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Cut facial hair to shape using basic techniques



Overview

This unit is about cutting beards and moustaches to maintain existing shapes using scissors over comb, clippers with attachment, clippers over combe and freehand cutting techniques.

The main outcomes of this unit are:

1. maintain effective and safe methods of working when cutting facial hair
2. cut beards and moustaches to maintain their shape
3. provide aftercare advice

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 **maintain effective and safe methods of working when cutting facial hair** by
- 1.1. ensuring your client's clothing and eyes are effectively protected throughout the service
 - 1.2. ensuring your client's face and neck are kept free of excess hair cuttings throughout the service
 - 1.3. positioning your client to meet the needs of the service without causing them discomfort
 - 1.4. ensuring your own posture and position whilst working minimises fatigue and the risk of injury
 - 1.5. keeping your work area clean and tidy throughout the service
 - 1.6. removing waste immediately at the end of the cutting service
 - 1.7. using working methods that
 - minimise the risk of damage to **tools and equipment**
 - 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
 - 1.8. ensuring your personal standards of health and hygiene
 - minimise the risk of cross-infection, infestation and offence to your clients and colleagues
 - 1.9. using tools that are safe and fit for purpose
 - 1.10. accurately identifying factors likely to influence the service prior to cutting
 - 1.11. completing the cutting service within a commercially viable time
- P2 **cut beards and moustaches to maintain their shape** by
- P2.1. suitably preparing your client's facial hair prior to the service
 - P2.2. confirming with your client the look agreed at consultation and during service
 - P2.3. accurately establishing and following the cutting guideline(s) to achieve the required **look**
 - P2.4. adapting your **cutting techniques** to take account of **factors** influencing the service and to achieve the desired **look**
 - P2.5. changing your own position and that of your client to help you ensure the accuracy of the cut
 - P2.6. regularly checking your client's comfort throughout the service
 - P2.7. ensuring the finished look is even, symmetrical and balanced in relation to your client's facial contour
 - P2.8. ensuring the finished look is of even density throughout the shape
 - P2.9. removing any unwanted hair outside the desired outline shape
 - P2.10. making a final visual check to ensure the finished cut is accurate

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- P2.11. confirming your client's satisfaction with the finished cut
- P3 **provide aftercare advice** by
 - P3.1. giving **advice** and recommendations accurately and constructively
 - P3.2. giving your client suitable advice on the maintenance of their cut and style

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

Salon and legal requirements

- K1 your salon requirements for client preparation
- K2 your salon's expected service times for cutting facial hair to shape
- K3 your salon's and legal requirements for disposal of waste materials
- K4 your responsibilities under the current Electricity at Work Regulations

You need to know and understand:

How to work safely, effectively and hygienically when cutting facial hair

- K5 the range of protective clothing that should be available for clients
- K6 why it is important to protect clients from hair clippings
- K7 how the position of your client and yourself can affect the desired outcome and reduce fatigue and the risk of injury
- K8 the importance of using the correct type of barber's chair
- K9 the safety considerations which must be taken into account when cutting facial hair
- K10 why it is important to check for infestation and to avoid cross-infection
- K11 why it is important to keep your work area clean and tidy
- K12 methods of cleaning, disinfecting and/or sterilisation used in salons
- K13 methods of working safely and hygienically and which minimise the risk of cross- infection and cross-infestation
- K14 the importance of personal hygiene

You need to know and understand:

Tools and equipment

- K15 methods of cleaning and maintaining all the tools and equipment in the range
- K16 how to safely use all the tools and equipment in the range
- K17 how to level and test clippers
- K18 the size of clipper blades and attachments available and the effects that these achieve

You need to know and understand:

Facial hair and its cutting techniques

- K19 the factors that must be taken into consideration prior to cutting (eg hair density, head and face shape, facial piercing, adverse skin conditions, etc.)
- K20 how the factors in the range can affect the way the facial hair is cut
- K21 the importance of cutting to the natural facial hairline
- K22 basic beard and moustache shapes (eg moustaches that stay across the top lip, moustaches that curve around the side of the mouth, full beards that follow the contours of the face and that do not require the use of razors)
- K23 the importance of consulting with clients throughout the cutting process
- K24 how and when to cut facial hair using freehand, scissors over comb, clipper with attachment and clipper over comb cutting techniques

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- K25 the reasons for establishing and following guidelines
- K26 how to create and follow a guideline for tapered beardlines, beard outlines and moustaches
- K27 the importance of crosschecking the cut
- K28 how to crosscheck and balance the cut
- K29 the importance of working with the natural growth patterns of facial hair when considering the weight distribution within a facial hair cut
- K30 the average rate of hair growth

You need to know and understand:

Aftercare advice for clients

- K31 the recommended time interval between cuts or to achieve the desired new look
- K32 how lifestyle can influence the client's choice of style (eg active sports, career and job requirements)
- K33 how to maintain beard and moustache shape
- K34 tools suitable for home use between cuts

You need to know and understand:

Communication

- K35 how to give effective advice and recommendations to clients

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Additional Information

Scope/range

1. **Tools and equipment** are
 - 1.1. scissors
 - 1.2. clippers
 - 1.3. clipper attachments

2. **Factors** are
 - 2.1. head and face shape
 - 2.2. hair growth patterns
 - 2.3. hair style
 - 2.4. adverse skin conditions
 - 2.5. hair density
 - 2.6. skin elasticity
 - 2.7. facial piercing
 - 2.8. facial contours

3. **Looks** are
 - 3.1. tapered beardline
 - 3.2. full beard outlines
 - 3.3. moustache only
 - 3.4. eyebrow shape

4. **Cutting techniques** are
 - 4.1. scissors over comb
 - 4.2. clipper with attachment
 - 4.3. clipper over comb
 - 4.4. freehand

5. **Advice** covers
 - 5.1. time interval between cuts
 - 5.2. maintenance of beard and moustache shape
 - 5.3. suitable equipment for home use

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