

Job of the Week

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TATTOO ARTIST

Tattoo Artists design tattoos and then apply them to human skin using needles and ink. Tattoos are permanent so Tattoo Artists are required to work accurately at all times. They are responsible for ensuring that their work spaces are clean and sanitary to prevent infection and to ensure that customers are safe. Tattoo Artists spend time researching artwork and creating new designs to meet their client's specifications.

skills

- *A flair for Art and Design*
- *Excellent attention to detail*
- *Patience and Concentration*
- *Good Hand-eye co-ordination*
- *Customer Service Skills*
- *A steady hand*
- *High standards of cleanliness*
- *Hygiene, Health and Safety awareness*
- *Communication Skills*
- *Time Management*

Key Info

salary



Apprentices can expect very little pay & work for limited or no profit
Average Salary: £21,000
Top Level Artists: up to £300 p/hr



Qualifications

No set qualifications but:
- Good understanding of Art
- Good Portfolio of work is essential



Routes

Find a shop that will take you on as a Trainee / Apprentice
Must register with the Council for a Tattoo & Piercing Licence



Labour Market

Hair, Beauty & related Careers:
UK: 261,357 Gateshead: 921
UK Growth: -1.6% (2027-27)
NE Growth: -3.5% (2017-27)



Working Hours

Usually 9am—5pm
5 or 6 days per week including Saturday



Related Careers

Body Piercer

