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Attaching hair is becoming part of mainstream hairdressing as more and more clients enjoy getting immediate, new looks that they can change easily. Clients don't want to be tied down to the same look for long; adding hair to give colour,

length and volume is the perfect solution. You will learn different methods of attaching hair – some for a temporary change and some to last a little longer. The results can be very dramatic, so get ready to be creative!



# Unit GH15 (City & Guilds Unit 024)

## Attach hair to enhance a style

### Optional

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2 Level 2 NVQ/SVQ Hairdressing

This unit has five outcomes. As they are linked, you can be observed by your assessor for all five outcomes at the same time.

#### Outcome 1

Maintain effective and safe methods of working when attaching hair

#### Outcome 2

Plan and prepare to attach hair

#### Outcome 3

Attach and blend pieces of hair

#### Outcome 4

Remove pieces of hair

#### Outcome 5

Provide aftercare advice

## Evidence requirements

You must practically demonstrate in your everyday work that you have met the standards for attaching hair to enhance a style. The standards cover things that you must do (performance criteria), things that you must cover (range) and things that you must know.

## What you must do

Your assessor will observe your performance on at least **two** occasions, which must include a removal of extensions. You must do correctly all the things listed under 'What you must do' on the sign-off sheets that follow.

Simulation is not allowed for any performance evidence within this unit. It is likely most evidence of your performance will be gathered from the observations made by your assessor, but you may be required to produce other evidence to support your performance if your assessor has not been present.

## What you must cover

You will see key words in bold on the 'What you must do' list. For each of these, there is a range of things that you must cover. You must show that you have:

### Used the following attachment systems:

those designed to last up to 24 hours

those designed to last from 24 hours to four weeks

### Taken into account the following contra-indications:

skin sensitivities

history of previous allergic reactions

hair and scalp disorders

medical advice or instructions



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**Taken account of the following factors:**

attachment method  
 direction and fall of the added hair  
 the quantity of added hair  
 the need to blend the client's hair and the added hair  
 head and face shape  
 hair growth pattern  
 hair texture  
 hair density  
 hair elasticity  
 evident hair damage  
 traction alopecia  
 lifestyle  
 hairstyle

**Carried out the following tests:**

pull  
 elasticity  
 skin

**Given the following advice:**

suitable homecare products and their use  
 hair care  
 how to maintain their style  
 possibilities for style change

**What you must know**

You will be assessed on your knowledge of the following:

Salon and legal requirements  
 How to work safely, effectively and hygienically when attaching pieces of hair  
 Tests and testing  
 Hair, scalp and skin  
 Preparation requirements  
 Hair attachment systems  
 Cutting techniques when working with extensions  
 Aftercare advice for clients  
 Communication

This will be completed through written and oral questioning by your assessor, or by an online test. For details of what you must know, see pages 13–17.



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**Useful words**

Some terms that you will come across in this unit are explained below.

**Aftercare advice** Giving the client tips on how to maintain their style and hair condition. If the client is going to remove his/her own added hair you will need to advise him/her on how to do this safely.

**Aftercare products** Products such as lotions, sprays and serums that are used to help maintain a style.

**Attachment systems** There are several methods of attaching added hair. Some examples are glue in, dip in, grip in, bonded, sewn in and plaited in.

**Pull test** A test that will help you to evaluate excessive hair loss. Separate a handful of hair and gently pull at the roots – if more than 12 hairs are lost this may be an indication of abnormal hair loss.

**Tension** How tightly the hair is pulled. Be careful not to pull too much when attaching hair, or damage may occur that could result in hair breakage or even traction alopecia.

**Traction alopecia** Hair loss due to excessive tension on the hair and scalp. This is usually seen around hairlines and partings – check regularly for any first signs to avoid permanent hair loss.



# Observation sign-off sheet

## *Unit GH15 Attach hair to enhance a style*

### What you must do

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Within your work, you must show your assessor that you can do the following. You will be observed a number of times (as a guide, at least **two** times).

