

VRQ stands for Vocational Related Qualification. VRQs offer an introductory qualification that focus on the development of the basic practical skills required for hairdressing. They are designed to deliver occupational capability, and offer a sound basis to progress onto an NVQ. A VRQ in hairdressing is not generally recognised by the hairdressing industry as preparing the learner to be floor ready on completion. Most salons will require you to do an NVQ.

NVQ stands for National Vocational Qualification. NVQs are based on national occupational standards. These standards are statements of performance that describe what competent people in a particular occupation are expected to be able to do. They cover all the main aspects of an occupation, including current best practice, the ability to adapt to future requirements and the knowledge and understanding that underpin competent performance.