The latest Scottish Vocational Qualification (SVQ) Level 2 in Hairdressing at SCQF Level 5 requires a minimum of 59 credits and comprises seven mandatory units totaling 56 credits and a number of optional units from which to select at least a further 3 credits. In order to gain the full award, candidates must select and achieve all the mandatory units plus at least one optional unit.

Mandatory Units (all of these units must be completed)			
Unit Ref.	Credit value	Unit Title	
201	6	Style and Finish Hair	
202	7	Set and Dress Hair	
203	13	Cut Hair using Basic Techniques	
204	14	Colour and Lighten Hair	
205	8	Advise and Consult with Clients	
206	5	Shampoo, Condition and Treat the Hair and Scalp	
207	3	Develop and Maintain your Effectiveness at Work	

Optional Units (one of these units must be completed)			
Unit Ref.	Credit value	Unit Title	
208	8	Relax Hair	
209	O	Perm and Neutralise Hair	
210	5	Plait and Twist Hair	
211	3	Temporarily Attach Hair to Enhance a Style	
212	5	Remove Hair Extensions	
213	5	Fulfil Salon Reception Duties	

If you achieve some, but not all of the units comprising the Level 2 award, you will receive a Certificate of Unit Credit from City & Guilds, which will list those units successfully completed. If you achieve all the units required to satisfy the full award, you will receive the full Level 2 certificate from City & Guilds, as well as a Certificate of Unit Credit listing those units achieved. Your Scottish Qualifications Certificate will also be updated accordingly following completion of units.

This SVQ is designed to assess candidates' performance to employment standards in workplace conditions. Before the SVQ can be awarded, candidates must have provided evidence that they have met the performance criteria for each element of competence specified. The assessment of performance will need to be supplemented with assessments of knowledge and understanding. The assessments will take place in a work situation, through observation of performance and examination of the outcomes of such performance, supported by questioning to assess underpinning knowledge and understanding.

The Scottish Modern Apprenticeship at Level 2 requires achievement of the SVQ at Level 2 plus achievement of the Scottish Core Skills of Communication, Numeracy, Personal skills – working with others, Problem solving and Information and Communication Technology, all at level 3. Scottish candidates have been issued with a Core Skills Profile on their Scottish Qualifications Certificate. Candidates who have already been certificated as achieving these Core Skills at Level 3, either in the workplace or at school or college, do not need to repeat them for the purpose of the Scottish Modern Apprenticeship. Candidates who achieve any of the Core Skills as part of the Scottish Modern Apprenticeship will receive separate and additional certificates.

Following completion of the Modern Apprenticeship at Level 2, a certificate will be issued by Habia.