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| **Job title: Hairdresser** | Hairdressers cut, colour and shape clients' hair to create the look they want. |
| **Entry requirements:** | You could get into this job through:   * a college course * an apprenticeship * working towards this role   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.  **Entry requirements**  You'll usually need:   * 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   You can do an intermediate or advanced apprenticeship in hairdressing.  **Entry requirements**  You'll usually need:   * 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:** | You'll need:   * 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:** | As a junior hairdresser, your tasks may include:   * greeting customers * shampooing and conditioning hair * simple cutting * making sure towels and supplies are ready for use * keeping the salon clean and tidy   As a senior hairdresser you'll talk to clients about how they want their hair done, give them advice and suggest style ideas.  Your tasks may include:   * 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:** | * Starter: £14,000 * Experienced: £30,000   *These figures are a guide.* |
| **Working hours, patterns and environment:** | * 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:** | * 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. |