

Domain:

NAIL TECHNOLOGY

Title:

**Remove and Maintain Gel nail
Enhancements**

Level: 3

Credits: 5

Purpose

This unit standard is intended for those who remove and maintain gel nail enhancements. People credited with this unit standard are able to prepare for cuticles and existing overlay; Infill solid colour or clear overlay; rebalance and reposition French overlays; fill and remove gel nail enhancements and provide aftercare advice.

This unit standard is intended for those who work as nail technician.

Special Notes

1. Entry information:

Prerequisite

- Unit 1157 - *Demonstrate basic knowledge of workplace health and safety*

2. Assessment evidence may be collected from a real workplace or a stimulated workplace or an appropriate simulated environment in which nail technology services are carried out.

3. All inspection, operation and maintenance procedures associated with the use of tools and equipment shall comply with manufacturers' specifications and/or workplace guidelines and instructions.

4. Glossary of terms:

- *Chemical* refers to any material and its interaction with other materials.
- *Acetone* refers to a solvent used to dissolve *nail* polish and acrylics. It is a chemical in the ketone family. Pure acetone is more effective in dissolving nail polish and acrylics.
- *Nippers* refers to a tool used in a nail salon for a variety of purposes, including cuticle care, toenail clipping, and the nipping of acrylics. Non-acid primer: A misnomer, as all primers are acidic to some degree or another. However, the term is commonly used to refer to any primer that does not use meth acrylic acid (MAP).
- *Sensitivity* refers to an increasingly sensitive reaction to an external stimulus caused by repeated or prolonged contact.

5. Regulations and legislation relevant to this unit standard include the following:

- Labour Act, No. 11, 2007

- Occupational Health and Safety Regulations No. 18, 1997 and all subsequent amendments
6. Performance of all elements in this unit standard must comply with industry standards.
 7. This unit standard applies to all nail technicians and range of people from different social, cultural or ethnic background.

Quality Assurance Requirements

This unit standard and others within this subfield may be awarded by institutions which meet the accreditation requirements set by the Namibia Qualifications Authority and the Namibia Training Authority and which comply with the national assessment and moderation requirements. Details of specific accreditation requirements and the national assessment arrangements are available from the Namibia Qualifications Authority and the Namibia Training Authority. All approved unit standards, qualifications and national assessment arrangements are available on the Namibia Training Authority website www.nta.com.na.

Elements and Performance Criteria

Element 1: Prepare for cuticles and existing overlay

Performance Criteria

- 1.1 Sealant layer of overlay are filled off.
- 1.2 Cuticles are pushed back.
- 1.3 Cuticles are cut with cuticle knife.
- 1.4 Nails are shortened into desired length using appropriate nail files.
- 1.5 Nail is shaped into desired shape according to client needs.

Element 2: Infill solid colour or clear overlay

Range

Infill of a solid colour or clear overlay may include but not limited to applying gel to apparent regrowth of nail at base and covering existing overlay with similar or new colours for longevity.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Primer or dehydrator is applied to the exposed nail plate.
- 2.2 Base layer of gel is applied on area of regrowth according to manufacturers' instructions.
- 2.3 UV glaze is applied as required.
- 2.4 Transverse C-Curve is balanced.
- 2.5 Longitudinal C-Curve is balanced with most strength on stress area.
- 2.6 Nails are sterilized to remove excess residue from surface of nail.
- 2.7 Cuticle oil or cream is applied to cuticle area.

Element 3: Rebalance and reposition French overlays

Range

Rebalancing and repositioning of French overlays may include but not limited to application of gel to apparent regrowth of nail at base and repositioning of French smile line behind natural hyponychial to ensure longevity.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 French application is filed out and filed positioned behind natural line.
- 3.2 Primer or dehydrator is applied to the exposed nail plate.
- 3.3 Application of French colour is applied in required amount of layers and curing according to manufacturer's instructions.

Element 4: Fill and Remove gel nail enhancements

Performance Criteria

- 4.1 Artificial nail removal products and equipment are selected and applied sequentially according to manufacture instructions and client requirement.
- 4.2 The condition of natural nail and enhancement and structure is assessed in order to update the client's record card.
- 4.3 Problems are identified and noted in order to take corrective action.
- 4.4 Removal products and equipment are selected and applied sequentially according to manufacture instructions and client requirements.
- 4.5 Nail enhancement are removed according to manufacture instructions and client requirements to avoid damage on the natural nail and traces of product on the nail.

Element 5: Provide aftercare advice

Performance Criteria

- 5.1 Questioning and listening techniques are used to obtain client feedback in order to record the outcomes of the treatment
- 5.2 Future treatment plan is recommended according to client needs.
- 5.3 Aftercare advice and homecare product recommendations are provided according to client needs.

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