

Domain	NAIL TECHNOLOGY	Unit ID: 1880
Title:	Prepare and Perform silk and fibre nail enhancement	
Level: 3		Credits: 6

Purpose

This unit standard is intended for those who prepare and perform silk and fibre nail enhancement. People credited with this unit standard are able to prepare the workstation for fibre/silk enhancement service according to organisational requirements; prepare the nail plate according to manufacturer's recommendation; apply, shape and blend artificial tips; apply nail repair and overlay and apply fibre / silk nails according to client's requirements.

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 a hardened and cured coating those results from a precise mix ratio of liquid monomer and powdered polymer.
 - *'Chemical'* any material and its interaction with other materials.
 - *'Etching'* this is obsolete processes where the surface shine of the natural nails are removed using a coarse grit file during preparation for a nail enhancement service.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.
 - *'Fills'* The addition of acrylic to the new growth area of the nails, this procedure should take place every two to three weeks.
 - *'Forms'* Paper with adhesive-backs that are placed under the free-edge or at the fingers' ends to extend acrylic past the fingertip.
 - *'Nail Plate'* The hard shell-like keratin coating that covers the fingertip and protects the underlying tissue.
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 fibre/silk enhancement service according to organisational requirements.

Performance Criteria

- 1.1 Workstation is prepared for a fibre/silk nail technology service.
- 1.2 Client is received and prepared according to organisational requirements.
- 1.3 Client's nail and skin is assessed and any abnormalities that preclude treatments are recorded on client record card.
- 1.4 All recommendations of further treatments as well as possible home care products are recorded.

Element 2: Prepare the nail plate according to manufacturer's recommendation.

Performance Criteria

- 2.1 A complete set of nails is used.
- 2.2 Cuticles and nail plate are prepared according to the manufacturer's recommendation.
- 2.3 The understanding of different preparation products used is explained.

Element 3: Apply, shape and blend artificial tips.

Performance Criteria

- 3.1 Tips are selected to fit the "C" curve of the natural nail.

- 3.2 Tips are applied with correct adhesive and are fit from "side to side".
- 3.3 Nail tips that are appropriate to the size and shape of the client's natural nails are used.
- 3.4 Tips are cut and shaped according to client's preference.
- 3.5 Tips are blended to a natural colour without any lines, milky shadows or over buffing company's according to company's safety and hygienic requirements.

Element 4: Apply nail repair and overlay

Performance Criteria

- 4.1 A complete system is used and no mixing and matching of products occurred.
- 4.2 The weak point is reinforced with resin and mesh according to manufacturer's recommendation
- 4.3 The overly is applied to follow the natural shape of the nail according the manufacturers recommendation
- 4.4 The finished surface of the nail is balanced with a smooth even shine surface with no ridges at the cuticle line and an even clear defined small line.

Element 5: Apply fibre / silk nails according to client's requirements

Performance Criteria

- 5.1 The manufacturer's instructions for product use and application is followed and Application techniques are adapted to meet the client's nail shape and condition.
- 5.2 Nail shapes and length are made to meet the client's needs.
- 5.3 The manufacturer's instruction for product use and application are followed closely.
- 5.4 The application techniques are managed so that it leaves a free margin around the cuticles and sidewall area of the nail.
- 5.5 Service is conducted according to organization's hygiene standards.

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