



JOB of the Week



Job name: Hairdresser

Job description: Hairdressers cut, style and colour clients' hair to create the look they want.

Job description: As a **junior hairdresser**, you'll: welcome customers; shampoo and condition hair; cut simple styles; make sure towels and hair products are well stocked; keep the salon clean and tidy and make appointments.

As a more **senior hairdresser**, you'll: talk to clients about what they want; suggest style ideas; cut and style hair; colour, curl or straighten hair; give advice on minor hair and scalp problems; take payments; order stock and promote products to customers and keep up to date with new trends, techniques and hair products

Tasks you will undertake in the job:

- Discuss customer requirements, analyse hair condition and other relevant features to define and advise on hair style;
- Wash, condition, bleach, tint or dye hair and provide any necessary basic scalp treatments;
- Cut and trim hair using scissors, clippers, razor and comb;
- Comb, brush, blow-dry or set wet hair in rollers to style or straighten;
- Shave and trim beards and moustaches;
- Collect payments, arrange appointments and clean and tidy the salon;
- Maintain client records and keep up-to-date with new products, styles and techniques;
- Ensure hair products are stored and used appropriately and observe relevant health and safety factors;
- Demonstrate, sell and recommend hair care products to clients and advise them on hair care.

Qualifications you will need for this job: There are no minimum academic requirements for entry to a course as a Hairdresser / Barber, although some colleges require candidates to possess GCSEs/S grades. Training is provided off- and on-the-job and lasts up to three years leading to the awarding of NVQs/SVQs at Levels 1, 2 and 3. Apprenticeships leading to an NVQ/SVQ at Level 3 are also available.

Skills required for this job (core competencies):

Communication	Resilience	Organisation	Teamwork
Problem Solving	Initiative	Creativity	Digital literacy

Sectors in which Hairdressers / Barbers would normally work:

You could work in a salon, at a client's home, at a health spa, at a shop, at an adult care home / elderly care home (on a weekly basis) or on a cruise ship. Hairdressers and barbers are needed in all sectors.

Your working environment may be physically demanding and you are likely to be on your feet all day working with customers.

Career path and progression within the industry:

With experience you could become a senior stylist or salon manager. With further qualifications, you could also move into training or assessing student hairdressers.

You could also open and manage your own salon, work alongside others or rent out a chair to other hairdressers / barbers.

Other options include wig making (e.g. making wigs for people who have lost their hair because of medical treatments, training in make-up techniques and working in the theatre, film and television industries.



Salary: Average salary for a hairdresser / hairstylist is £16 120, average salary in the UK is £28 758

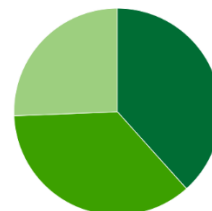


Working hours: 34 average working hours in the week (37.5 working hours in the average working week). Some work will be weekends and evenings.

Workforce in the UK: 26% male / 74% female workforce

Top 10 industries for this job

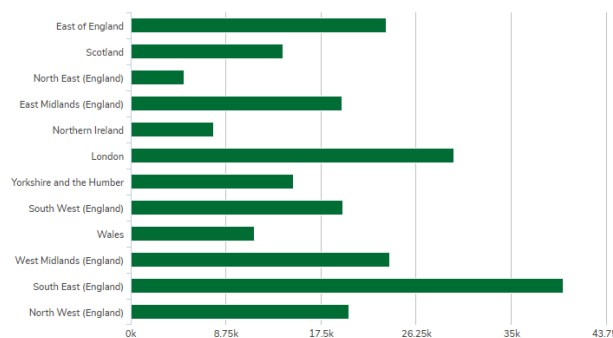
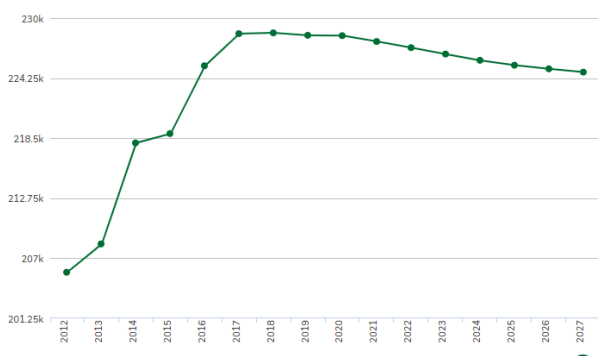
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Postal, etc	2667	Residential care	2078
Food & beverage services	2026	Telecommunications	1553
Scientific research	1498	Specialised construction	1378
Computer programming, etc	1221	Wholesale trade	1211



■ Full-time employee ■ Self-Employed ■ Part-time employee

This job in the future:

The workforce is projected to shrink by 1.5%, losing 3 500 jobs; in the same period, 68.5% of the workforce is likely to retire, creating 156 400 job opportunities.



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