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Guidance and advice

Where can I go to get free guidance and advice?

You can visit the Habia website for the latest guidance and advice on careers in the beauty therapy industry.

www.habia.org

Careers Offices

Staff at Careers Offices provide information and advice on training opportunities in their region. They provide young people with information on the opportunities available to them, helping them to choose the right career. Careers Offices contain leaflets from particular employers and training organisations, they also hold information about job vacancies.

Training providers

Local training providers can provide careers advice and information regarding suitable training courses available.

learnirect

'learnirect' provides impartial advice on careers, learning programmes and courses nationwide. learnirect can be contacted on freephone 0800 100 900 or www.learnirect.co.uk

	Careers Office	Contact
England	Connexions	www.connexions-direct.com Telephone: 080 800 13 2 19
Wales	Careers Wales	www.careerswales.com Telephone : 02920 906700
Scotland	Careers Scotland	www.careers-scotland.org.uk Telephone: 0845 850 2502
Northern Ireland	Career Service Support Unit (CSSU)	www.delni.gov.uk Telephone: 028 9044 1784



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Habia is the government appointed sector skills body for hair, beauty, nails, spa therapy, barbering and African type hair and creates the standards that form the basis of all qualifications including NVQs, SVQs, Apprenticeships, Diplomas and Foundation degrees, as well as industry codes of practice.

A central point of contact for information, Habia provides guidance on careers, business development, legislation, salon safety and equal opportunities and is responsible to government on industry issues such as training and skills.

Habia raises the profile of its industries through the press and media and is the first port of call for news organisations and broadcasters on news items and background information.

Habia is a not for profit organisation.

Now you know what Habia does, find out more about how we can help you.

Habia also delivers solutions direct to:

salons – to help them understand complex legislation such as health & safety and employment law, improve client retention and raise business performance

employees – to gain the skills that employers need to stay up to date with client demand and the latest techniques, equipment and products, as well as where to go to access learning and suitable qualifications

trainers – to deliver qualifications with training support manuals and to create successful teaching programmes including induction and initial assessment

learners – by offering books and teaching guides directly related to their studies and by providing advice on career paths and qualifications.



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Careers in
Beauty Therapy



A career in Beauty Therapy

What makes a good Beauty Therapist?

To become a beauty therapist you will need to have a unique combination of skills and you will also require a great deal of training. You will also have to possess an almost unrivalled level of ability in a vast array of skills.

You will have to be an excellent communicator. Not only with your friends and the people you know well, but with people from every age group, social background, ethnic origin, occupation and gender.

- You should have a good degree of artistic skill and flair
- You will have to learn basic rules of chemistry, physics, human anatomy, physiology and mathematics
- You will need to have a high degree of physical stamina
- You should be highly dextrous
- Your personality should be vibrant, sparkling, strong and interesting
- You should be diplomatic, sympathetic and have the ability to listen and communicate well
- You will have to be prepared to undertake a long initial training and then continue to develop your skills by learning new techniques throughout your working life.

To find all these qualities in a single individual is very difficult. That is why good beauty therapists are unique and unique skills should be rewarded. The pay while training may be low, but it is often enhanced with tips and gratuities from clients and will be increased further by commission earned through selling retail products to clients. Beauty therapists in top salons and those who progress to management positions or run their own salons will earn even more.

In addition, as a qualified beauty therapist with further training and experience, there are opportunities to diversify into other beauty related occupations. Some are in teaching and training, which attract high salaries and benefits.

Job satisfaction is a payment that can never be quantified. You'll be working in a fast-moving, ever-changing industry. Beauty therapists love their work and gain enormous pleasure working with the public to enhance their appearance and well-being. As a beauty therapist, you have skills that will ensure job mobility within salons, spas and health farms in this country, on board cruise liners and in international holiday resorts that span the world.

