

Domain

NAIL TECHNOLOGYTitle: **Prepare and Carry out nail art treatment**

Level: 3

Credits: 7

Purpose

This unit standard is intended for those who prepare and carry out nail art treatment. People credited with this unit standard are able to prepare the workstation for nail art according to organisational requirements; apply nail art; perform gem application and striping tape; perform foiling and perform flat art.

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:
 - *'Acrylic Nails'* refers to hardened and cured coating those results from a precise mix ratio of liquid monomer and powdered polymer.
 - *'Allergen'* refers to a material that will create an adverse reaction in sensitive individuals, such as coughing, sneezing, rashes or other kinds of irritation.
 - *'Allergic reaction'* refers to a hostile reaction in the body usually recognized by blisters, redness, itching, and/or swelling. Misuse of nail products can lead to allergic reactions.
 - *'Chemical'* refers to any material and its interaction with other materials.
 - *'Colored Acrylics and Gels'* refer to a colored product that allows for the building of nails with color built-in to the structure of the nail.
 - *'Etching'* refers to an obsolete process where the surface shine of the natural nails are removed using a coarse grit file during preparation for a nail enhancement service. Advancement in nail care technology has made it unnecessary to continue the use of this destructive and often hurtful method to ensure adhesion.
 - *'Airbrushing'* refers to the art of applying nail decorations with an airbrush gun.
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 the workstation for nail art according to organisational requirements.

Performance Criteria

- 1.1 The workstation, equipment, materials and tools are prepared for nail art services to meet the required levels of hygiene according to organisational requirement.
- 1.2 The client is received and prepared to ensure protection, comfort and relaxation according to organisational requirement.
- 1.3 Clients' needs and expectations are evaluated to enable accurate advice and recommendations for a treatment plan.
- 1.4 The client's nails and skin condition are assessed by physical and visual examination in order to capture information on client record card.
- 1.5 Areas of the hand/nails requiring special treatment are identified and noted in order to make recommendations.
- 1.6 Contra-indications are identified where applicable, explained to client for referral purpose.
- 1.7 Prescribed mini manicure treatment is performed according to manufacture and organisational recommendations.

Element 2: Apply nail art

Performance Criteria

- 2.1 Nail art products are selected according to treatment plan and confirmed with client.

- 2.2 Type of nail art to be applied is selected suitable for the size of nail according to treatment plan to meet.
- 2.3 Nail art product and equipment are selected and applied sequentially according to health and hygiene, regulations, manufactures instructions and client requirement.
- 2.4 Filling techniques are used to ensure the nail free edge is left smooth and shaped to required length.
- 2.5 Cleaning nails of debris is carried out.
- 2.6 Nail art techniques are used sequentially to achieve the required design.
- 2.7 Nail art is applied as required and secured according to manufactures recommendations and treatment plan.
- 2.8 Waste is disposed of according to Workplace procedures.
- 2.9 Portion control is applied according to organisational requirements to minimise wastage.

Element 3: Perform gem application and striping tape

Performance Criteria

- 3.1 The chosen colour varnish is applied smoothly according to manufacture instructions.
- 3.2 Nail varnish is thoroughly dried and secured in order to apply the striping tape.
- 3.3 The gem stone is applied with nail art sealer and pressure on nail.
- 3.4 The gem is removed and reused according to manufacture instructions
- 3.5 Aftercare advices are provided in accordance with agreed treatment plan and recommendations.

Element 4: Perform foiling

Performance Criteria

- 4.1 A thin coat of foil adhesive is applied according to manufacture recommendations.
- 4.2 The chosen colour varnish is applied smoothly and allowed to dry.
- 4.3 Techniques on the application of foil colours are used to cover entire nail according to manufactures instructions.
- 4.4 Nail art sealer is applied according to workplace requirements.

Element 5: Perform flat art

Performance Criteria

- 5.1 Prescribed mini manicure is performed according to manufacture and organisational recommendations.

- 5.2 The need to plan and record colour and pattern is explained for referrals and future use.
- 5.3 Flat art is applied in accordance to workplace recommendation.
- 5.4 After care advice is provided in accordance with the agreed treatment plan and recommendations.

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