



**What does it
take to become a
Hairdresser
& Beautician?**



Hairdressers/barbers cut, colour and style hair. Barbers also shave and trim hair, moustaches and beards. Hairdressers/barbers consult with clients about the style or cut they want; cut and blow-wave clients' hair; wash; sell haircare products; treat and recommend products for hair and scalp problems.

Skills and Knowledge

Hairdressers/barbers need to have skill in different hairdressing methods, including cutting, styling, perming and colouring techniques; knowledge of past and current hairstyles and trends; an understanding of hair and skin types, and how they react with different types of chemicals such as colouring products; knowledge of health and hygiene regulations; and creative and artistic skills.

Hairdressers/barbers who run their own businesses also need to have bookkeeping and management skills.

Training

To qualify as a Hairdresser/barber, you can enroll at registered training institutions for a programme, which typically covers theoretical and practical training and industry attachment in preparing you to provide hairdressing consultation services in a very competitive market.

As you progress through the training programme, you will learn to colour, cut and style hair using a variety of techniques and develop and enhance your creative hairdressing skills. Business management is a key training component. Following successful completion, successful students will be able to progress to a career as a stylist or a hairdresser in a salon.

Working Conditions

Hairdressers/barbers usually work on weekdays and may work on weekends and some evenings. They usually work in hairdressing salons or barbershops, which can be very busy. The job requires frequent reaching to cut or style the client's hair, which can tire the arms and hands and also deal with a constant flow of customers who have different personalities and expectations. Overall, hairdressers should possess excellent stamina to withstand the physical and emotional demands of the job.

Job Prospects

Many Hairdressers/barbers, especially those that are self-employed and own salons, nowadays venture into beauty therapy and also offer and provide treatments such as facials, make-up and nail painting to clients. Wages and earnings increase as they progress through their training, learn more skills and service more

clients. Self-employed hairdressers/barbers may earn more depending on the success of their business.

You too can live your passion and become a Hairdresser/barber. If you are good at communicating and listening; friendly and polite; organised; able to follow instructions; accurate, with an eye for detail; and able to do basic mathematics, you are a good candidate.

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- CUT, COLOUR AND STYLE
 - RECOMMEND + SELL HAIRCARE PRODUCTS
 - HAIR + SCALP TREATMENT,

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- CLASSROOM STUDY + HANDS-ON PRACTICE
 - DEVELOP CREATIVE HAIRDRESSING SKILLS
 - BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

It's all about being on your feet for long periods, good hand-eye coordination and steady hands.

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- HAIRDRESSING METHODS (PAST + CURRENT TRENDS)
 - CREATIVE + ARTISTIC

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- GOOD COMMUNICATOR
 - FRIENDLY
 - CREATIVE
 - ORGANISED
 - EYE FOR DETAIL

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- INDOORS
 - AWKWARD HOURS
 - GOOD HAND-EYE COORDINATION
 - STEADY HANDS