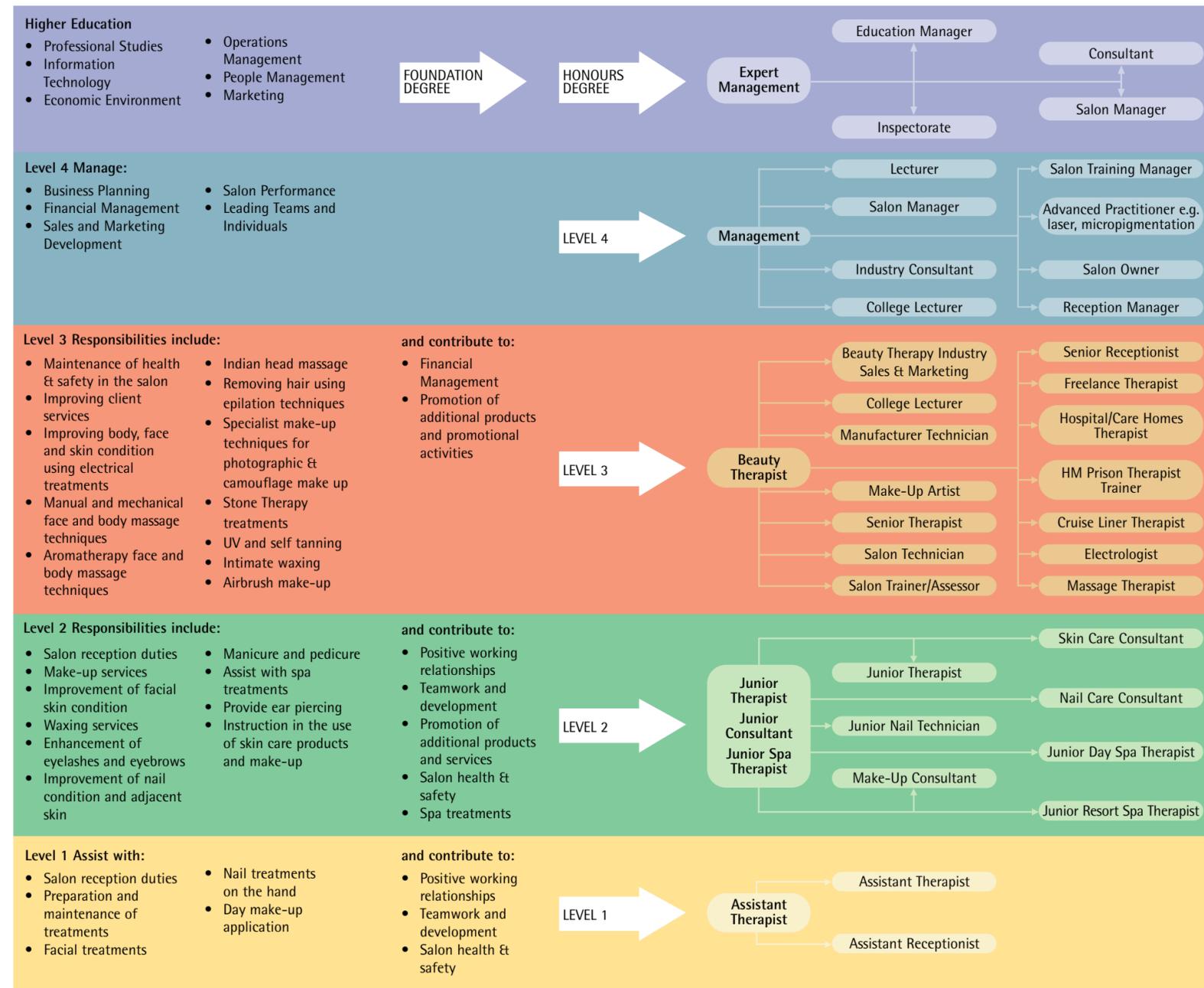
Beauty therapy is an industry that will be here forever and has an amazing product. But, most importantly in today's society, with job losses and failing industries, the product that beauty therapists produce and the skills they have will never go away.

Beauty Therapy Qualifications

What does a Beauty Therapist do?

A beauty therapist provides treatments and services to enhance a client's appearance as well as improving their well-being. Some of the treatments, for example body massage, will aid relaxation and help to relieve the stress of busy lives. Some beauty therapists will offer treatments such as manicure, pedicure, make up, waxing and lash and brow treatments. Those with higher level qualifications provide electro-therapy treatments to improve body tone and shape and provide epilation treatments for permanent hair removal.

Career ladder - Beauty Therapy



The Beauty Therapy Industry - Facts

There are over 13,000 beauty therapy salons in the UK plus over 35,700 hairdressing and barbering salons offering beauty therapy treatments. The beauty therapy industry is becoming increasingly diverse.

Numbers of spas and nail bars are growing, offering the beauty therapist more opportunities to expand their skills and knowledge.

What next?

Qualifications

Thorough training is essential for today's competitive market and National Vocational Qualifications (NVQs), or Scottish Vocational Qualifications (SVQs) are qualifications about work, based upon standards developed by industry and commerce. They are about raising the standard of people's competence. That means training more people to a high level so they can produce good quality products and services.

NVQ/SVQs are placed in a framework of four levels starting with an introduction at Level 1, through to the essential skills required for basic beauty therapy, nails and spa at Level 2 to the more technical skills at Level 3 and the manager at Level 4 and above. There are specific standards at NVQ/SVQ Level 3 for Beauty Therapy, Spa Therapy and Nail Services. On completion of these levels, therapists can move on to a Higher National Certificate or Diploma (HNC/D) qualification a Foundation Degree or Honours Degree.

Apprenticeships

An apprenticeship is a high quality learning programme aimed at people from the age of 16 upwards' appear as normal text.

This means you can earn a wage whilst learning the skills and gaining the experience employers want you to have to do a good job. You also get a qualification at the end of your training that is valued by employers. Most apprentices go straight into jobs, often with the business where they did their training.

Apprenticeships are also known as:

- Apprenticeship/Advanced Apprenticeship (England)
- Foundation Modern Apprenticeships/Modern Apprenticeships (Wales)
- Level 2 Apprenticeship NI/Level 3 Apprenticeship NI (Northern Ireland)
- Level 2 Modern Apprenticeship/Level 3 Modern Apprenticeship (Scotland)

Apprenticeships are not qualifications in their own right. Instead they are a framework made up of many elements.

- A work based qualification that is designed to ensure the apprentice is job ready, such as an NVQ or SVQ at either Level 2 or 3
- A qualification in English and Maths

The skills for English and Maths are also called:

- Key Skills or Functional Skills (England)
- Essential Skills Wales (Wales)
- Essential Skills Northern Ireland (Northern Ireland)
- Core Skills (Scotland)

There are 2 levels of Apprenticeships:

- Level 2
- Level 3