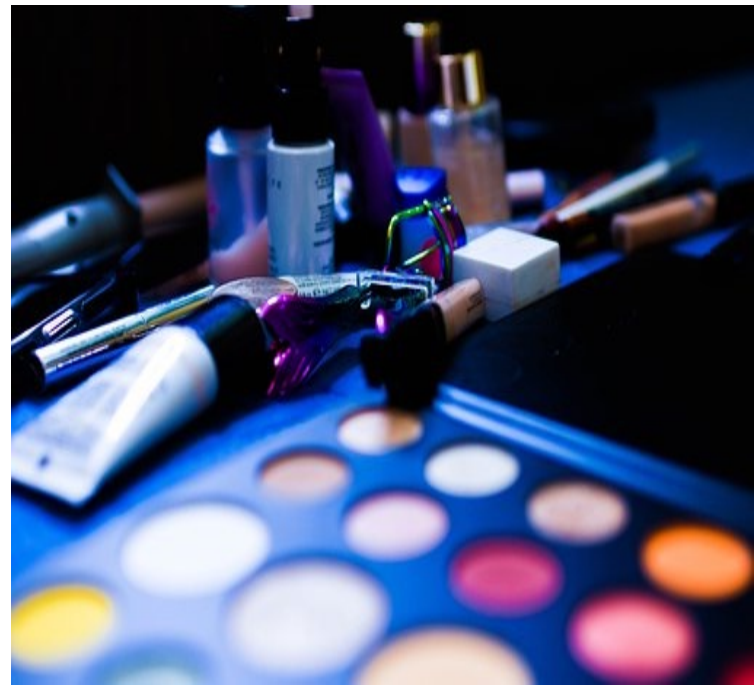




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Make up Artist

More information can be found at
[Make-up Artist \(gov.wales\)](https://gov.wales/make-up-artist)



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Qualifications Required

Entry qualifications vary.

The usual requirement is a good general education, preferably A levels or equivalent, together with qualifications in hair and beauty and relevant work experience.

As entry is competitive, it is best to get as many qualifications as possible.

English language or literature, art and applied art and design are useful GCSEs.

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

The BTEC level 3 qualification 'professional hair and make-up' will help you to stand out from the crowd. See if a college close to you offers this qualification.

Some universities accept the Welsh Baccalaureate as equivalent to 1 A level



Skills and Qualities

To become a Make-up Artist, you need:

- creative, artistic and design skills
- the ability to do very close and detailed work
- good people skills, including tact, diplomacy and patience
- confidence and the ability to work well under pressure
- to be able to work as part of a team
- knowledge of different make-up techniques



Do I need Welsh Language skills?

Welsh Language skills are often asked for. Being able to read, write and speak Welsh may be an advantage when you're looking for work in Wales.



Entry Routes

A small number of relevant foundation degrees, HNDs and degrees are available, with titles such as:

- media make-up
- make-up and special effects
- specialist make-up design

An Intermediate or Advanced Level Apprenticeship is also a great place to start.

A BTEC level 3 qualification is also a great place to start.

Some specialist private colleges also run courses for potential Make-up Artists.



Training

Make-up Artists usually begin their careers as Make-up Assistants, working under the supervision of a Senior Make-up Artist.

Assistants start by doing most of the routine tasks, such as cleaning equipment and preparing cosmetics.

During this time, Assistants learn the 'tricks of the trade' by observing and helping experienced Make-up Artists. It can take a number of years to gain enough experience to take on sole responsibility for a whole production



Salary

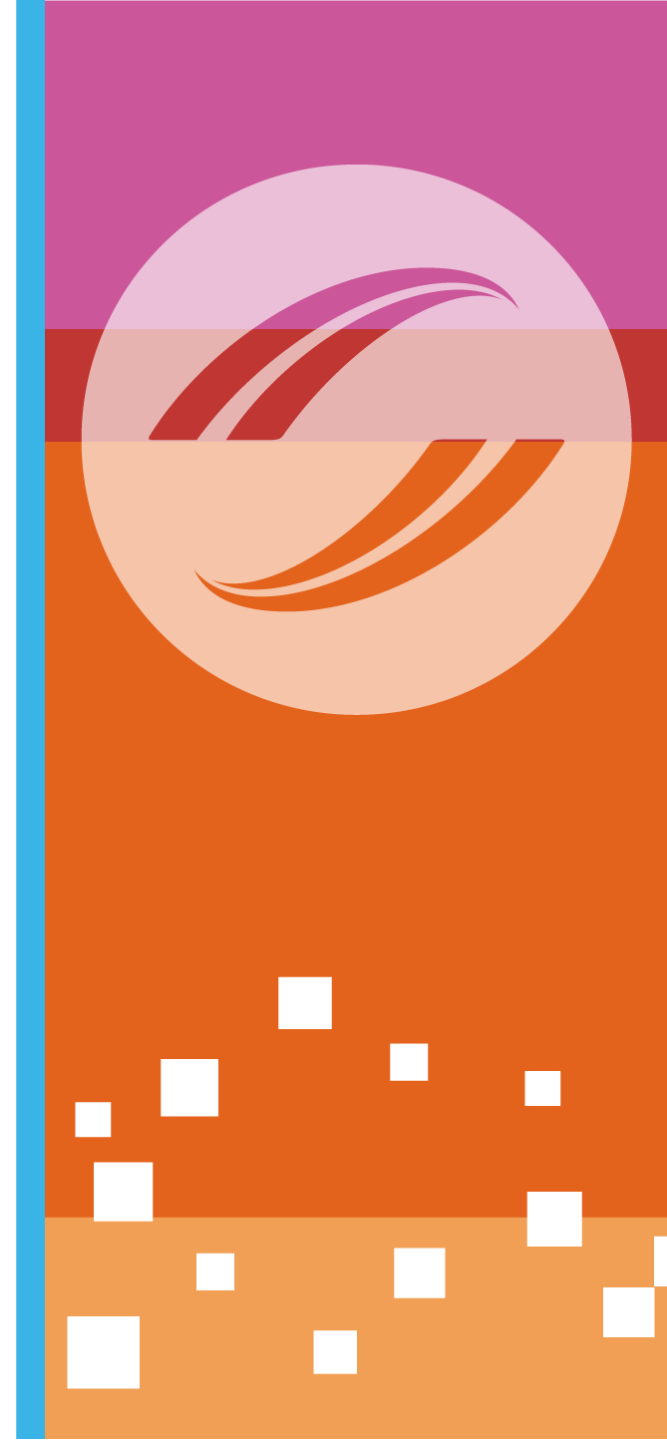
Pay rates for Make-up artists depend on the type of production they work on, duration of the project and whether they are employed or self-employed.

The pay rates given below are approximate:

- Starting: £14,500 - £15,500
- With experience: £16,500 - £18,500
- Senior Make-up Artists: £19,000 - £21,000



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For entry to the Sixth Form, some schools
require that students need 5 A*-C at GCSE
such as:

Art & Design

- B in Art



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