

## **HAIRSTYLIST**

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### **Occupation Description**

Hairstylists shampoo, cut, style and chemically treat hair. They may also provide other services such as scalp treatments and hairpiece services. In some jurisdictions, hairstylists may also provide additional services such as basic natural nail services, basic facial care and ear piercing.

For detailed information on the scope of knowledge and skills taught and assessed in this program refer to the Program Outline, available on the ITA website.

### **Pathways to Certification**

In BC, an individual can become certified as a Hairstylist by completing the Hairstylist program or by challenging the certification. Apprenticeship programs are for individuals who have an employer to sponsor them and challenge programs are for individuals who have extensive experience working in the occupation and wish to challenge the certification.

Youth can begin apprenticeship in high school through either the Secondary School Apprenticeship (SSA) program or the ACE IT program. The SSA program is available for any trade if an employer is willing to sponsor the student. Trades offered through ACE IT vary by region; contact your local school district to find out which technical training programs are being offered through ACE IT in your region.

### **Recommended Education**

The following education is recommended for apprentices entering this occupation. These are not prerequisites, but rather a desired level of skill or knowledge that will contribute to success in the industry.

- Grade 10 (or equivalent from a recognized post-secondary institution) – English 10, Mathematics 10, and Science 10 are recommended
- Preferred: Grade 12

### **ITA Registration**

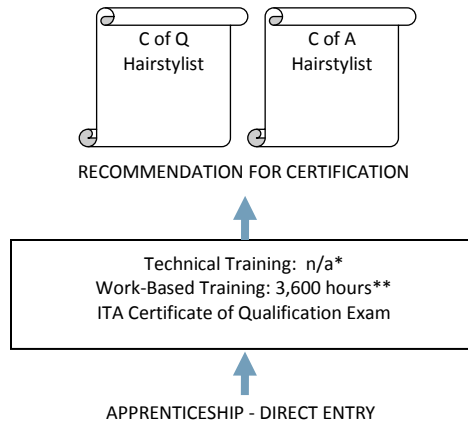
Individuals who wish to begin an apprenticeship in this program must register with ITA along with their sponsors. Application forms for all programs are available from the ITA website. Online registration is also available for most programs through the ITA website.

Those who wish to challenge the Hairstylist certification must complete the Hairstylist Challenge Application and submit it to ITA. Challenge applications are assessed for proof of workplace hours and scope of experience prior to acceptance of the individual into the Challenge pathway.

### Apprenticeship Pathway

This graphic provides an overview of the Hairstylist apprenticeship pathway.

*C of Q = Certificate of Qualification*  
*C of A = Certificate of Apprenticeship*



*\*\*Program is delivered through work-based training designed to meet the competency standards and profile defined by industry.*

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#### CROSS-PROGRAM CREDITS

*\*Note: Trainees have an option to attend a cosmetology pre-employment training program and to receive up to a maximum of 1,500 hours of Work-Based Training hours credit towards the required 3,600 hours for the program.*



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**Apprenticeship Program Standards**

**Credentials Awarded**

- Hairstylist – Certificate of Qualification
- Hairstylist – Certificate of Apprenticeship

**ITA Registration Prerequisites**

- Agreement signed by the employer to sponsor the apprentice

**Completion Requirements**

Certification as a Hairstylist is awarded upon successful completion of:

**Requirement**

**Level of Achievement Required**

Technical Training

- Not applicable
- Trainees have an option to attend a cosmetology pre-employment training program and to receive up to a maximum of 1,500 hours credit towards the Work-Based Training requirement for this program

ITA Certificate of Qualification Exam

- Minimum 70%

Work-Based Training

- 3,600 hours

Recommendation for Certification

- Recommendation for certification signed by the Sponsor and an individual holding credentials eligible for sign-off authority

*(\*Assuming 30 hours in school per week)*

**Program Duration**

Duration varies depending on how training is delivered, but the program generally takes 2 years to complete.

**Sign-off Authority**

Credentials eligible to sign-off on the Recommendation for Certification:

- Hairstylist (Cosmetologist) – Certificate of Qualification
- Hairstylist (Cosmetologist) – Certificate of Qualification with Red Seal endorsement
- Hairstylist – Certificate of Qualification with Red Seal endorsement
- Hairstylist – BC Beauty Council Certificate
- Hairstylist – Cosmetology Industry Association of BC Certificate
- ITA-issued letter authorizing supervision and sign-off of apprentices in this occupation

**Challenging a Level**

The following levels of technical training can be challenged for advanced placement in this program:

**Level**

**Prerequisites**

- None

- N/A

**Cross-Program Credits**

Individuals who hold the credentials listed below are entitled to receive partial credit toward the completion requirements of this program:

**Credential**

**Credit(s) Granted**

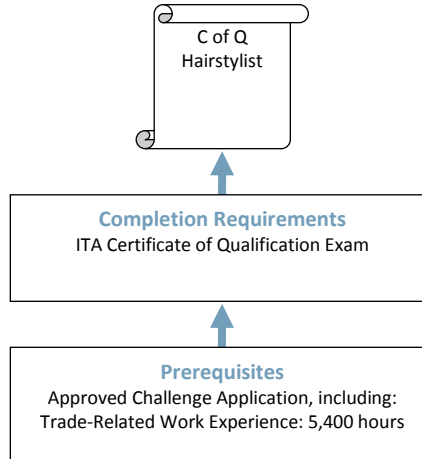
- None

- N/A

### Challenge Pathway

This graphic provides an overview of the Hairstylist challenge pathway.

*C of Q = Certificate of Qualification*



**CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING**

*Individuals who hold the credentials listed below are entitled to receive partial credit toward the completion requirements of this program*

None

### Challenge Program Standards

**Credentials Awarded** Hairstylist – Certificate of Qualification

**ITA Registration Prerequisites** An approved Challenge Application, which includes:

- 5,400 documented hours of directly related experience working in the occupation
- Evidence of achievement of required competencies

**Credit for Prior Learning** Individuals who hold the credentials listed below are considered to have met, or partially met, the prerequisites for challenging this program:

Credential	Credit(s) Granted
None	▪ N/A

**Credentials Entitled to Challenge** Individuals who hold the credentials listed below are considered to have met, or partially met, the pre-requisites for challenging this program:

- N/A

**Completion Requirements** Certification as a Hairstylist is awarded upon successful completion of:

Requirement	Level of Achievement Required
ITA Certificate of Qualification exam	▪ Minimum 70%

**Competencies Assessed** Refer to the **Training Topics and Suggested Time Allocation** section of the Program Outline or the Challenge Application for this program for an overview of the scope of competencies covered in the technical training for this program.



## INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAM PROFILE RECOGNIZED TRAINING PROGRAM

### Supporting Documents

Hairstylist National Occupational Analysis (2009) – Prepared by industry experts, under the guidance of the federal government, for Red Seal trades to define the national standard of competence for the trade. Available from the Red Seal website: [www.red-seal.ca](http://www.red-seal.ca).

### Contacts

The **Industry Training Authority (ITA)** manages B.C.'s industry training and apprenticeship programs. Contact ITA Customer Service if you have any questions regarding registration, examinations or certification for this program.

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