## **Purpose statement**

## The following purpose is for the City & Guilds Level 2 Technical Certificate in Nail Treatments (603/0378/5)

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Who is this qualification for?	This Level 2 Technical Certificate in Nail Treatments aims to provide you with a range of essential technical practical skills and knowledge, which will equip you to seek employment or further training within the nail Industry. These skills include carrying out treatments such as;
	Following successful completion of this qualification you will be qualified to work in a number of employment destinations such as; Beauty salon, Spa, Nail bar, Cruise ship, Hotel or Salon
	This qualification is suitable for anyone over the age of 16 years. You don't need any previous knowledge or experience to start this qualification.
What does this qualification cover?	This qualification covers all the core skills you will need to progress to further learning and training, or to enter the world of work within the nail industries. You will study the following mandatory content:
	<ul> <li>Anatomy and Physiology for hands and feet</li> <li>Introduction to working in the Nail Industry</li> <li>Nail Enhancements (Clear)</li> <li>Nail Art services</li> <li>Manicure services</li> <li>Pedicure services</li> <li>Light cured gel polish</li> </ul>
	Centres and providers work with local employers who will contribute to the knowledge and delivery of training. The different ways in which centres could support your learning, by working with both local and national nail businesses, include:
	• structured work-experience or work-placements within their business
	your attendance at classes or lectures given by industry experts
	• employers input into projects and exercises, or are involved with setting assessments and examinations
	<ul> <li>employers who act as 'expert witnesses' to contribute to the assessment of your work.</li> </ul>

This practical based training is ideal preparation for gaining employment in the nail industry or further specialist study.

How does this qualification relate to a wider learning programme?

This qualification provides a real opportunity for you to gain work specific skills and knowledge in nail treatments as well as studying English and Maths that would benefit you in your progression opportunities and into employment. It will provide an opportunity to connect your technical learning with real-life work placement through the work experience element of your course. There will be other non-qualification activities which you will engage in whilst studying such as enrichment activities which might include the development of employability skills, team work and problem solving techniques, communications and client care, which are really important when thinking about working in this industry. You will also receive personal tutorials which will provide opportunities to set meaningful targets for yourself and to carryout self-evaluation and reflection.

## WHAT COULD THIS QUALIFICATION LEAD TO?

Will the qualification lead to employment, and if so, in which job role and at what level?

Achievement of this qualification demonstrates to an employer that you have the technical skills, ability and creativity, as well as essential knowledge of health & safety, customer service required to be successful in a nail technician role. The development and achievement of these specific skills enables you to actively seek employment and/or progress onto a level 3 qualification.

This qualification could lead to a job as a nail technician working in one of the following establishments:

- Beauty salon
- Spa
- Nail bar
- Cruise ship
- Hotel
- Salon

Why choose this qualification over similar qualifications?

City & Guilds offers different technical certificate qualifications at Level 2 covering the skills and knowledge needed to work within the nail and beauty industries within different job roles such as a Beauty Therapist, Nail Technician or Make-up Artist.

You are likely to choose this qualification if you want to cover all of the technical skills and knowledge needed to work as a nail technician.

Will the qualification lead to further learning?

This qualification will allow you to progress into employment or onto the a Level 3 Technical Diploma qualification such as:

 City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Nail technology Where you can enhance the skills and knowledge that you have gained at level two to progress into senior job roles and wider career choices.

This qualification could also lead you to an apprenticeship in nails. There are a current Advanced Nail Apprenticeship that you could progress onto such as;

• Level 3 Apprenticeship in Nails

WHO SUPPORTS THIS QUALIFICAITON?	
Employer/Higher Education Institutions	British Association of Beauty Therapy & Cosmetology (BABTAC) – professional association
	Federation of Holistic Therapists (FHT)
	Gerrard International
	Benefit
FURTHER INFORMATION	Please refer to the Qualification Handbook, available on the City & Guilds website, for more information on the structure of this qualification, the content of the units, and assessment.