



Press Release 23: Memorandum of Understanding agreed between the Hair and Beauty Industry Authority (HABIA) and the Joint Council for Cosmetic Practitioners (JCCP)

The JCCP has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with HABIA which recognizes the important role that it plays in supporting the Skills Active – the Sector Skills Council for Active Leisure and Wellbeing. Habia is recognised by Government as the Standards Setting Body for the hair and beauty industries and is responsible for developing the standards that form the basis of all UK recognized hair and beauty qualifications and creates Codes of Practice and Industry Guidelines.

The JCCP and Habia have agreed to establish a consultation process to enable an exchange of information in the following key areas:

- The development of National Occupational Standards for beauty aesthetics.
- Encouraging the use of these standards by Awarding Bodies to create aesthetic qualifications.
- Promotion of best practice by education and training providers delivering programmes in beauty aesthetics (as defined within the JCCP's published scope of practitioner registration).
- The dissemination of best practice across the sector in the interests of public protection and customer safety.

Professor David Sines, CBE – Chair – JCCP said,

‘There are many aesthetic treatments that are undertaken safely by Beauty Therapists and it is important that the public are able to seek treatments from practitioners who are well qualified and trained and who work within a clear framework of standards. The role of HABIA in this area is important to ensure that standards are developed and are reflected in qualifications. The JCCP has developed its own framework of competencies and standards that apply to all practitioners and has identified those procedures where it believes patients are at higher risk and registers only those practitioners that are defined on the JCCP's website. This JCCP Competence Framework recognises the contribution that Beauty Therapists make to the delivery of less risk averse treatments’.

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Bill Shaw, CEO of Habia said,

‘Habia is delighted that the JCCP recognises the valued contribution that Beauty Aesthetic practitioners make and have made to the Aesthetic Industry contributing to public and client safety. Habia as the standard setting authority for the hair and beauty sector have worked closely with experts associated with the Beauty Aesthetic Industry to further develop a new suite National Occupational Standards commissioned by Government for non-medical practitioners these include:

Laser and energy based systems

Skin Rejuvenation

Micropigmentation

Electro- cautery

The consultation for these new occupational standards can be found on the Habia website until 11 January 2019.

Additional new National Occupational Standards are planned during 2019.

Habia and the Beauty Aesthetic Industry as a whole have a clear desire to ensure that Beauty Aesthetic treatments are delivered by all practitioners both medical and non-medical via a structured competency framework that provides quality training and access to regulated qualifications to ensure public and client safety’.

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Notes to Editors:

The JCCP Practitioner Register is open for practitioners to join.

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For further information on standards for non-surgical aesthetic treatments and hair restoration surgery please go to:

www.cosmeticstandards.org.uk

About Habia:

Habia is the sector skills body for hair, beauty, aesthetics, nails, spa therapy, barbering and African type hair. Part of the SkillsActive Group, Habia's role is to create the standards that form the basis of all qualifications in hair and beauty, Apprenticeships, and Foundation degrees, as well as industry codes of practice.

Visit www.habia.org for more information.