

## **BEAUTY THERAPIST**

Beauty therapists carry out face and body treatments to help clients look and feel better.

### **Entry requirements**

To become a fully qualified beauty therapist, you'll usually need to complete a level 2 or level 3 qualification in beauty therapy.

You could start as an assistant in a salon or spa and study for qualifications on the job, or do a full-time or part-time college course while looking for work.

You could also train with a private beauty school.

You could get into this job through an apprenticeship.

You may find it useful to get professional recognition by joining a register like the Register of Beauty Professionals

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### **Skills required**

You'll need:

- A friendly and welcoming manner
- the ability to make clients feel relaxed
- the ability to explain procedures clearly to clients
- tact and diplomacy
- the ability to sell products and earn commission
- business awareness if you're self-employed

### **What you'll do**

You'll provide a range of face and body treatments. Your day-to-day tasks may include:

- giving a facial by cleansing, massaging and toning a client's skin
- giving a makeover by applying and advising on make-up
- shaping eyebrows and colouring eyelashes
- giving a manicure, pedicure or other nail treatment like extensions and nail art
- removing unwanted facial and body hair
- giving electro-therapy treatments to improve body tone and shape
- giving non-surgical skin improvement treatments
- offering UV (ultraviolet) and spray tanning

You may offer other treatments like massage, aromatherapy, hydrotherapy and reflexology.

As well as carrying out treatments, you may also:

- answer the telephone and greet clients
- book appointments
- check and order supplies
- keep notes of clients' medical histories and treatment programmes
- refer clients to a doctor if needed

### **Salary Guide**

Starter: £15,000

Experienced: £17,000

Highly Experienced: £20,000 or more (Salon managers)

You may also get tips, and be paid extra for products you sell in the salon.

### **Working hours, Patterns and Environment**

You'll usually work from 9am to 5pm, including Saturdays. Some salons offer evening appointments.

You will work in a high street salon and beauty clinic.

You will spend a lot of your time standing.

### **Career Path and Progression**

With experience you could progress to salon manager.

You could become self-employed and get your own salon, work from home or travel to clients.