin type, specific concerns, and whether the client is suitable for the procedure
- **PC7.** client expectations:
 - crucial to manage client expectations by explaining the results, potential discomfort, and aftercare









PC8. • patch test:

• conduct a patch test before the full treatment is necessary to ensure there are no adverse reactions to light therapy

Treatment Process

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- **PC9.** cleanse the skin thoroughly to remove any makeup, oils, or impurities. A cooling gel is often applied to the skin to help conduct the light energy and reduce discomfort
- **PC10.** IPL or laser device is gently moved across the skin, emitting pulses of light. The light energy is absorbed by the targeted cells, promoting collagen production and breaking down pigmentation (e.g., sunspots, age spots)
- **PC11.** typical photo facial session lasts between 20 to 45 minutes depending on the area being treated
- PC12. remove any excess gel and apply a soothing serum or moisturizer to the treated area

Post-Treatment Care

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- PC13. use SPF 30+ daily and avoid direct sunlight for atleast a week
- **PC14.** keep skin hydrated with a gentle moisturizer
- **PC15.** avoid exfoliants, retinoids, and acids for a few days
- PC16. apply a cooling gel or aloe vera if needed
- **PC17.** avoid hot showers and intense workouts for 24-48 hours
- **PC18.** drink plenty of water to aid skin healing

Knowledge and Understanding (KU)

The individual on the job needs to know and understand:

- **KU1.** understand the concept of phot facial, which are non-invasive treatments using light energy to improve the appearance and health of the skin
- **KU2.** have a comprehensive understanding of how these devices work, the different wavelengths used in the treatments, and the types of light energy emitted
- **KU3.** need to understand the layers of the skin (epidermis, dermis, hypodermis) and how light energy interacts with these layers to produce the desired effects
- **KU4.** understand of how the skin reacts to different wavelengths of light and how photo facials impact the skin at a cellular level
- **KU5.** knowledge of various skin conditions that can benefit from photo facial such as hyperpigmentation, acne scars, fine lines and wrinkles, sun damage
- **KU6.** importance of thorough consultation and skin analysis before proceeding with treatment, assessing the client's medical history, skin type, and suitability for photo facials
- **KU7.** importance of selecting appropriate settings for different skin condition (e.g., the wavelength of light, energy level, and pulse duration) to ensure safe and effective treatment
- **KU8.** educating clients on how to care for their skin after the procedure to avoid adverse reactions such as avoid direct sun light, hot showers or harsh products
- **KU9.** proper care and maintenance of the IPL/LED equipment, ensuring that it is functioning properly, including regular calibration and cleaning









Generic Skills (GS)

User/individual on the job needs to know how to:

- GS1. understanding the client's skin concerns, medical history, and expectations
- GS2. Eeucating clients about the treatment, benefits, and aftercare
- GS3. making clients feel comfortable and addressing their concerns
- GS4. answering any pre- and post-treatment questions
- **GS5.** recognizing different skin conditions (oily, dry, sensitive, etc.)
- **GS6.** maintaining industry hygiene standards
- **GS7.** knowing how to soothe redness or irritation









Assessment Criteria

Assessment Criteria for Outcomes	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks
Introduction to Photo Facial	6	9	-	3
PC1. photo facials, often known as IPL facials or photo rejuvenation, use light technology to improve the skin's appearance	2	3	-	1
PC2. primarily used to treat skin conditions like sun damage, age spots, acne scars, redness, and uneven skin tone	2	3	-	1
PC3. refresh and rejuvenate the skin by stimulating collagen production, improving blood circulation, and reducing hyperpigmentation	2	3	-	1
Types of Photo Facial Technology	4	6	-	2
PC4. intense pulsed light technology emits broad- spectrum light that penetrates different layers of the skin. It is used for treating pigmentation, broken capillaries, and fine lines. IPL uses various filters to target specific skin concerns	2	3	-	1
PC5. light emitting diode therapy uses specific wavelengths of light (blue, red, and near-infrared) to target skin issues. Red light stimulates collagen production, while blue light targets acne-causing bacteria	2	3	-	1
Pre-Treatment Consultation	6	9	-	6
 PC6. skin analysis: before performing a photo facial, a detailed skin analysis is conducted to identify skin type, specific concerns, and whether the client is suitable for the procedure 	2	3	-	2
PC7.client expectations:crucial to manage client expectations by explaining the results, potential discomfort, and aftercare	2	3	-	2









Assessment Criteria for Outcomes	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks
 PC8. patch test: conduct a patch test before the full treatment is necessary to ensure there are no adverse reactions to light therapy 	2	3	-	2
Treatment Process	10	14	-	7
PC9. cleanse the skin thoroughly to remove any makeup, oils, or impurities. A cooling gel is often applied to the skin to help conduct the light energy and reduce discomfort	2	3	-	2
PC10. IPL or laser device is gently moved across the skin, emitting pulses of light. The light energy is absorbed by the targeted cells, promoting collagen production and breaking down pigmentation (e.g., sunspots, age spots)	3	4	-	2
PC11. typical photo facial session lasts between 20 to 45 minutes depending on the area being treated	3	4	-	1
PC12. remove any excess gel and apply a soothing serum or moisturizer to the treated area	2	3	-	2
Post-Treatment Care	6	6	-	6
PC13. use SPF 30+ daily and avoid direct sunlight for atleast a week	1	1	-	1
PC14. keep skin hydrated with a gentle moisturizer	1	1	-	1
PC15. avoid exfoliants, retinoids, and acids for a few days	1	1	-	1
PC16. apply a cooling gel or aloe vera if needed	1	1	-	1
PC17. avoid hot showers and intense workouts for 24-48 hours	1	1	-	1
PC18. drink plenty of water to aid skin healing	1	1	-	1
NOS Total	32	44	-	24









