

HAIR PROFESSIONAL LEVEL 2: BARBERING



Internal or External Learning
(Depending on location and preference)



Course duration
15 months (18 months with apprenticeship assessment)



EPA Organisation
Training
Qualifications UK



Training Time
Approx.
External - 33 sessions
Internal - 65 sessions



Apprenticeship Level 2

OVERVIEW

Barbers work in a variety of settings, from small independent barbershops to large high street outlets or franchises, always in a client-facing role. This apprenticeship equips candidates with the knowledge, technical skills, and professionalism required to become competent Barbers.

A Level 2 Barber provides high-quality services including shampooing and conditioning, cutting hair using a range of barbering techniques, styling and finishing hair, shaping facial hair, and shaving. They work with all hair types, characteristics, and classifications.

Barbers consult with clients to understand their requirements, demonstrating professionalism, strong communication skills, retail and selling abilities, and safe working practices. They work independently without supervision, maintaining exceptional precision, creativity, and client care, while adhering to industry standards in values, behaviours, and teamwork.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- An external apprentice would have approximately 33 educator sessions throughout the duration of the apprenticeship. These sessions will be every 2 weeks face to face at your place of work unless stated differently. Alongside this, barbershops are expected to deliver weekly practical sessions of at least 6 hours per week.
- As an internal apprentice attending one of our academies, you will have approximately 65 sessions in total that will take place weekly at one of our academies.
- Our educators have many years of hands on experience within the industry giving them the knowledge to support you every step of the way. Educator sessions are there to discuss your progress, assign you tasks and prepare you for your apprenticeship assessment.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Individual employers may set their own entry requirements. The apprentice must already be employed for over 16 hours per week.

- If a candidate is 16-18 they must have achieved maths and English at Level 2 prior to completion of the course, this is something that can be completed with us if needed.
- If a candidate is 19+ and hasn't achieved in Maths and English GCSE before enrolling, it is up to the employer to decide whether these qualifications should be attempted.
- The candidate must be employed in a suitable role.

TYPICAL JOB ROLES

- Junior Barber
- Apprentice Barber
- Salon Barber
- Barbershop Assistant

COURSE CONTENT

Safe & Sustainable Working

Follow safe, hygienic, and environmentally sustainable practices while adapting to client and workplace needs.

Client Care & Consultation

Conduct professional consultations, respect client needs and privacy, and support wellbeing for both clients and self.

Barbering Industry Knowledge

Understand barbering history, professionalism, continuous development, and use digital tools for promotion.

Hair Cutting & Styling

Deliver creative, personalised haircuts using precision cutting, styling, and finishing techniques.

Shaving & Facial Hair

Perform safe and accurate shaving and grooming, adapting methods to different hair and skin types.

EMPLOYER & LEARNER SATISFACTION

97%

of Apprentices would recommend us*

99%

of Employers would recommend us*

APPRENTICESHIP ASSESSMENT

The Apprenticeship Assessment includes:

- A 20 question knowledge test
- Professional discussion supported by a portfolio of evidence (45 minutes)
- A practical assessment lasting 3.25 hours
- For the practical assessment learners will be required to source their own models and demonstrate a range of services against industry and occupational standards and timings.
- Learners will be required to complete services on at least 2 clients and complete one restyle and one full face shave.

YOUR COMPLETE CAREER PATHWAY

Hair
Professional:
Barbering
Level 2



Customer
Service
Practitioner
Level 2

“I FEEL LIKE I HAVE GAINED SO MUCH EXPERIENCE, THIS IS DEFINITELY GOING TO HELP WITH THE BUSINESS SIDE OF THINGS, NOT JUST BARBERING. UNDERSTANDING BOTH ELEMENTS IS GOING TO DEFINITELY HELP MY CAREER.”

