# 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 tips Many 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 |
| **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 |
| **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 |
| **Career path and progression:** | You could open your own tattoo studio. |