



**CIBTAC LEVEL 3 AWARD IN FACIAL  
ELECTROTHERAPY TREATMENTS**

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**Qualification Specification**

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## **1. CIBTAC**

The Confederation of International Beauty Therapy and Cosmetology (CIBTAC) was established in 1977 as the education arm of The British Association of Beauty Therapy and Cosmetology (BABTAC). We are a not-for-profit organisation, continually reinvesting our income for the benefit of our accredited Centres and their Learners.

## **2. Introduction to CIBTAC qualifications**

- 2.1. Each of our qualifications are developed through our close relationships with government agencies and employers from around the world, ensuring they are tailored to provide for the requirements of the international industry. Many of our Centres have been with CIBTAC for more than 30 years and their qualifying Graduates are sought after by first-rate employers because they are both educated to a high level and are salon ready
- 2.2. Our qualifications are challenging, but highly attainable and designed to ensure an exceptional quality of Graduate is entering the sector whilst providing a flexible learning structure that allows each individual to design their portfolio of qualifications depending on their career aspirations. Qualifications are recognised by the England Government Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF) which is often used to support local governments' qualifications throughout the world to enable international recognition for the Learner. If qualifications sit within a national qualification framework (such as the RQF) this enables greater recognition and comparability not only nationally, but also internationally where national qualification frameworks are referenced to the European Qualifications Framework (EQF)
- 2.3. CIBTAC ensures its qualifications are fit for purpose by mapping them to National Occupational Standards where they exist. Qualifications are supported by professional associations and external end examinations are structured to be similar to an industry trade test and therefore prepare Learners for seeking employment

## **3. Level of the CIBTAC Level 3 Award in Facial Electrotherapy Treatments**

- 3.1. This qualification is listed in the Ofqual register of qualifications. The CIBTAC Level 3 Award in Facial Electrotherapy Treatments provides knowledge and practical competence in facial electrotherapy treatments. The CIBTAC Level 3 Award in Facial Electrotherapy Treatments has been accredited by OFQUAL
- 3.2. A Learner studying a Level 3 programme will be able to demonstrate the following:

Knowledge descriptor (the Learner)	Skills descriptor (Learner can)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• has factual, procedural and theoretical knowledge and understanding of a subject or field of work to complete tasks and address problems while well-defined, may be complex and non-routine</li> <li>• can interpret and evaluate relevant information and ideas</li> <li>• is aware of the nature of the area of study or work</li> <li>• is aware of different perspectives or approaches within the area of study or work</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• identify, select and use appropriate cognitive and practical skills, methods and procedures to address problems that while well-defined, may be complex and non-routine</li> <li>• use appropriate investigation to inform actions</li> <li>• review how effective methods and actions have been</li> </ul>

#### 4. Purpose of the CIBTAC Level 3 Award in Facial Electrotherapy Treatments

The CIBTAC Level 3 Award in Facial Electrotherapy Treatments is a practical and knowledge-based qualification. It is aimed at equipping therapists with skills required for work in salons, destination/day spas and cruise ships.

The unit has been identified by employers as the most appropriate for working as a Beauty Therapist, however, there are many CPD courses that can enhance the skills learnt and provide new techniques to ensure that the qualified therapist remains current and at the forefront of the industry.

#### 5. Aims of the CIBTAC Level 3 Award in Facial Electrotherapy Treatments

- 5.1. The CIBTAC Level 3 Award in Facial Electrotherapy Treatments provides Learners with the knowledge and skills to carry out the recognised facial electrotherapy treatments in today's market
- 5.2. The aim of the CIBTAC Level 3 Award in Facial Electrotherapy Treatments is to:
  - provide Learners with a challenging qualification that will enable them to gain the necessary knowledge and skills for work as a beauty therapist
  - provide commercial skills in facial electrotherapy
  - encourage wider learning of new treatments on the market and the CPD opportunities available on completion of the course
  - provide Learners with the opportunity to recognise the changing industry and be able to explore further avenues that will enhance skills in the future
  - provide Learners with the tools and terminology required to work within the beauty industry

- enable Learners to make informed and confident decisions relating to Clients' needs and requirements.
- provide knowledge of the health and safety requirements surrounding the beauty industry
- provide opportunities for Learners to develop the necessary skills and competencies to move on to further study or employment
- encourage a deeper understanding of 'effective communication' with Clients and team members

5.3 The content of the CIBTAC Level 3 Award in Facial Electrotherapy Treatments is shown below  
Practical elements of the CIBTAC Level 3 Award in Facial Electrotherapy Treatments will enable Learners to:

- follow health, safety and security practices within the salon/working environment
- follow emergency procedures
- communicate effectively with Clients
- provide Client care services
- prepare and provide facial electrotherapy treatments

Knowledge elements for the CIBTAC Level 3 Award in Facial Electrotherapy Treatments will enable Learners to:

- understand the requirements for following health and safety within the salon
- understand the anatomy and physiology of the integumentary system, skeletal system, muscular system and nervous system
- understand the requirements for providing facial electrotherapy treatments

## 6. Progression

The CIBTAC Level 3 Award in Facial Electrotherapy Treatments is a natural progression from Level 2 beauty therapy qualifications and is required by most spas and salons within the industry.

