

## What does a Hairdresser or Barber do?

Hairdressers cut, style and colour clients' hair to create the look they want.

## How do you become a Hairdresser or Barber?

You can get into this job through:

- a college course
- an apprenticeship
- working towards this role

You'll usually need for College Route:

- 2 or more GCSEs at grades 9 to 3 (A\* to D), or equivalent, for a level 2 course
- 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A\* to C), or equivalent, for a level 3 course

You'll usually need for Apprenticeship Route:

- some GCSEs, usually including English and maths, or equivalent, for an intermediate apprenticeship
- 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A\* to C), or equivalent, including English and maths, for an advanced apprenticeship

## Average Salary

From £14,000 to £30,000

The UK average salary is £30, 378

## Typical Working Week

37 to 40 variable

You could work: evenings / weekends

There are 37.5 hours in the average working week

## Day-to-Day Tasks

As a junior hairdresser, you'll:

- welcome customers
- shampoo and condition hair
- cut simple styles
- make sure towels and hair products are well stocked
- keep the salon clean and tidy
- make appointments

As a more senior hairdresser, you'll:

- talk to clients and suggest style ideas
- cut and style hair
- give advice on minor hair and scalp problems
- take payments
- order stock and promote products to customers
- keep up to date with new trends, techniques and hair products

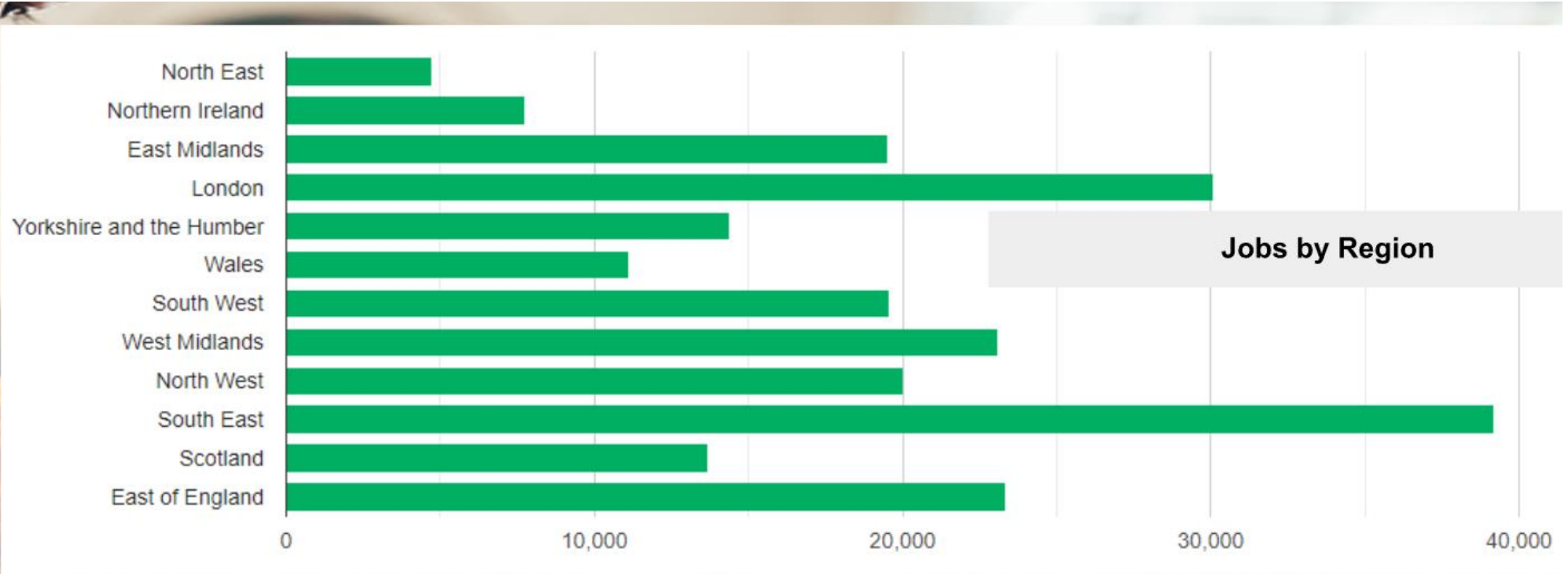
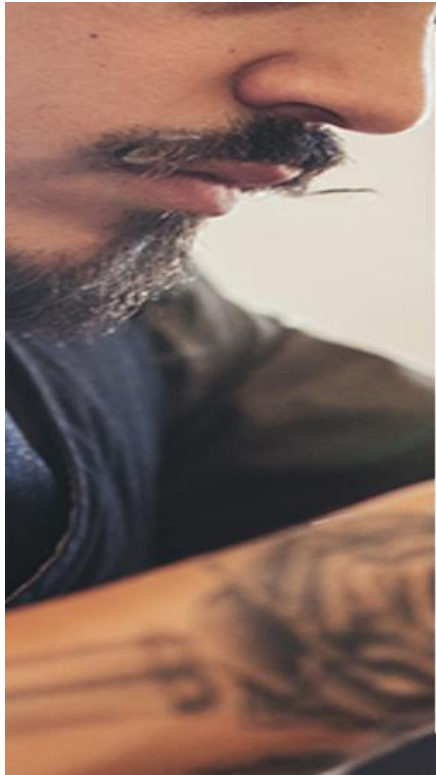
## Working environment

You could work in a salon, at a client's home, at a health spa, at a store, at an adult care home or on a cruise ship.

Your working environment may be physically demanding.

## Future Employment

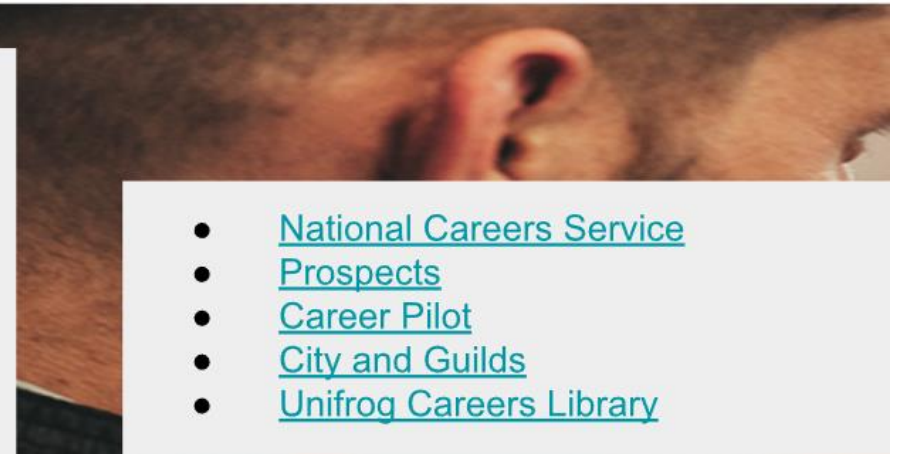
There will be 0.8% fewer hairdresser jobs in 2027.



## Skills and knowledge

You'll need:

- customer service skills
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- excellent verbal communication skills
- the ability to work well with others
- to be flexible and open to change
- the ability to work well with your hands
- active listening skills
- to be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device



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