

Job title: Hairdresser



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Entry requirements:	<p>You could get into this job through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a college course • an apprenticeship • working towards this role <p>You can take a course like a Level 2 or 3 Diploma in Hairdressing. You may be able to combine these courses with other subjects like beauty, make-up and nails.</p> <p>Entry requirements You'll usually need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 or more GCSEs at grades 9 to 3 (A* to D) for a level 2 course • 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C) for a level 3 course <p>You can do an intermediate or advanced apprenticeship in hairdressing.</p> <p>Entry requirements You'll usually need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some GCSEs, usually including English and maths, for an intermediate apprenticeship • 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), usually including English and maths, for an advanced apprenticeship
Skills required:	<p>You'll need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • customer service skills • to be thorough and pay attention to detail • patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations • excellent verbal communication skills • the ability to work well with others • to be flexible and open to change • the ability to work well with your hands • active listening skills • being able to use a computer terminal or hand-held device may be beneficial for this job.
What you'll do:	<p>As a junior hairdresser, your tasks may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • greeting customers • shampooing and conditioning hair • simple cutting • making sure towels and supplies are ready for use • keeping the salon clean and tidy <p>As a senior hairdresser you'll talk to clients about how they want their hair done, give them advice and suggest style ideas.</p> <p>Your tasks may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cutting and styling • colouring, perming or straightening • advising on minor hair and scalp problems • keeping client records, making appointments and taking payments • ordering materials and promoting sales to customers • keeping up to date with new trends, techniques and products • making sure that hair products containing chemicals are used and stored safely
What you'll earn:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starter: £14,000 • Experienced: £30,000 <p><i>These figures are a guide.</i></p>
Working hours, patterns and environment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You could work in a salon, at a client's home, at a health spa, at a store, in a hotel, on a cruise ship, at an adult care home, on a film set or in a prison. • Your working environment may be physically demanding. • 37 to 40 hours per work • Working evening and weekends on a rota
Career path and progression:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With experience you could become a senior stylist or salon manager. With suitable further qualifications, you could also move into training or assessing. • You could also open your own salon. • Other options include wig making, training in make-up techniques and working in the theatre, film and television industries.