

Hairdresser

Hairdressers cut, style, colour, straighten and permanently wave hair, and treat hair and scalp conditions.

Job title examples



- Hairdresser

Other jobs in this field of work

What hairdressers do



- provide advice on hair care, beauty products and hairstyles
- shampoo hair and condition scalps
- colour, straighten and permanently wave hair with chemical solutions
- cut hair with scissors, clippers and razors
- style hair into dreadlocks and braids and add hair extensions
- shave and trim beards and moustaches
- clean work areas and sanitise instruments
- arrange appointments and collect payments
- may clean, colour, cut and style wigs and hairpieces

Main employing industries



- Other Services – hair salons
- Hairdressers often have their own business, sometimes working from home or as a mobile hairdresser visiting client's homes

Qualifications



The following government subsidised qualification is available in NSW:

Certificate III in Hairdressing available as an apprenticeship or qualification

Certificate III in Barbering available as an apprenticeship or qualification

Apprenticeships and traineeships: Find out how to get an [apprenticeship or traineeship](#).

Course fees: You may be eligible for government subsidised training under Smart and Skilled. Go to the [Course Finder](#) to find training in your area, estimate your fee and find a training provider.

Job prospects and pay



- There are around 16,963 hairdressers working in NSW.
- Over the next four years, employment in this occupation is expected to decline in NSW.
- Employers report current state-wide shortages in trade qualified and experienced hairdressers.

Average weekly full time earnings (before tax):

- Hairdressers: \$759
- All occupations: \$1,200

- Many people work part time in this occupation.

Related jobs



- Beauty Therapist
- Hair or Beauty Salon Assistant

To find out more regarding these related jobs, visit the [Job Guides Homepage](#).

Information sources

Occupations: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations, 1220.0

Employment: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Labour Force, Australia, Detailed, Quarterly, 6291.0.55.003

Skills shortages: Department of Employment, Skill Shortage List NSW 2015-16

Job prospects: Centre of Policy Studies (CoPS), Victoria University, Employment Forecast Data for NSW 2015/16 to 2022/23

Earnings: Department of Employment, joboutlook.gov.au, based on ABS Characteristics of Employment Survey, August 2014