

# Qualification Specification

Focus Awards Level 3 Diploma in Nail  
Technology (RQF)

601/6474/8



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## Focus Awards Level 3 Diploma in Nail Technology (RQF)

### Qualification Details

QRN: 601/6474/8

Credit: 51

GLH: 413

TQT: 510

### Qualification Purpose

The Focus Awards Level 3 Diploma in Nail Technology (RQF) is aimed at those learners wishing to develop their knowledge, understanding and practical skills in providing manicure and pedicure treatments and applying and maintaining nail enhancements.

### Learner Entry Requirements

Learners should be competent in literacy and numeracy to help with elements of communication. This is at the discretion of the centre as they may decide to use diagnostic testing methods to ascertain how they can support learners

### Age Ranges

Learners should be 16 (minimum) to undertake this qualification.

### Geographical Coverage

This qualification is available in England and Northern Ireland.

### Reasonable Adjustments and Special Considerations

Please refer to Focus Awards' Reasonable Adjustments and Special Considerations Policy.

### Assessment Methods

The Focus Awards Level 3 Diploma in Nail Technology (RQF) is **internally assessed**.

Each learner is required to create a portfolio of evidence which demonstrates achievement of all the learning outcomes and assessment criteria associated with each unit.

The main pieces of evidence for the portfolio could include:

- Observed work
- Witness statements
- Audio- visual media
- Evidence of prior learning or attainment
- Written questions
- Oral questions
- Assignments
- Case studies

All evidence must be cross referenced to unit outcomes, simulation is not allowed in all units.

## Progression Routes

Learners wishing to progress from this qualification can undertake the following qualifications:

- Level 2 Diploma in Beauty Therapy Studies (RQF)
- Level 2 Award in Foot care (RQF)
- Level 2 Award in Nail Art (RQF)
- Level 2 Award in Airbrush Nail Design (RQF)
- Level 3 Award in Nail Enhancements and Advanced Hand and Nail Art Techniques (RQF)
- Level 3 Award in Nail Art (RQF)

## Useful websites and supporting materials

- [www.focusawards.org.uk/supportingmaterials](http://www.focusawards.org.uk/supportingmaterials)
- [www.habia.org](http://www.habia.org)
- [www.ofqual.gov.uk](http://www.ofqual.gov.uk)

## National Occupational Standards

Focus Awards has mapped to the National Occupational Standards where they exist.

## Qualification Structure/Rules of Combination

Learners must achieve **the following 6 mandatory units** totalling **39 credits**. A minimum of 12 credits must be achieved from the remaining optional units to create a total credit value for this qualification of **51 credits**.

Unit Title	Unit Ref	Level	GLH	Credit
<b>Mandatory</b>				
Monitor and maintain health and safety practice in the salon	R/600/8780	3	29	4

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Apply and maintain nail enhancements	A/601/4444	3	111	15
Provide manicure treatments	T/601/4569	2	48	5
Provide pedicure treatments	R/601/4448	2	48	5
Maintaining Personal Health and Well being	D/600/8779	3	60	7
Client care and communication in beauty-related industries	T/601/4457	3	28	3
<b>Optional</b>				
Airbrush designs for nails	L/601/3931	3	22	4
Display stock to promote sales in a salon	J/600/8761	2	24	3
Promote products and services to clients in a salon	T/600/8769	2	28	3
Enhance nails using electric files	T/601/5334	3	29	3
Design and apply Nail Art	K/601/4794	3	39	5

### Requirements for Tutors:

Tutors delivering the qualification will be required to hold or be working towards a teaching qualification. This may include qualifications such as the Levels 3, 4 or 5 in Education and Training, or a Certificate in Education. Focus Awards will however; consider other teaching qualifications upon submission. Tutors must also be able to demonstrate that they are occupationally competent within the sector area.

### Requirements for assessors:

Assessors will be required to hold, or be working towards a relevant assessing qualification. This may include qualifications such as the Level 3 Certificate in Assessing Vocational Achievement, or the Level 3 Award in Assessing Competence in the Work Environment. Focus Awards will however; consider other relevant assessing qualifications upon submission. Trainee assessors who do not hold an assessment qualification will require their decisions to be countersigned by a suitably qualified assessor. Assessors must also be able to show they are occupationally competent within the sector area.

### **Requirements for Internal Quality Assurers (IQA):**

Internal Quality Assurers should hold or be working towards the following an IQA qualification. This may include qualifications such as the V1 (previously D34), or the Level 4 Award in the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice. Focus Awards will however; consider other relevant IQA qualifications upon submission. Trainee IQAs who do not hold an IQA qualification will require their decisions to be countersigned by a suitably qualified IQA. IQAs must be able to demonstrate occupational competence.