Achievement of the CIBTAC Level 3 Award in Facial Electrotherapy Treatments will also provide progression to the Level 3 Diploma in electrotherapy, the Level 3 Diploma in beauty therapy or the study of advanced aesthetic practices at Level 4 offered by CIBTAC and other awarding organisations regulated by Ofqual.

## 7. Structure of the Level 3 Award in Facial Electrotherapy Treatments

7.1. The CIBTAC Level 3 Award in Facial Electrotherapy Treatments is made up from 1 mandatory unit:

Mandatory units	UAN number	Unit code	Level	Credit value	GLH
Provide facial electrotherapy treatments	A/616/1458	PA3	3	11	104
<b>Minimum credit/hours</b>				<b>11</b>	<b>104</b>
<b>Minimum TQT</b>				<b>110</b>	

Ofqual defines GLH and TQT as:

Guided Learning (GL)

Guided Learning is 'the activity of a Learner in being taught or instructed by – or otherwise participating in education or training under the immediate guidance or supervision of – a Lecturer, Supervisor, Tutor or other appropriate provider of education or training'. This includes 'the activity of being assessed if the assessment takes place under the immediate guidance or supervision of a Lecturer, Supervisor, Tutor or other appropriate provider of education or training'

Total Qualification Time (TQT)

Total Qualification Time is the number of notional hours which represents an estimate of the total amount of time that could reasonably be expected to be required in order for a Learner to achieve and demonstrate the achievement of the level of attainment necessary for the award of the qualification

## 8. Strategy for Delivery

- 8.1. The strategy for delivery of the unit that makes up the CIBTAC Level 3 Award in Facial Electrotherapy Treatments is based upon a combination of theory and practical sessions
- 8.2. The delivery of the programme may vary according to the centre and may be delivered in any format that supports the Total Qualification Time (TQT) of 110 hours. This may include training workshops or seminars, e-learning, distance learning or self-study. The CIBTAC Level 3 Award in Facial Electrotherapy Treatments has a total minimum number of 104 guided learning hours (GLH). These hours must take place during simultaneous contact between Tutor and Learner.
- 8.3. To develop commercial competence, you must carry out treatments in Realistic Working Environments (RWE) involving paying Clients

## 9. Assessment Strategy

- 9.1 CIBTAC qualifications are assessed externally by practical examinations and Multiple Choice Theory papers.
- 9.2 The assessment methodology consists of 2 parts, namely:  
Part 1 will consist of a Multiple Choice Theory examination paper. The features of the MCQ test are:

- the formats of MCQs will be determined by the domain of learning (Knowledge, Understanding, and Application) on which the Learner is to be assessed
- when this Award is being taken as a stand-alone qualification the MCQ paper will consist of 30 questions covering the mandatory unit
- when this Award is being taken as a 'bolt-on' qualification to the Level 2 Diploma in Beauty Therapy Services the MCQ paper will consist of 20 questions covering the mandatory optional unit
- each MCQ paper will be composed of MCQs with 1 correct answer and 3 distractors
- results of the MCQ assessment will be made available to Centres within 6 weeks following the exam date
- Learners will be required to gain a minimum of 60% in each unit to pass

Part 2, the practical is a synoptic assessment carried out by a CIBTAC Examiner. The features of the practical examination are:

- when this Award is being taken as a stand-alone qualification the mandatory unit of this qualification has a practical exam time of 1 hour and 5 minutes
- when this Award is being taken as a 'bolt-on' qualification to the Level 2 Diploma in Beauty Therapy Services, the practical exam for this qualification is timed as an integral part of the practical exam for both qualifications.
- within the practical observation the Examiner will observe the consultation, Client care, health and safety and appearance and marks will be awarded for all these areas
- some areas require minimum marks to be achieved. Failure to achieve the minimum will result in failure of the unit and this may need to be retaken at another date
- the pass mark for the practical exam is 60%

9.3 The Learner will need to pass all MCQ papers and practical examinations to achieve the full CIBTAC Level 3 Award in Facial Electrotherapy Treatments

## 10. Grading Scheme

To gain a qualification all units must be passed or achieved. Portfolio only units will be designated "achieved" or "not achieved". All units are graded pass or refer. If a Learner is unsuccessful in any area, they will be re-assessed only in the unit where they have not achieved a pass grade. The remainder of the results will stay in the CIBTAC system until all units have been achieved.

Grade thresholds may be subject to change.

