Beauty therapists provide skin analyses, facial therapies, skin care treatments and body treatments such as massage to clients.

**Job title examples**
- Beauty Therapist
- Beautician

**Other jobs in this field of work**

**What beauty therapists do**
- discuss client needs, analyse skin characteristics and advise on suitable skin care, treatments and application of make-up
- apply general cosmetic and corrective make-up
- perform manicures and pedicures including decorative nail art, application of artificial nails, nail repair, and other specialised hand and foot treatments
- perform facial and body treatments such as massages
- treat unwanted hair through waxing, bleaching, tinting, depilation and electrolysis
- evaluate beauty therapy processes and products
- receive bookings, arrange appointments and maintain client records
- provide advice on and sell cosmetic products

**Main employing industries**
- Other Services (e.g. Beauty salons, hairdressing salons)
- Cosmetic companies in department stores
- Many beauty therapists are self-employed

**Qualifications**

The following government subsidised qualifications are available in NSW:

- **Certificate III in Beauty Services** available as a qualification
- **Certificate IV in Beauty Therapy** available as an apprenticeship
- **Diploma of Beauty Therapy** available as a 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 10,189 beauty therapists working in NSW.
- Over the next four years, employment in this occupation is expected to decline in NSW.

Average weekly full time earnings (before tax):

- Beauty Therapists: $813
- All occupations: $1,200

Related jobs

- Hairdresser
- 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
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