

CAREER PROFILES

Hairstylists and Barbers:

Hairstylists and Barbers cut and style hair and perform related services.

Wage/Salary Information:

\$26,417.77 is the median annual salary found locally.

\$14.00/hour is the median wage reported locally.

Commonly Listed Skills in Job Postings:

- Work independently
- Creativity
- Detail oriented
- Team player
- Guest service experience
- Dependability
- Manual dexterity
- High Energy
- Customer service oriented
- Coaching
- Oral and written communication
- Hair cutting
- Self-motivated
- Problem solving
- Integrity
- Hardworking

Job Duties:

Hairstylists suggest hair style compatible with client's physical features or determine style from client's instructions and preferences. Hairstylists cut, trim, taper, curl, wave, perm and style hair and apply bleach, tints, dyes or rinses to colour, frost or streak hair. They analyze hair and scalp condition and provide basic treatment or advice on beauty care treatments for scalp and hair, clean and style wigs and hair pieces, and apply hair extensions. Hairstylists may also shampoo and rinse hair, perform receptionist duties and order supplies, and/or train or supervise other hairstylists, hairstylist apprentices and helpers.

Barbers cut and trim hair according to client's instructions or preferences and shave and trim beards and moustaches. Barbers may shampoo hair and provide other hair treatment, such as waving, straightening and tinting and may also provide scalp conditioning massages. They

may also book appointments and order supplies and/or train and supervise other barbers and barber apprentices.

Working Conditions:

Work generally takes place in a conventional indoor setting. Work involves contact with water and hair products that may have strong odours. Working with scissors can result in injury.

Career Pathways:

The Red Seal endorsement allows for interprovincial mobility.

Hairstylists and Barbers are employed in hairstyling or hairdressing salons, barber shops, vocational schools, health care establishments and theatre, film and television establishments. Below are potential career pathways for hairstylists and barbers:

- Barber
- Barber Apprentice
- Hair Colour Technician
- Hairdresser
- Hairdresser Apprentice
- Hairstylist
- Hairstylist Apprentice
- Wig Stylist

Check out more possible career pathways on [WEexplore](#).

Education and Training Pathways:

If you're interested in becoming a hairstylist or barber, you can begin your apprenticeship or attend a local training/education program.

Apprenticeship Details:

Hairstylist

- Certification: Compulsory (required to practice this profession in Ontario)
- Red Seal: Yes
- On-the-job training: 3,020 hours
- In-class training: 480 hours

Individuals interested in pursuing an apprenticeship pathway, should follow these steps:

- 1) Get hired – by an employer/sponsor/union
- 2) Apply online to register as an apprentice at www.ontario.ca/page/start-apprenticeship
- 3) Sign a training agreement with your employer/sponsor and the Employment Ontario apprenticeship office.
- 4) Become a Member of the Ontario College of Trades Apprentices Class at www.collegeoftrades.ca/membership
- 5) Keep a record of the hours you work
- 6) Achieve the competencies listed in your training standard if required in your trade
- 7) Complete all of the training requirements in your trade and you will receive a Certificate of Apprenticeship (CoA).
- 8) Write the Exam for the Certificate of Qualification if required in your trade

If you are currently in high school and would like to begin an apprenticeship, visit oyap.com for more information about the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program.

Individuals unsure about whether to pursue an apprenticeship or not, can learn more by visiting www.ontario.ca/page/prepare-apprenticeship.

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