

## Key Skills

- customer service skills
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- active listening skills
- excellent verbal communication skills
- the ability to work on your own
- to be flexible and open to change
- the ability to learn through your work
- to be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device
- the ability to work well with your hands

## Salary

£19,500 - £30,000

## Working hours

37-40 per week  
evenings / weekends  
on rota

# Hairdresser

## College

You could take a college course that will give you some of the skills and knowledge you'll need to start in this career.

Courses include:

- hairdressing
- barbering
- women's and men's hairdressing

You may be able to combine these courses with other subjects like make-up and nails.

## Entry requirements

Entry requirements for these courses vary

## Career tips

If your aim is to manage or open your own salon or barbershop, it may help to get some business qualifications alongside hairdressing experience.

## Apprenticeship

You could do an apprenticeship to get into this job, for example:

- Hairdressing Professional Level 2 Intermediate Apprenticeship
- Barbering Professional Level 2 Intermediate Apprenticeship
- Creative Hair Professional Level 3 Advanced Apprenticeship

These apprenticeships can take between 1 and 2 years to complete.

## Entry requirements

You'll usually need some GCSEs, usually including English and Maths, or equivalent, for an intermediate apprenticeship or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4, or equivalent, including English and Maths, for an advanced apprenticeship

## Work

You might be able to start work as a trainee hairdresser or barber and learn on the job.

Your employer would expect you to take a part-time course to get qualifications, either at a college or in their own training school.

You may also be able to work freelance and rent space in a salon or barbershop, though you'll usually have to supply your own equipment.

## Career path and progression

Look at progression in this role and similar opportunities.

With experience, you could:

- become a senior stylist, barber or salon manager
- open your own salon or barbershop
- get qualified to train or assess student hairdressers or barbers
- work freelance and rent space in a salon
- use your skills as a hair professional in the theatre, film or television industry

## Day to Day tasks:

As a hairdresser or barber you could:

- talk to customers and discuss styling ideas
- wash, cut and style hair
- apply colours, tints, braids and hair extensions
- trim and shape beards and moustaches
- finish jobs using hair products
- order stock, take payments and make appointments

## Working conditions

You could work in a salon, at a client's home, at a health spa, at an adult care home, on a cruise ship or in a barbershop.

Your working environment may be physically active.

# Labour Market Information

In the Careers section of the school website you can find the useful comparison tool the 'Labour Market Information widget'.

Use the widget to compare different job roles in any employment sector or relating specifically to the 'Job of the Week'.

## Hairdressing and beauty salon managers and proprietors

Weekly Pay <b>£400</b>	Annual Pay <b>£20,800</b>
Hours/Week <b>49h</b>	Hourly Pay <b>£8</b>

### Workforce Change (projected)

Growth <b>2.9%</b>	Replacement <b>68.8%</b>
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The workforce is projected to grow by 2.9% over the period to 2027, creating 1,000 jobs. In the same period, 68.8% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 22,500 job openings.

You might find this job in  
Other personal service  
Education

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## Beauticians and related occupations

Weekly Pay <b>£360</b>	Annual Pay <b>£18,720</b>
Hours/Week <b>36h</b>	Hourly Pay <b>£10</b>

### Workforce Change (projected)

Contraction <b>-0.8%</b>	Replacement <b>69%</b>
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The workforce is projected to contract by -0.8% over the period to 2027, losing 800 jobs. In the same period, 69% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 70,800 job openings.

You might find this job in  
Other personal service  
Sport & recreation  
Retail trade  
Office admin.  
Health

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## Therapy professionals n.e.c.

Weekly Pay <b>£670</b>	Annual Pay <b>£34,840</b>
Hours/Week <b>25h</b>	Hourly Pay <b>£27</b>

### Workforce Change (projected)

Growth <b>5.3%</b>	Replacement <b>52.1%</b>
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The workforce is projected to grow by 5.3% over the period to 2027, creating 2,700 jobs. In the same period, 52.1% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 26,200 job openings.

You might find this job in  
Social work  
Residential care  
Health  
Education  
Food & beverage services

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# Labour Market Information



## Hairdressing and beauty salon managers and proprietors

Job holders in this unit group plan, organise, direct and co-ordinate the activities and resources of hairdressing salons, beauty treatment and similar establishments.

- Common tasks in this job:
- determines staffing, financial, material and other short- and long-term needs;
  - controls the allocation, training and remuneration of staff;
  - provides clients with information and advice on styles and treatments, and resolves any complaints or problems;
  - ensures clients' records are maintained;

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## Therapy professionals n.e.c.

Job holders in this unit group plan and apply physical and therapeutic treatments and activities to assist recovery from physical and mental illness and to minimise the effects of disabilities not elsewhere classified in MINOR GROUP 222: Therapy professionals.

- Common tasks in this job:
- prescribes diet therapy and gives advice to patients, health care professionals and the public on dietetic and nutritional matters for those with special dietary requirements or to prevent illness amongst the general population;
  - diagnoses and treats disorders of vision and eye movements, monitors subsequent progress and recommends further optical, pharmacological or surgical treatment as required;
  - manipulates and massages patient to discover the cause of pain, relieve discomfort, restore function and mobility and to correct irregularities in body structure;
  - adopts a holistic approach in assessing the overall health of the patient, and treats by inserting needles under the skin at particular locations according to the disorder being

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## Beauticians and related occupations

Beauticians and related workers give facial and body beauty treatments, apply cosmetics and dress wigs.

- Common tasks in this job:
- discusses clients requirements, analyses and advises client on appropriate skin care, and applies treatments to the face or body;
  - massages scalp, face and other parts of the body and carries out spray tanning;
  - uses waxing, threading, sugaring and other epilation techniques to remove any unwanted body hair;
  - cleans, shapes and polishes finger and toe nails, applies nail extensions;

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# Keep looking...

Use these links to learn more about our Job of The Week, consider the various pathways leading to the career, what you can be doing now to help yourself and other roles in the industry...

## Take a look at these short videos for inspiration...

A Day in the Life of a Hairdressing Apprentice



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z6iwkwGHsqI&pp=ygUzGF5lGluHRoZSBsaWZlIG9mIGEgaGFpcmRyZXNzZXI%3D>

A Day in the Life of Bridgerton's



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yLrkMjGBUv0&pp=ygUynjpZGdlcnRvbiBoYWlyc3R5bGlzdCBiZWhpbmQgc2NlbnVz>

Hairdressing at College



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rzCvlyrPKkc&pp=ygUxEFJUKRSRVNTRVlgQVQgQ09MTEVHRSA%3D>

Travelling 3000 miles to cut world cup footballer's hair



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IBF-E-a34hk>

## Useful Websites

[Hairdressing Diploma Level 2 - Boston College](#)

[Hairdresser | Explore careers | National Careers Service](#)

[Hairdressing professional \(level 2\) - apprenticeship training course \(education.gov.uk\)](#)

[Hairdressing Diploma Level 1 - Stamford College](#)

[12 Hairdressing Careers that Don't Involve Working in a Salon \(hji.co.uk\)](#)