Each time you achieve **all** the points listed below within a single client service, your assessor will tick the circle and enter the date.

### Outcome 1

#### Maintain effective and safe methods of working when attaching hair

- a Ensure your client's clothing is effectively protected throughout the service
- b Wear personal protective equipment, when required
- c Position your client to meet the needs of the service without causing them discomfort
- d Ensure your own posture and position whilst working minimises fatigue and the risk of injury
- e Keep your work area clean and tidy throughout the service
- f Sequence your work in a way that is suitable for the **attachment system** used, the style and ease of working

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*Added hair is available in many colours and is often only limited by the client's wishes!*

- g Use working methods that:
  - minimise the risk of damage to tools and equipment
  - minimise the wastage of products
  - minimise the risk of cross-infection
  - make effective use of your working time
  - ensure the use of clean resources
  - minimise the risk of harm or injury to yourself and others

h Ensure your personal standards of health and hygiene minimise the risks of cross-infection, infestation and offence to your clients and colleagues

i Use tools and equipment that are safe and fit for the purpose

j Complete the attachment of hair within a commercially viable time

k Complete client records so that they are accurate, easy to read and up-to-date



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“  
*Remember to colour match to the mid length and ends of your client’s hair and not to the roots, otherwise the extensions will be too dark.*  
 Anne Veck

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*This hair piece is being added to give extra length and texture to the style.*



# Observation sign-off sheet

## Unit GH15 Attach hair to enhance a style

### What you must do (continued)

#### Outcome 2

##### Plan and prepare to attach hair

- a Accurately identify any **factors** that may affect the service
- b Ask your client appropriate questions to establish any known **contra-indications** to the hair attachment service
- c Accurately record your client's responses to questioning
- d Conduct a range of **tests** on your client's hair and skin following manufacturer's instructions and recognised industry procedures
- e Report problems to the relevant person(s) when **contra-indications** cause doubts as to the suitability of the service for the client \*
- f Select and use added hair which is of a:
  - suitable texture
  - suitable colour
  - suitable length
  - suitable width
- g Prepare the added hair to meet the manufacturer's instructions, when required
- h Prepare your client's hair in a way suitable for the technique to be used

#### Hints and tips

*Contra-indications to the added hair services must be identified first to ensure safety and a good result.*

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\* Covered by observation  Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Outcome 3

### Attach and blend pieces of hair

- a Confirm with your client the look agreed at consultation prior to starting the service
- b Part the sections cleanly and evenly to meet the requirements of the **attachment system** to be used
- c Section the hair in a way that will allow the added hair to lie in the direction required
- d Secure any hair not being extended to keep your section clearly visible
- e Ensure added hair is secure and the point of attachment is hidden
- f Add hair in a way that takes into account the **factors** influencing the service and avoiding potential damage to the client's hair
- g Maintain a suitable and even tension throughout the process
- h Check the comfort of your client at regular intervals throughout the service
- i Give suitable reassurance to your client, if necessary \*
- j Adapt your cutting techniques to take account of **factors** which influence working on added hair
- k Identify and report any problems occurring during the service to the relevant person(s) \*\*
- l Ensure, on completion, that the added hair is blended with the client's own hair in a way to achieve the style enhancement agreed with the client



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#### Hints and tips

*Freehand cutting techniques work best for blending added hair.*

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# Observation sign-off sheet

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## What you must do (continued)

**Hints and tips**

*Always recommend that clients have their added hair removed professionally to avoid damage to their hair.*

### Outcome 4

**Remove pieces of hair**

- a Remove pieces of hair following manufacturer's instructions
- b Use the correct products to remove extensions avoiding damage to your client's hair
- c Use the correct tools effectively, if required, minimising damage to your client's hair
- d Leave your client's hair free of product build up and debris prior to shampooing
- e Leave your client's hair clean and prepared ready for the next service

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*Extensions can help your client to achieve the length of Vanessa Hudgens's hair.*