Grade	Mark range
Distinction	Marks of 85% and above
Merit	Marks of 75% - 84%
Pass	Marks of 60% - 74%

Fail	Marks of 59% and below
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## 11. Initial Assessment and Induction

Approved Centres will need to undertake an initial assessment of each Learner prior to the start of their programme to make sure that the level and type of qualification is appropriate. The initial assessment should identify any specific needs that the Learner may have and the support and guidance they will require when working towards the achievement of their qualification. CIBTAC recommends that Learners undertake a relevant induction programme to familiarise them with the requirements of the qualification they will be undertaking, their responsibilities as Learners and the responsibilities of the approved Centre. A learning contract or professional development plan may be useful in this respect.

## 12. Entry Requirements

Learners will either have completed a Level 2 Follow health and safety practice in the salon unit and a Level 2 provide facial skincare unit prior to this course, or be working towards these units alongside the provide facial electrotherapy unit. These pre-requisite units must be passed for the Award in Facial electrotherapy to be awarded.

Learners should either be working in or aspiring to join the Beauty Industry if possible. They should ideally have:

- a good general education, including GCSE Mathematics and English, A\* - C. This may also include achievement of Functional Skills or Essential Skills in Mathematics and English

## 13. Accreditation of Recognised Prior Learning (RPL)

13.1 Approved Centres should provide appropriate advice and guidance to Learners seeking exemptions as a result of prior learning

13.2 Each Learner is responsible for preparing each case of RPL

13.3 The Head of Training at the Centre is responsible for providing the outcome in writing to each Learner. Each claim should be verified by a CIBTAC Examiner

## 14. Qualification Time Constraints

14.1 CIBTAC offers a lifetime registration fee. Learners are allocated a Unique CIBTAC ID, and this will appear on all certificates

14.2 Learners have 3 years to complete a full qualification, subject to it being offered by an approved Centre; however, it is normally anticipated that the CIBTAC Level 3 Award in Facial Electrotherapy



Treatments will be completed within one academic year. Learners may complete the qualification more quickly subject to the assessments being made available by the approved Centre

- 14.3 Learners are permitted to sit 2 re-sits in unsuccessful units in the 2 years following the initial exam. If they are still unsuccessful after that, the Learner must re-register for these units and complete the course of study again, before sitting the complete examination. This applies to both practical and theory aspects. A unit certificate will be provided for all successfully completed units.

## 15 Centre Requirements

- 15.1 Only approved Centres may offer CIBTAC qualifications. Centres must apply for approval to become a recognised approved Centre. Full details are available from CIBTAC. The approval process will determine whether the Centre:

- meets the approval criteria, and
- has the expertise and resources to offer the levels of qualifications to be delivered

- 15.2 Approved Centres must meet a set of criteria defined by CIBTAC that meet the appropriate Ofqual General Conditions of Recognition (condition C). These include:

- recognised quality assurance procedures
- appropriately qualified tutors for the particular programmes
- a nominated Centre co-ordinator
- suitable teaching and learning facilities
- secure assessment facilities
- secure information management systems that meet the requirements of the Data Protection Act

## 16. Certification

A Qualification Certificate and Unit Certificate for the CIBTAC Level 3 Award in Facial Electrotherapy Treatments will be awarded to Learners who have successfully completed the 1 core (mandatory) unit from the qualification structure.

## 17. The CIBTAC Level 3 Award in Facial Electrotherapy Treatments Syllabus

- 17.1 There is 1 key area within the programme of learning within which the syllabus is contextualised specifically for the beauty industry, which is

- provide facial electrotherapy treatments

- 17.2 The full syllabus outlining learning outcomes and the indicative content of each unit can be found in a separate document CIBTAC Level 3 Award in Facial Electrotherapy Treatments

## 18. Mapping to other Education Frameworks

The CIBTAC Level 3 Award in Facial Electrotherapy Treatments is mapped against the England Government Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF) and the European Qualifications Framework (EQF) to assist the Learner with the mobility of their achievements against these frameworks, as set out below.

	RQF	EQF	CQFW	SCQF
	8	8		
	7	7		
	6	6		
	5/4	5	5/4	8/7
CIBTAC Level 3 Award in Facial Electrotherapy Treatments	3	4	3	6
	2	3	2	5
	1	2	1	4
	Entry	1		

## 19. CIBTAC policies

19.1 The following CIBTAC policies are available for approved Centres and Learners to refer to in the administration of the delivery of the CIBTAC Level 3 Award in Facial Electrotherapy Treatments

- Malpractice and Maladministration Policy and Procedures
- Reasonable Adjustments and Special Considerations Policy
- Equality and Diversity Policy
- Conflict of Interest Policy
- Appeals Policy
- Complaints Policy
- Whistleblowing policy
- Certification Policy
- RPL Policy

19.2 The application forms below will need to be completed before CIBTAC is able to service your request in respect of policies identified in 19.1

- Application form for Reasonable adjustments
- Application form for Special Considerations