



## Optional assessment guidance 2023–24

This guidance is **optional**. You can use this guidance or deliver and assess as outlined in the group award specification.

<b>Group award titles and codes:</b>	<a href="#">PDA Barbering Practice at SCQF level 7 (GM03 47)</a> <a href="#">HNC Beauty Therapy (GN87 15)</a> <a href="#">HND Beauty Therapy (GN88 16)</a> <a href="#">HNC Complementary Therapies (GL7X 15)</a> <a href="#">HND Complementary Therapies (GM9E 16)</a>
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The approach you take **must** meet the:

- ◆ full evidence requirements for graded units
- ◆ national standards

### Changes to conditions of assessment and/or evidence requirements

If a unit is not listed below, you must not alter the evidence requirements.

You must not adapt SQA's secure material without prior permission. It is important that you do not compromise any existing secure closed-book assessments, so you should try to adapt your own centre-devised assessments in the first instance.

#### PDA Barbering Practice at SCQF Level 7 (GM03 47)

##### [Barbering: Creative Cutting Techniques \(SCQF level 7\) HG4M 34](#)

###### Outcome 1

Candidates **do not** need to deliver a 10 to 15 minute presentation on the selected restyles and selected products, using visual aids.

###### Outcomes 1 to 3

Candidates must be assessed when carrying out the **three** plans and practical assessments.

##### [Barbering: Creative Shaving \(SCQF level 7\) HG4L 34](#)

###### Outcome 1 to 3

Candidates must be assessed when carrying out the **three** plans and practical assessments.

## HNC and HND Beauty Therapy (GN87 15 and GN88 16)

### Seated Massage Therapy (SCQF level 8) F1BE 35

#### Outcome 3

Evidence must include:

- ◆ candidate logbook recording **three** individual treatments on different clients (consultation, record card and treatment evaluation)
- ◆ observation checklist recording candidate performance for **one** full chair massage treatment

Candidates **must be observed directly, face-to-face** by the assessor.

### Remedial Massage (SCQF level 8) HL92 35

#### Outcomes 1 to 3

Candidates must demonstrate practical performance over a course of a minimum of **three** treatments, on **two** clients, with different musculoskeletal problems.

Candidates **must be observed directly, face-to-face** by the assessor.

### Beauty Therapy: Hand, Foot and Nail Therapies (SCQF level 7) HX01 34

#### Outcome 2

Candidates must demonstrate by observed practical performance on a minimum of **three** occasions, that they are able to plan, prepare for, perform and evaluate the hand, foot and nail therapies treatment. Performance must include **both hand and foot treatments** on all three occasions.

Evidence must include:

- ◆ one manicure or pedicure
- ◆ one luxury manicure or luxury pedicure
- ◆ one toenail gel polish and one fingernail gel polish (to be added either to the basic or luxury manicure **or** pedicure)
- ◆ one gel polish on either the hand **or** foot (which must include a gel polish removal prior to the reapplication)

Performance must include the use of warm oil **or** paraffin wax, heated mitts **or** heated booties within luxury treatments.

Finished polish looks must include light, dark and French.

Candidates **must be observed directly, face-to-face** by the assessor.

## [Reflexology \(SCQF level 7\) HF7K 34](#)

### **Outcomes 2 and 3**

Candidates must demonstrate that they are able to plan, prepare for and carry out a reflexology treatment by observed practical performance on a minimum of **three single** occasions, on different clients (with different needs).

Candidates must also carry out one case study of **three** treatments where each is assessed. Accurately completed client consultation records and assessor observation checklists must support this. Centres can use one of the **single** treatments as part of the case study.

Candidates **must be observed directly, face-to-face** by the assessor.

## **HNC and HND Complementary Therapies (GL7X 15 and GM9E 16)**

### [Complementary Therapies: Clinic Practice \(SCQF level 7\) HF7P 34](#)

Candidates must complete a minimum of **14 hours** work placement, however, a clinic setting within the centre can be used to gather evidence.

Candidates must:

- ◆ research suitable local and national clinic settings in which to negotiate a work placement
- ◆ explain the importance of professionalism and etiquette in seeking employment experience, including the presentation of a CV

You can find more information on [HNVQ delivery and assessment approaches for session 2023-24](#) on SQA's website.