

Career of the Fortnight



Hairdresser - cut, colour and shape clients' hair to create the look they want.



<p>Entry requirements:</p> <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.</p> <p>You may be able to combine these courses with other subjects like beauty, make-up and nails.</p> <p>Entry requirements</p> <p>You will 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</p> <p>You will 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	<p>Skills required:</p> <p>You will 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
<p>What you will do:</p> <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	<p>What you will earn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Starter: £14,000• Experienced: £30,000 <p><i>These figures are a guide.</i></p>
<p>Working hours, patterns and environment:</p> <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	<p>Career path and progression:</p> <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.