
Overview

This standard is about designing and creating nail art designs using airbrushing techniques to suit the client and occasion. You will need to be able to carry out a variety of airbrush nail designs and techniques. The ability to use a range of airbrushing products is also required. The accurate use and maintenance of equipment is an essential aspect of this standard.

To carry out this standard you will need to maintain effective health, safety and hygiene throughout your work. You will also need to maintain your personal appearance and demonstrate effective communication and consultation skills.

The main outcomes of this standard are:

1. maintain safe and effective methods of working when providing airbrushing services
2. consult, plan and prepare for airbrushing services
3. apply airbrushing techniques and design

Performance criteria

You must be able to:

Maintain safe and effective methods of working when providing airbrushing services

1. maintain your responsibilities for health and safety throughout the service
2. prepare your client and yourself to meet legal and organisational requirements
3. position your client to meet the needs of the service
4. ensure your own posture and working methods minimise fatigue and the risk of injury to yourself and others
5. ensure environmental conditions are suitable for the client and the service
6. keep your work area clean and tidy throughout the service
7. use working methods that minimise the risk of cross-infection
8. ensure the use of clean equipment and materials
9. promote environmental and sustainable working practices
10. follow workplace and suppliers' or manufacturers' instructions for the safe use of equipment, materials and products
11. dispose of waste materials to meet legal requirements
12. complete the service within a commercially viable time

Consult, plan and prepare for airbrushing services

13. use **consultation techniques** to determine the client's service plan
14. ensure that informed and signed parent or guardian consent is obtained for minors prior to any service
15. ensure that a parent or guardian is present throughout the service for minors under the age of 16
16. recognise any contra-indications and take the **necessary action**
17. agree the nail service and outcomes that meet the client's needs
18. obtain signed, informed consent from the client prior to carrying out the service
19. disinfect the area to be treated and remove any existing nail finish
20. identify the condition of the nails and skin and any limitations to the design
21. select and agree with the client an **airbrush design** and **airbrush techniques** to suit their nail shape and condition
22. test the pressure and operation of the spray gun prior to use

Apply airbrushing techniques and design

23. use tools and equipment to prepare the nail for **airbrush design**

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24. select airbrush products, tools and equipment for the agreed **airbrush design** and **airbrush techniques**
 25. apply nail art base for the **airbrush design**
 26. use **airbrush techniques** to achieve the desired effect
 27. seal the **airbrush design**, leaving the cuticle and side walls free from product
 28. apply a top coat to protect the **airbrush design**
 29. ensure the finished **airbrush design** is to the client's satisfaction and meets the agreed design plan
 30. give your client **advice and recommendations** on products and services
 31. ensure the client's records are completed and signed by you and the client

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

Maintain safe and effective methods of working when providing airbrushing services

1. your responsibilities for **health and safety** as defined by any specific legislation covering your job role
2. the legal and organisational requirements for client protection and preparation
3. the legal and organisational requirements for your own personal hygiene, protection and appearance
4. safe positioning techniques for yourself and your client and why these are important
5. the necessary environmental conditions for services, such as heating and ventilation and why these are important
6. why it is important to keep your work area clean and tidy
7. methods of cleaning, disinfection and sterilisation
8. methods of working safely and hygienically and which minimise the risk of cross-infection
9. the different types of working methods that promote **environmental and sustainable working practices**
10. the hazards and risks which exist in your workplace and the safe working practices which you must follow
11. suppliers' and manufacturers' instructions for the safe use of equipment, materials and products which you must follow
12. the legal requirements for waste disposal
13. the reasons for completing a service in a commercially viable time

Consult, plan and prepare for airbrushing services

14. the importance of communicating with clients in a professional manner
15. how to complete a consultation taking into account client's **diverse needs**
16. the legal requirements for providing treatment to minors under 16 years of age
17. the age at which an individual is classed as a minor and how this differs nationally
18. the importance of agreeing the service that meets the client's needs
19. the legal significance of gaining signed, informed client consent to carry out the service

20. the legislative requirements for storing and protecting client data
21. how to recognise **contra-indications** that would prevent or restrict the service and why
22. the contra-indications requiring medical referral and why
23. the necessary action to take in relation to specific contra-indications when referring clients
24. the reasons for not naming specific contra-indications when referring clients
25. how the shape and condition of the client's nails can limit the design choice
26. how to conduct a nail and skin analysis and identify treatable nail conditions
27. why the airbrush equipment must be checked and tested prior to use