## Outcome 5

### Provide aftercare advice

- Give **advice** and recommendations accurately and constructively
- Give your clients suitable **advice** on the maintenance of the added hair and style



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*Make sure your client knows how to maintain their added hair at home, and especially how to protect it while sleeping so that they receive the full benefit of the service. A happy and satisfied client is likely to book a repeat appointment!*

Maurice Lister

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*Combine great colour with expert hair extensions for stunning looks.*



# Observation sign-off sheet

## Unit GH15 Attach hair to enhance a style

### What you must cover

Before ticking the circles below, you must make sure that you have achieved 'What you must cover' in **all** the outcomes in which it occurs.

#### Attachment systems

Tick the attachment systems used in each observation. **Both** attachment systems must be used.

- Those designed to last up to 24 hours
- Those designed to last from 24 hours to 4 weeks

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#### Factors

Tick the factors in each observation. You must take account of **all** of them.

- Attachment method
- Direction and fall of the added hair
- The quantity of added hair
- The need to blend the client's hair and the added hair
- Head and face shape
- Hair growth pattern
- Hair texture
- Hair density
- Hair elasticity
- Evident hair damage
- Traction alopecia
- Lifestyle
- Hairstyle

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#### Contra-indications

Tick the contra-indications taken into account in each observation. You must take account of **all** of them.

- Skin sensitivities
- History of previous allergic reactions
- Hair and scalp disorders
- Medical advice or instructions

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**Tests**

Tick the tests carried out in each observation. You must carry out **all** of them.

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Pull	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Elasticity	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Skin	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Advice**

Tick the advice given in each observation. You must give **all** the types of advice.

	1	2		
Suitable homecare products and their use	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hair care	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How to maintain their style	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Possibilities for style change	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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*With cold bonding, it's always best to keep the strips quite narrow, at around 625 mm.*

*This is more comfortable for the client and it also makes the style look more natural.*

Anne Veck

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# Comment form

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This form can be used to record oral questioning, or for assessor/candidate comments, if required.

Comments	Date
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*Choose which method of bonding you will use very carefully. Discuss both the benefits and problems of using hot (thermal) or cold bonding (strips of double sided tape) thoroughly with your client.*  
Anne Veck

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# Knowledge sign-off sheet

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### What you must know



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You need to understand:	Evidence type
<b>Salon and legal requirements</b>	
1 your salon's requirements for client preparation	E3
2 your salon's expected service times for attaching pieces of hair	E3
3 your salon's and legal requirements for disposal of waste materials	E3
4 your responsibilities under the current Electricity at Work Regulations	E3
<b>How to work safely, effectively and hygienically when attaching pieces of hair</b>	
5 what is contact dermatitis and how to avoid developing it whilst carrying out hair attachment services	E4
6 the range of protective clothing that should be available for clients	E3
7 the type of personal protective equipment that should be available and used by yourself	E3
8 why it is important to use personal protective equipment	E4
9 why it is important to protect clients from hair clippings	E3
10 how the position of your client and yourself can affect the desired outcome and reduce fatigue and the risk of injury	E3

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You will be assessed on your knowledge and understanding of all the following points. This will be completed by your assessor, either through oral or written questions (evidence type E3) or a mandatory written paper (evidence type E4). Either of these could be an online test. The form tells you which evidence type is needed for each point. Your mandatory test papers will be kept by your assessor, so they won't appear in your portfolio.

Some areas appear in more than one unit (shaded in darker pink). These are covered in a cross-unit knowledge test. You only need to be tested on these once.

Once you have been assessed on each point, fill in the date and reference any written evidence that you've put in your portfolio.



