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Hair Stylist

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[Hair Stylist \(gov.wales\)](https://gov.wales/hair-stylist)



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Qualifications Required

GCSE (D-G), NVQ 1 up to GCSE (A-C), NVQ 2

Often, educational qualifications are not required for entry to colleges and training schemes - enthusiasm and the right personality are considered more important.

To get onto an apprenticeship, you'll usually need five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, possibly including English and maths.

Various relevant vocational qualifications are available.



Skills and Qualities

To become a Hair Stylist, you will need:

- to be friendly and polite
- to work quickly and well with your hands, doing detailed work
- a creative and artistic sense
- an eye for colour and form
- to keep up to date with new trends, products, techniques and methods of hairdressing
- a neat, tidy and well-groomed appearance
- to be fit and able to stand for a long time

The use of treatments that contain chemicals might affect you if you have sensitive skin.

In some cases, the treatments can cause problems for people with allergies, so you need to be aware of health and safety.

A driving licence would be useful if you work as a mobile Hair Stylist.



Entry Routes

There are no set entry requirements to become a hairstylist. However, most employers will expect you to have, or to study for, a level-2 hairdressing qualification.

You can study full time at college, or part time while you work as an apprentice or trainee. Trainees and apprentices learn to use a range of special tools and products.

They use products for hair and scalp treatments. In some cases, they learn how to do manicures and pedicures. They may learn basic business skills, too.

Once you are working full time in a salon, you can work towards a level-3 qualification. This will give you more technical and supervisory skills.

Imagination and creativity are great assets for this career.

Read fashion magazines and visit websites to find out which hairstyles are in fashion. You'll learn the basic steps for creating them. You can even practise on yourself and your friends—if they'll let you.

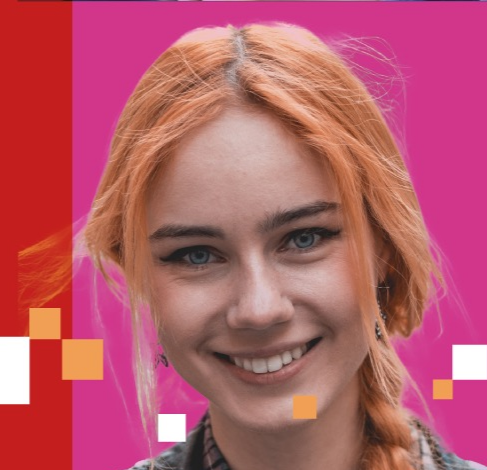
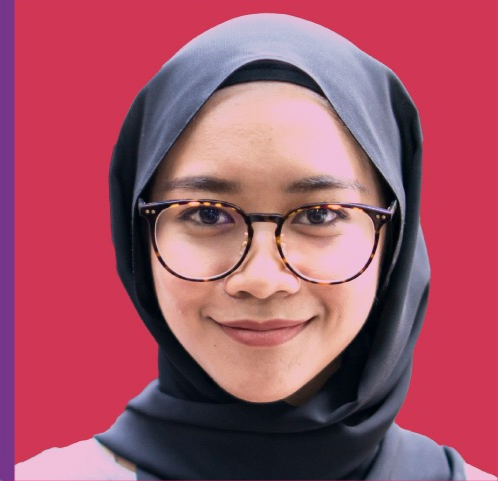


Salary

The pay rates given below are approximate.

- Starting: £12,000 - £14,000
- With experience: £14,500 - £16,000
- Senior Hair Stylists earn £19,000

As a Hair Stylist you will usually work up to 42 hours a week, which normally includes working on Saturdays. Late finishes on one or two evenings a week might also be required. Opportunities for part-time work are usually available.



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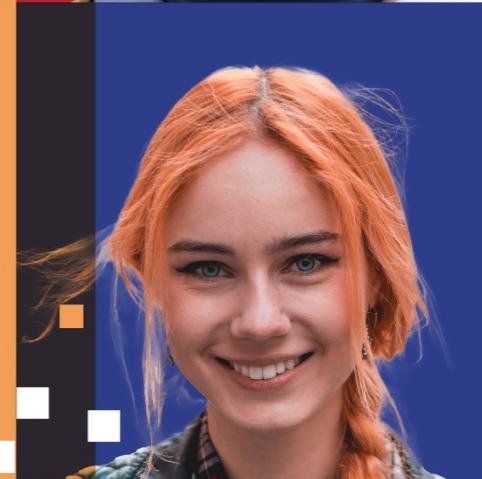
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