National Occupational Standards (NOS) Parameters

NOS Code	BWS/N0137
NOS Name	Perform photo facial services
Sector	Beauty & Wellness
Sub-Sector	
Occupation	Skincare Services
NSQF Level	4
Credits	2
Version	1.0
Last Reviewed Date	16/12/2025
Next Review Date	16/12/2028
NSQC Clearance Date	16/12/2025

Assessment Guidelines and Assessment Weightage

Assessment Guidelines

- 1. Criteria for assessment for each Qualification Pack will be created by the Sector Skill Council. Each Performance Criteria (PC) will be assigned marks proportional to its importance in NOS. SSC will also lay down proportion of marks for Theory and Skills Practical for each PC.
- 2. The assessment for the theory part will be based on knowledge bank of questions created by the SSC.
- 3. Assessment will be conducted for all compulsory NOS, and where applicable, on the selected elective/option NOS/set of NOS.
- 4. Individual assessment agencies will create unique question papers for theory part for each candidate at each examination/training center (as per assessment criteria below).
- 5. Individual assessment agencies will create unique evaluations for skill practical for every student at each examination/training center based on this criteria.
- 6. To pass the Qualification Pack, every trainee should score a minimum of 70% in aggregate.
- 7. In case of unsuccessful completion, the trainee may seek reassessment on the Q









Minimum Aggregate Passing % at QP Level: 70

(**Please note**: Every Trainee should score a minimum aggregate passing percentage as specified above, to successfully clear the Qualification Pack assessment.)

Minimum Passing % at NOS Level: 50

(**Please note**: A Trainee must score the minimum percentage for each NOS separately as well as on the QP as a whole.)

Assessment Weightage

Compulsory NOS

National Occupational Standards	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks	Total Marks	Weightage
BWS/N9001.Prepare and maintain work area	30	47	-	23	100	5
BWS/N0104.Perform skin care services	32	36	-	32	100	10
BWS/N0105.Perform hair removal services	26	48	-	26	100	10
BWS/N0106.Perform makeup services	28	43	-	29	100	10
BWS/N0401.Provide manicure and pedicure services	30	35	-	35	100	10
BWS/N0128.Operate and apply electrical/ electronic equipment for facial beauty services safely and effectively	20	50	-	30	100	10
BWS/N0129.Perform salon reception duties	28	43	-	29	100	10
BWS/N9002.Maintain health and safety at the workplace	33	45	-	22	100	5
BWS/N9003.Create a positive impression at the workplace	35	46	-	19	100	10
DGT/VSQ/N0101.Employability Skills (30 Hours)	20	30	-	-	50	10









National Occupational Standards	Theory Marks	Practical Marks		Viva Marks	Total Marks	Weightage
Total	282	423	-	245	950	90

Elective: 1 Perform photo facial services

National Occupational Standards	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks	Total Marks	Weightage
BWS/N0137.Perform photo facial services	32	44	-	24	100	10
Total	32	44	-	24	100	10









Acronyms

NOS	National Occupational Standard(s)
NSQF	National Skills Qualifications Framework
QP	Qualifications Pack
TVET	Technical and Vocational Education and Training









Glossary

Sector	Sector is a conglomeration of different business operations having similar business and interests. It may also be defined as a distinct subset of the economy whose components share similar characteristics and interests.
Sub-sector	Sub-sector is derived from a further breakdown based on the characteristics and interests of its components.
Occupation	Occupation is a set of job roles, which perform similar/ related set of functions in an industry.
Job role	Job role defines a unique set of functions that together form a unique employment opportunity in an organisation.
Occupational Standards (OS)	OS specify the standards of performance an individual must achieve when carrying out a function in the workplace, together with the Knowledge and Understanding (KU) they need to meet that standard consistently. Occupational Standards are applicable both in the Indian and global contexts.
Performance Criteria (PC)	Performance Criteria (PC) are statements that together specify the standard of performance required when carrying out a task.
National Occupational Standards (NOS)	NOS are occupational standards which apply uniquely in the Indian context.
Qualifications Pack (QP)	QP comprises the set of OS, together with the educational, training and other criteria required to perform a job role. A QP is assigned a unique qualifications pack code.
Unit Code	Unit code is a unique identifier for an Occupational Standard, which is denoted by an 'N'
Unit Title	Unit title gives a clear overall statement about what the incumbent should be able to do.
Description	Description gives a short summary of the unit content. This would be helpful to anyone searching on a database to verify that this is the appropriate OS they are looking for.
Scope	Scope is a set of statements specifying the range of variables that an individual may have to deal with in carrying out the function which have a critical impact on quality of performance required.









Knowledge and Understanding (KU)	Knowledge and Understanding (KU) are statements which together specify the technical, generic, professional and organisational specific knowledge that an individual needs in order to perform to the required standard.
Organisational Context	Organisational context includes the way the organisation is structured and how it operates, including the extent of operative knowledge managers have of their relevant areas of responsibility.
Technical Knowledge	Technical knowledge is the specific knowledge needed to accomplish specific designated responsibilities.
Core Skills/ Generic Skills (GS)	Core skills or Generic Skills (GS) are a group of skills that are the key to learning and working in today's world. These skills are typically needed in any work environment in today's world. These skills are typically needed in any work environment. In the context of the OS, these include communication related skills that are applicable to most job roles.
Electives	Electives are NOS/set of NOS that are identified by the sector as contributive to specialization in a job role. There may be multiple electives within a QP for each specialized job role. Trainees must select at least one elective for the successful completion of a QP with Electives.
Options	Options are NOS/set of NOS that are identified by the sector as additional skills. There may be multiple options within a QP. It is not mandatory to select any of the options to complete a QP with Options.