



**QQI**

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## Certificate Specification NFQ Level 6

### Beauty Therapy 6M3479

#### 1. Certificate Details

<b>Title</b>	Beauty Therapy
<b>Teideal as Gaeilge</b>	Teiripe Scéimhe
<b>Award Type</b>	Major
<b>Code</b>	6M3479
<b>Level</b>	6
<b>Credit Value</b>	120
<b>Purpose</b>	The purpose of this award is to enable the learner to acquire the knowledge, skill and competence to work independently and or in a supervisory capacity to provide specialist beauty and body therapy treatments in a variety of contexts and or to progress to higher education and training.
<b>Statements of Knowledge, Skill and Competence</b>	Learners will be able to:
<b>Knowledge</b>	
<i>Breadth</i>	Demonstrate specialist knowledge of a range of beauty therapy techniques, products and equipment for the effective delivery of beauty therapy treatments to clients
<i>Kind</i>	Demonstrate an understanding of the key concepts and theories underpinning beauty therapy treatments
<b>Know How &amp; Skill</b>	
<i>Range</i>	Apply a comprehensive range of interpersonal, technical and or supervisory skills in the effective provision of beauty therapy treatments

*Selectivity* Respond to the specialist needs of clients ensuring the selection of appropriate beauty therapy techniques and treatments

## **Competence**

*Context* Apply a range of procedures and practices to ensure the provision of beauty therapy treatments to meet specialist client needs in a variety of contexts

*Role* Exercise initiative and autonomy as a beauty therapist and/or take responsibility for the work of others ensuring client safety and comfort when providing treatments

*Learning to Learn* Take responsibility for own professional development and or assist others in identifying professional development needs in a variety of contexts

*Insight* Reflect on own role as a beauty therapist considering personal, ethical and social issues from an individual and society perspective.

The learning outcomes associated with this award are outlined in the associated Component Specifications.

## **Access**

To access programmes leading to this award the learner should have reached the standards of knowledge, skill and competence associated with the preceding level of the National Framework of Qualifications. This may have been achieved through a formal qualification or through relevant life and work experience.

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## **Transfer**

Achievement of this award will enable the learner to transfer to other appropriate programmes leading to awards at the same level of the National Framework of Qualifications.

## **Progression**

Achievement of this award will enable the learner to progress to other appropriate programmes leading to awards at the next or higher levels of the National Framework of Qualifications.

## **Progression Awards**

Learners who successfully complete this award may progress to a range of different awards.

## **Grading**

Pass

Merit

Distinction

The grade achieved will be determined by the grades achieved on the components

## **2. Certificate Requirements**

The total credit value required for this certificate is 120. This will be achieved by completing:

Award Code	Title	Level	Credit Value
<b>All of the following component(s)</b>			
6N3472	Body and Beauty Science and Treatments	6	30
<b>A minimum credit value of 15 from the following components</b>			
6N1946	Work Experience	6	15
6N1947	Work Practice	6	15
<b>A minimum credit value of 15 from the following components</b>			
6N1948	Team Leadership	6	15
6N1949	Personal and Professional Development	6	15
6N1950	Communications	6	15
6N0697	Customer Service	6	15
<b>A minimum credit value of 45 from the following components</b>			
6N3473	Depilation, Tanning and Lightening	6	15
6N3474	Microdermabrasion and Laser IPL	6	15
6N3475	Electrical Epilation	6	15
6N3476	Nail Technology	6	15
6N3477	Indian Head Massage	6	15
6N3478	On Site Massage	6	15
6N2104	Supervisory Skills	6	15

The remaining credit value of 15 can be obtained by using relevant component(s) from level 6. A maximum of 15 credits may be used from level 5.

### 3. Supporting Documentation

1. Current Safety and Health at Work legislation
2. Standards for Beauty and Holistic Therapy Management of Training Centres: available from the National Standards Authority of Ireland

### 4. Specific Validation Requirements

The provider must have all of the following in place to offer this award:

Access to facial and body therapy work stations to include plinth, trolley, stool and magnified lamp

1. Access to hot and cold running water and sanitary toilet facilities
2. Access to sterilisation and sanitisation equipment

### 5. Europass Certificate Supplement

The Europass Certificate Supplement for this award can be accessed at: [www.ggi.ie](http://www.ggi.ie).

## 6. FET Award Standards

QQI award standards are determined within the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ), <http://www.nfq-qqi.com>. QQI determines standards for the education and training awards that it makes itself and that are made by providers to whom it has delegated authority to make an award. Providers offering programmes leading to QQI awards **must** have their programme(s) validated in accordance with current validation policy (see [www.qqi.ie](http://www.qqi.ie)).

Award standards are designed to be consistent with the NFQ's award classes i.e. major, special purpose, supplemental and minor awards. They are expressed in terms of **learning outcomes** i.e. concise statements of what the learner is expected to know or be able to do in order to achieve a particular award. Learning outcomes for QQI awards are contained within the associated specifications:

AWARD CLASS	STANDARDS	AWARDS
Major Award	Certificate Specification	Certificate (Levels 1 to 5) Advanced Certificate (Level 6)
Supplemental Award	Supplemental Specification	Supplemental Certificate (Level 3 to 6)
Special Purpose	Specific Purpose Specification	Specific Purpose Certificate (Levels 3 to 6)
Minor Award	Component Specification	Component Certificate (Levels 1 to 6)

Award standards are thresholds, they describe standards of knowledge, skill or competence to be acquired, and where appropriate, demonstrated, by a learner before an award may be made.

Award standards will be reviewed from time to time as necessary. Minor changes may be made by the QQI executive outside the review cycle where necessary. Changes to standards are published on QQI's website. Providers with validated programmes and providers with delegated authority to make awards are responsible for monitoring relevant standards and making necessary responses to changes.

## 7. FET Credit

Every FET certificate and component specification includes an FET credit value (Table 1). FET credit is quantified in multiples of 5 FET credits (up to 50 hours of learner effort). Learner effort is based on the time taken by typical learners at the level of the award to achieve the learning outcomes for the award. It includes all learning time involved including: guided learning hours, self-directed learning and assessment.

**Table 1: FET Credit Values**

NFQ Level	Major Awards Credit Values	Default Credit Values Minor Awards	Other Permitted Minor Award Credit Values	Special Purpose and Supplemental Award Credit Value Ranges
1	20	5	10	
2	30	5	10	
3	60	10	5,20	>5 and<60
4	90	10	5,15,20	>5 and<90

5	120	15	5,10,30	>5 and <120
6	120	15	5,10,30	>5 and <120

### Guide to Level

Learning outcomes at this level include a comprehensive range of skills which may be vocationally-specific and/or of a general supervisory nature, and require detailed theoretical understanding. The outcomes also provide for a particular focus on learning skills. The outcomes relate to working in a generally autonomous way to assume design and/or management and/or administrative responsibilities. Occupations at this level would include higher craft, junior technician and supervisor.

Strand	Sub-strand	Nature of learning
Knowledge	Breadth	Specialised knowledge of a broad area
	Kind	Some theoretical concepts and abstract thinking, with significant depth in some areas
Know How & Skill	Range	Demonstrate a comprehensive range of specialised skills and tools
	Selectivity	Formulate responses to well defined abstract problems
Competence	Context	Utilise diagnostic and creative skills in a range of functions in a wide variety of contexts
	Role	Exercise substantial personal autonomy and often take responsibility for the work of others and/or for the allocation of resources; form and function within, multiple and complex heterogeneous groups.
	Learning to Learn	Learn to take responsibility for own learning within a managed environment.
	Insight	Express an internalised, personal world view, reflecting engagement with others.

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