Apply airbrushing techniques and design

28. the reasons for applying a nail base prior to the airbrush design
29. the basic principles of complementary colour theory
30. the selection, blending and mixing of airbrush products
31. the use and effects of different airbrushing techniques
32. the different types of stencilling materials available and their effects
33. the benefits of creating a design portfolio showing the variety of airbrush designs
34. how to customise and create airbrush designs to suit different occasions
35. the meaning of psi and the potential risks associated with the use of pressurised airbrush equipment
36. how to create different effects by varying the psi
37. how distance and pressure can affect the coverage and density of colour
38. the methods used to clean and maintain airbrush equipment and accessories
39. the types of problems that can occur with airbrush equipment and how to correct them
40. possible **contra-actions** which may occur during the airbrushing and how to deal with them
41. the **advice and recommendations** on products and services
42. why the client's records are completed and signed by you and the client

Scope/range related to performance criteria **Consultation techniques**

1. questioning
2. listening
3. visual
4. manual
5. written

Necessary action

1. encouraging the client to seek medical advice
2. explaining why the service cannot be carried out
3. modifying the service

Airbrush design

1. French
2. fancy French
3. animal print
4. floral
5. tropical
6. seasonal
7. abstract designs

Airbrush techniques

1. contouring
2. stencilling
3. masking
4. colour fading
5. blending

Advice and recommendations

1. suitable aftercare products and their uses
2. avoidance of activities which may cause contra-actions
3. time intervals between services
4. present and future products and services

Scope/range related to knowledge and understanding

- Health and safety**
1. Health and Safety at Work Act
 2. The Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR)
 3. The Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations
 4. The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order
 5. The Manual Handling Operations Regulations
 6. The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (COSHH)
 7. The Electricity at Work Regulations
 8. The Environmental Protection Act
 9. The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations
 10. The Health and Safety (Information for Employees) Regulations

Environmental and sustainable working practices

1. reducing waste and managing waste (recycle, reuse, safe disposal)
2. reducing energy usage (energy efficient equipment, low energy lighting, utilising solar panels)
3. reducing water usage and other resources
4. preventing pollution
5. using disposable items
6. using recycled eco-friendly furniture
7. using low chemical paint
8. using environmentally friendly product packaging
9. choosing responsible domestic products (Fairtrade tea and coffee)
10. encouraging carbon reducing journeys to work

Diverse needs

1. cultural
2. religious
3. age
4. disability
5. gender

Contra-indications

1. fungal
2. bacterial

3. viral
4. parasitic infections
5. severe nail separation
6. severe eczema
7. psoriasis
8. dermatitis
9. severely bitten or damaged nail
10. unknown swelling and redness
11. cuts and abrasions
12. asthma
13. bronchial conditions

Contra-actions

1. allergic reactions
2. premature loss of nail art design
3. damage to the nail art design

Advice and recommendations

1. additional services
2. additional products
3. maintenance and removal of design

Values

The following key values underpin the delivery of services in the beauty, nails and spa sectors

1. a willingness to learn
2. a flexible working attitude
3. a team worker
4. a positive attitude
5. personal and professional ethics

Behaviours

The following behaviours underpin the delivery of services in the beauty, nails and spa sectors. These behaviours ensure that clients receive a positive impression of both the organisation and the individual

1. meeting the organisation's standards of behaviour
2. greeting the client respectfully and in a friendly manner
3. communicating with the client in a way that makes them feel valued and respected
4. treating the client courteously and helpfully at all times
5. adapting behaviour to respond effectively to different client behaviour
6. checking with the client that you have fully understood their expectations
7. responding promptly and positively to the client's questions and comments
8. recognising information that the client might find complicated and checking whether they fully understood
9. explaining clearly to the client any reasons why their needs or expectations cannot be met
10. maintaining effective, hygienic and safe working methods
11. adhering to workplace, suppliers' and manufacturers' instructions for the safe use of equipment materials and products
12. meeting both organisational and industry standards of appearance.

Skills

The following key skills underpin the delivery of services in the beauty, nails and spa sectors

1. the ability to self-manage
2. excellent verbal and non-verbal communication
3. using the most appropriate ways of communicating with a client
4. responding promptly to a client seeking assistance
5. quickly locating information that will help the client
6. providing the client with information they need about services and products offered by the organisation

Glossary

PSI

This is an abbreviation of Pound per Square Inch relating to the air pressure coming from the compressor through the gun on to the skin. This will be adjusted according to the coverage required and the site and size of the area.

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