# Knowledge sign-off sheet

## *Unit GH15 Attach hair to enhance a style*

### What you must know (continued)

You need to understand:	Evidence type
11 the safety considerations which must be taken into account when attaching pieces of hair (eg possible reaction to adhesives and removal solutions, traction alopecia)	E3
12 why it is important to avoid cross-infection and infestation	E3
13 why it is important to keep your work area clean and tidy	E3
14 methods of cleaning, disinfection and/or sterilisation used in salons	E3
15 the methods of working safely and hygienically and which minimise the risks of cross-infection and cross-infestation	E3
16 the correct use and maintenance of tools and equipment	E3
17 the importance of personal hygiene	E3
18 the importance of questioning clients to establish any contra-indications to hairdressing services	E4
19 why it is important to record client responses to questioning	E4
20 the legal significance of client questioning and of recording the client's responses	E4

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You need to understand:	Evidence type
<b>Tests and testing</b>	
21 the types and purposes of tests	E4
22 the importance of following manufacturers' instructions for testing	E4
23 the methods of and reasons for conducting pull tests	E3
24 when and how tests should be carried out and the expected results	E4
25 how the results of tests can influence all aspects of the service	E4
26 potential consequences of failing to carry out tests	E4
27 the courses of action to take in the event of adverse reactions to tests (eg what type of reactions you must report to other, more senior people)	E4
28 why it is important to record test results	E4
<b>Hair, scalp and skin</b>	
29 the factors that must be taken into consideration prior to attaching pieces of hair (eg hair density, hair, scalp and skin disorders, etc)	E4
30 the average rate of hair growth	E4
31 the potential consequences of excessive tension on the hair	E4
32 how to identify the signs of traction alopecia	E4
33 how the contra-indications in the range can affect the provision of the service (eg hair loss and excessive thinning, eczema, psoriasis, allergies, etc)	E4



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# Knowledge sign-off sheet

## *Unit GH15 Attach hair to enhance a style*

### What you must know (continued)

You need to understand:	Evidence type
<b>Preparation requirements</b>	
34 manufacturer's instructions for preparation of added hair	E3
35 how the client's hair should be prepared for each of the hair attachment systems in the range	E3
36 how to conduct an examination of the hair and scalp to recognise factors that may affect the service	E3
37 how to estimate the length of time the hair attachment processes in the range are likely to take	E3
<b>Hair attachment systems</b>	
38 how the intended style can affect the hair attachment process	E3
39 how the attachment systems in the range secure added hair into the client's hair	E4
40 the advantages and disadvantages of the methods of attachment in the range	E4
41 tools and equipment necessary for each attachment system in the range and how these are used	E3
42 the generally accepted sequences of working for the hair attachment systems in the range	E3
43 why it is important to maintain a correct and even tension when attaching hair	E4

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You need to understand:	Evidence type
<b>Cutting techniques when working with extensions</b>	
44 why and how freehand blending cutting techniques should be adapted when hair extensions are present	E3
<b>Aftercare advice for clients</b>	
45 how to correctly detangle hair from point to root using specialised combs and brushes	E3
46 the importance of following manufacturer's instructions when shampooing and conditioning the hair	E3
47 products for home use that will benefit the client and those to avoid and why	E3
48 how to protect the hair when sleeping and why	E3
49 how lifestyle can affect the client's choice of style (eg active sports, career requirements)	E3
50 how the use of artificial hair can affect styling possibilities	E3
51 how to maintain their agreed style	E3
52 how long the hair extensions can be expected to last	E3
53 the removal requirements for attached hair	E3
<b>Communication</b>	E3
54 how to give effective advice and recommendations to clients	E3
55 how to help relieve client anxieties in a reassuring way	E3
Tick if E3 was an online test	<input type="radio"/> Date
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Tick cross-unit knowledge	<input type="radio"/> Date



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**Hints and tips**

*To avoid the client's hair becoming detached too soon, make sure they know how to detangle their hair from point to root.*



# Supplementary notes

## *Unit GH15*

Your assessor may use this space for any additional comments they may have about your work.

**Comments**

**Date**

Comments	Date

## Unit sign-off

**This section must be signed when the unit is complete.**

We confirm that this evidence is authentic and the assessments were conducted under specified conditions and that all the performance criteria, range and essential knowledge requirements have been met for this unit.

Candidate signature

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Assessor signature

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