# Image result for tattooist**Job title: Tattooist**

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| **Job title: Tattooist**  | Tattooists create permanent artwork on their clients' bodies. |
| **Entry requirements:**  | You could start as an assistant by finding a tattooist who is willing to take you on and train you.It may be possible to work as a customer service assistant in a larger studio, answering enquiries and booking appointments. From there, you could become a trainee as opportunities come up.You'll need:* an interest in tattooing
* artistic ability
* a portfolio of your artwork and design ideas to showcase your talents

Career tipsMany tattooists have experience or qualifications in art and design. |
| **Skills required:**  | You'll need:* design skills and knowledge
* the ability to work well with your hands
* concentration skills
* excellent verbal communication skills
* to be thorough and pay attention to detail
* the ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure
* to be flexible and open to change
* the ability to use your initiative
* to be able to use a computer and the main software packages competently
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| **What you'll do:**  | Your day-to-day duties might include:* advising clients on suitable tattoos
* making sure the chosen design is exactly what the client wants
* checking that clients understand that the tattoo is permanent
* copying the chosen design onto the customer’s skin, either by drawing freehand or using a transfer
* following the design lines with an electrically-operated needle, which injects ink under the skin
* making sure all equipment is sterilised and clean, and following strict hygiene and health and safety procedures
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| **What you’ll earn:**  | Variable Salary |
| **Working hours, patterns and environment:** | * You could work in a studio.
* You may need to wear protective clothing.
* 30 to 4o hours a week, days, evenings and weekends
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| **Career path and progression:** | You could open your own tattoo studio. |