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](#).

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**Information sources**

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