

## **ASSESSMENT AND CERTIFICATION OF NVQ 8150.002.5.1 PEDICURIST**

National vocational qualification (NVQ) Pedicurist is a formally recognised competence required for practising the occupation on the basis on the national occupation standard.

NVQ – Pedicurist can be obtained:

- by anyone at least 18 years of age and meeting the entrance requirements as stated in the Catalogue of Standards of Professional Knowledge and Skills;
- by way of exception, by anyone younger than 18 if their trainee or student status has ceased and they demonstrate suitable work experience.

The basis for assessment and certification of NVQ – Pedicurist is the Catalogue of Standards of Professional Knowledge and Skills for Pedicurist based on national occupational standards.

### **SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

The Catalogue of Standards of Professional Knowledge and Skills contains special conditions that have to be met in order to obtain NVQ – Pedicurist: a candidate has to pass a test on health-related issues determined by the training programme in nursing skills.

### **ACCREDITED ASSESSING BODIES**

Assessment and certification of NVQ – Pedicurist can be carried out by accredited assessing bodies. They have to be listed in the corresponding register of the National Examination Centre.

### **MATERIAL CONDITIONS**

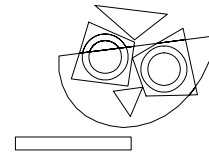
The accredited assessing body has to assure material conditions determined by the Catalogue of Standards of Professional Knowledge and Skills:

- a suitable room to perform a pedicure;
- a table and a chair for pedicure;
- a lamp;
- a foot bath;
- pedicure tools;
- equipment for maintenance and disinfecting of pedicure tools;
- nail cosmetics;
- dressing materials;
- personal protective gear.

### **ASSESSMENT AND CERTIFICATION**

Assessment and certification are carried out by a panel of three NVQ assessors appointed by the National Examinations Centre on the accredited assessing body's request.

NVQ assessors must hold licences issued by the National Examinations Centre. A licence can be obtained by anyone who has obtained professional education determined by the



☐ Catalogue of Standards of Professional Knowledge and Skills, has a minimum of five years work experience in the profession, and has completed training programme for NVQ assessors.

Assessment and certification of NVQ – Pedicurist contain:

- portfolio assessment;
- practical performance assessment.

By portfolio assessment, NVQ assessor assesses the value of the portfolio and the proof of competences on the basis of several criteria: authenticity, topicality, relevance etc.

If the candidate for NVQ – Pedicurist does not meet all conditions of the Catalogue of Standards of Professional Knowledge and Skills, the panel of NVQ assessors defines practical performance (knowledge and skills not covered by the portfolio).

By practical performance assessment and interview NVQ assessors:

- observe the candidate's behaviour and results during assessment;
- compare competences with the Catalogue of Standards of Professional Knowledge and Skills;
- confer with other assessors (make a consensus afterwards);
- conduct assessment interview to test the candidate's background knowledge;
- draw up a final report.

Practical performance assessment and interview (oral part) should not exceed 1.5 hours.

### **AREAS OF PRACTICAL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT AND INTERVIEW**

The panel assesses the candidate's competence-based skills and knowledge in the following areas:

#### **I Planning of, and preparation for, the task**

- 1 Personal preparation
- 2 Preparation and use of tools
- 3 Preparation of the client

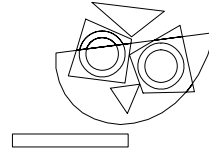
#### **II Performance of the task**

- 1 Removal of dead skin
- 2 Corn removal
- 3 Callus removal
- 4 Clipping and shaping toenails
- 5 Treatment of ingrown toenails
- 6 Performing relaxing foot massage

#### **III Interview: three questions**

The panel is allowed to ask questions not listed in the list of questions but related to the procedure of assessment and certification of the candidate's vocational competences.

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#### **MINIMUM STANDARD TO ACQUIRE NVQ - PEDICURIST CERTIFICATE**

If the panel believes that the health or safety of anyone present is at risk, it has the right to interrupt the procedure of assessment and certification.

Candidates are awarded the certificate if during the performance of the service they demonstrate skills and knowledge based on the Catalogue of Standards of Professional Knowledge and Skills and:

- do not commit a grave error;
- commit no more than 10 slight errors;
- give correct answers to at least two questions in the interview.