

WHY NOT TRY...

HAIRDRESSING

What do Hairdressers do?

Hairdressers cut, style, colour, straighten and permanently wave hair with chemical solutions, and provide clients with hair and scalp treatments. In most salons, the senior hairdressers and the apprentices who are in the later stages of their apprenticeships cut and style hair.

Apprentice hairdressers undertake routine tasks in the initial stages, assisting senior hairdressers with client preparation, shampooing, application and removal of simple hairdressing treatments, and sterilisation and maintenance of equipment.

Hairdressers may perform the following tasks:

- > talk to clients about their requirements
- > cut hair using clippers, scissors or razors
- > shampoo, condition and rinse hair
- > provide services such as bleaching, conditioning, waving, straightening and tinting
- > dry and style hair using brushes, combs, straightening irons and other equipment
- > shave and trim beards and moustaches
- > advise clients on hair care
- > attend hairdressing seminars in order to learn about new products and techniques
- > operate a cash register and computer
- > perform reception duties such as answering telephone calls and making appointments
- > sell retail products
- > write up client record cards
- > clean the salon, work areas and equipment

Hairdressers may be employed in women's, men's or unisex salons. They spend most of the day on their feet and are usually required to work staggered shifts to fit in with salon business hours. They have a high level of public contact, so need to be well presented.

How do I become a Hairdresser?

To become a Hairdresser you usually have to complete an Apprenticeship in Hairdressing. Entry requirements may vary, however employers generally require year 10. Training is usually both on and off the job. The off-the-job training is provided through Registered Training Organisations (RTOs), including Group Training Companies. Details of the training may vary depending on the needs of the employer and are finalised as part of the training agreement.

Qualifying as a Hairdresser involves:

- > Three to Four years commitment
- > Attending paid work with a "host employer" for the duration of the apprenticeship
- > Attending off-the-job training at an RTO

Ideal personal requirements to be a Hairdresser include:

- > Good communication skills and pleasant personality
- > Good hand-eye coordination and some creative flair
- > Attention to detail and able to work under pressure
- > Good health with no skin allergies
- > Some creative flair, good eyesight and normal colour vision



How can I do an apprenticeship? Talk to your local RSW representative.

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