

Beauty Consultant

Beauty consultants demonstrate and sell a range of beauty products such as make-up, fragrances, skincare lotions, moisturisers and haircare products. They help their customers choose the most suitable beauty products for their skin type and tone.

The Work

You could be:

- discussing with the customer which products will be most suitable for their skin type and tone and their face shape
- recommending products to suit your customer's age and lifestyle
- doing a presentation of products to a small group of customers
- giving customers a facial or applying make-up
- increasing sales and meeting sales targets
- keeping up to date with new products and arranging counter displays to promote them
- ordering products from the manufacturer when stock runs low
- keeping records of sales and regular customers
- wrapping purchases and taking cash or credit and debit card payments.

Pay

The figures below are only a guide. Actual salaries may vary, depending on:

- where you work
- the size of the company or organisation you work for
- the demand for the job.

Beauty consultants can earn between £10.00 and £14.00 an hour. You may also be paid commission on sales and performance related bonuses.

Department supervisors or managers can earn around £20,000 and £28,000 a year.

Conditions

- You may work in a department store, sometimes working as part of a sales team.
- You would spend most of the day dealing with customers face-to-face.
- You usually have to wear a uniform.
- You may work shifts, including weekends and evenings.
- You could get part time and temporary work.
- You may get a staff discount on what you buy.
- You may get an allowance for make-up.
- If you are self-employed you may host a demonstration in a customer's home.

Getting In

No formal entry qualifications are required, but a good general education is useful.

- Experience in retail or customer service is helpful.
- Some employers may prefer entrants to have qualifications or previous training in beauty therapy.
- There are a range of qualifications you can study in beauty therapy at college, such as NC or NQ (SCQF Levels 2-6), SVQ (SCQF Levels 5-11), HNC (SCQF Level 7) and HND (SCQF Level 8).
- Entry requirements vary for NC, NQ and SVQ courses, from no formal entry requirements to some subjects at National 4 or 5. Entry to HNC and HND courses range from a group of subjects at National 4 or 5 to 1-2 Highers.
- Most beauty consultants work directly for the companies whose products they sell.
- Some department stores recruit staff to promote different brands.
- You could start with temporary work at a busy period such as Christmas and move into a permanent job later.
- There are also job opportunities in hotels, in residential health establishments, at airports and on cruise ships.

What Does It Take

You need to have:

- an interest in beauty and cosmetics
- excellent communication skills
- a friendly and helpful approach to customers
- a good understanding of the range of products you are selling
- a good eye for visual effects
- good selling skills
- a smart appearance.

You need to be:

- skilled at applying cosmetics
- self-confident and outgoing
- tactful and patient
- able to explain and demonstrate the features of different products
- highly motivated, to meet sales targets.

Training

- You would combine on the job training with attending training courses.
- You may attend short courses at a company training centre. You would learn basic skills and gain knowledge of the products you would be selling.
- You would also attend further company training courses to learn about new products when they are brought out.
- You may be able to work towards SVQs at SCQF Levels 5 and 6 in relevant subjects such as Beauty

Therapy.

Getting On

- Some consultants work on a freelance basis selling or demonstrating products at customers' homes.
- Larger cosmetic companies have a few supervisory or management posts.

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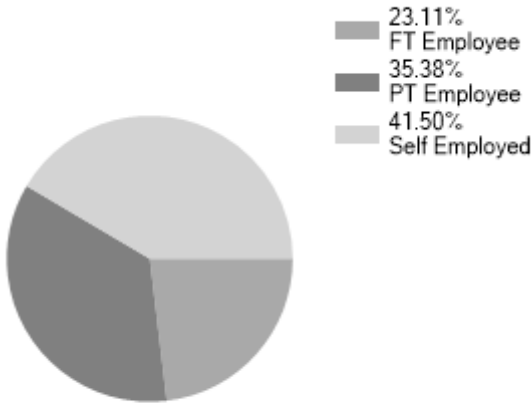
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Statistics

Employment Status UK %

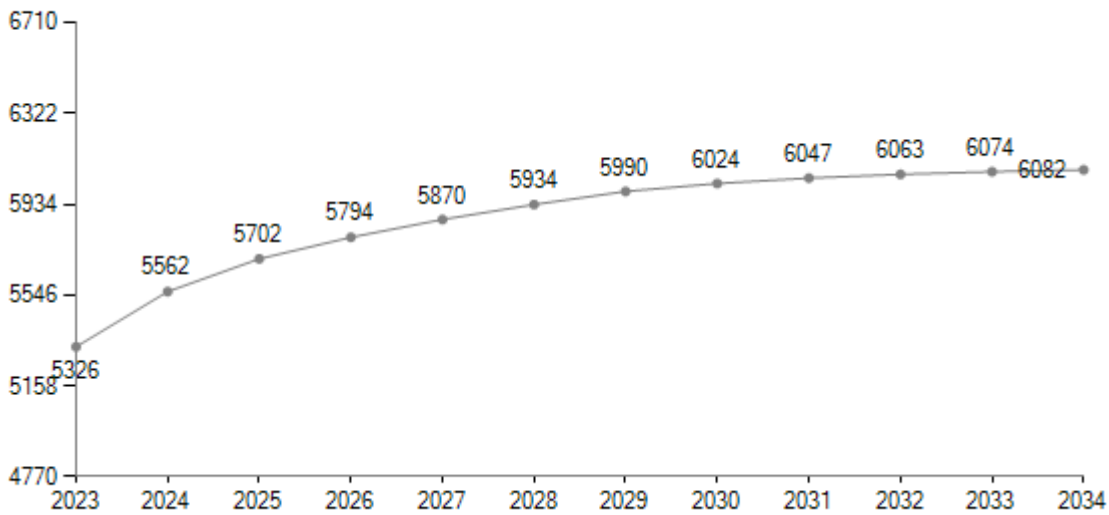


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