

# HAIR AND BEAUTY SECTOR

Over  
**30%**

Of workers in this  
sector are aged 16-24

This exciting and stylish  
sector is always looking for  
young people with proper  
training....

**£21,000**  
(average  
managerial  
salary in  
the sector)



A job  
where  
creativity  
and personal  
expression is  
encouraged

Almost 9%  
of employers  
in this sector  
are reporting  
skill  
shortages –  
they need  
you!

Want to get paid working in an  
industry you love?

Help people feel good and  
look great!

**90%**

Of workers in the  
sector are female



## HAIR & BEAUTY

## Careers Insight

If you have creative flair, style and a desire to help people feel relaxed and good about themselves, then you might want to consider a career in health and beauty...

### Hairdressing

Part of the fast-moving fashion industry, this covers cutting, styling and colouring all types of hair. Hairdressers begin by training in salons and helping customers improve their look.

**Earnings:** Training salaries start around £10,000, but can increase to around £16,000 with a qualification and experience.

### Beauty therapy

This covers treatments and services that enhance a client's appearance and well-being. It can include anything from simple facials to treatments that aid relaxation and help relieve stress.

**Earnings:** £12,000 to £17,000 (with experience) a year.

### Spa therapy

Spa tourism in England is worth £1.4bn a year and is one of the fastest growing industries. Treatments may include Indian head massage, aromatherapy, holistic treatments and all aspects of heat and wet treatments (like hydrotherapy, sauna and steam).

**Earnings:** £12,000 – £14,000 a year.

### Nail services

There are roughly 18,000 businesses that employ nail technicians in the UK. Their job is to improve the appearance and condition of the skin and nails on hands and feet.

**Earnings:** £10,000 to £15,000 a year.

## GET QUALIFIED

There are plenty of vocational courses for this sector...

### Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are a great route into this sector; all of these are NVQ level 2:

- Barbering
- Beauty Therapy
- Hairdressing
- Nail Services

### Advanced Apprenticeships

You can also do an advanced Apprenticeship; all of these are NVQ level 3:

- Barbering
- Beauty Therapy
- Hairdressing
- Nail Services
- Spa Therapy

### A Levels

Here are some A Levels, which are helpful for management roles in the industry:

- Business Studies
- Economics
- ICT

### Foundation Degrees

A Foundation Degree is a university-level qualification that is equivalent to the first two years of an Honours Degree. They are different from Honours Degrees as they involve learning in the workplace as well as at university or college.

### College Courses

A college course can also be a great route into this sector. To see which colleges have relevant courses in your region check out [www.opendoorsmedia.co.uk](http://www.opendoorsmedia.co.uk).

## USEFUL LINKS

[www.opendoorsmedia.co.uk](http://www.opendoorsmedia.co.uk) - The best careers site on the web.  
[www.habia.org](http://www.habia.org) - A useful point of contact for all things relating to hair and beauty training.  
[www.careersbox.co.uk](http://www.careersbox.co.uk) - Home to a fantastic library of free careers videos.