**Job title: Hairdresser**

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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
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| **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.
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| **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
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| **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
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| **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.
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