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# Hairdresser

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

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## Job title examples

- Hairdresser

## 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 qualifications are 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 [education.nsw.gov.au/job-guides](https://education.nsw.gov.au/job-guides).

### 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](https://joboutlook.gov.au), based on ABS Characteristics of Employment Survey, August 2014