

Nail Technician

What is it?

A Nail Technician is responsible for providing high-quality manicures and pedicures, which includes removing old nail polish from fingernails and toenails, cleaning nails, shaping the ends of nails, pushing back cuticles, and applying new polish based on clients' preferences etc.

Qualifications/Experience Required:

You will require nationally recognised qualifications such as NVQ Diploma in Nail Services (Levels 2-3) or a Level 2 Certificate in Nail Technology or Nail Treatments.

NVQ in Beauty Therapy – Levels 1-3

You will also require a licence from the environmental health department or the local council.

What the Work Involves:

Nail Technicians provide a range of nail treatments to clients including manicures, nail extensions, nail art and nail jewellery.

You will discuss with clients their intended treatment and check their hands for skin or nails disorders.

Your work will also include cleaning and tidying the treatment area.

Future Prospects – Labour Market Information:

Nail technology is a popular area of beauty, and treatments are now available in nail salons, department stores and hairdressing salons.

You could become a freelance nail technician or salon manager.

Workforce Change (projected)

Contraction	Replacement
-0.8%	69%

The workforce is projected to contract by -0.8% over the period to 2027, losing 800 jobs. In the same period, 69% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 70,800 job openings.

Type of person who may be suited to this job:

Nail technicians work with many people so you should have good communication skills. A professional appearance and a high standard of hygiene.

Money/Wage Guide:

Starting salaries in this career are around £15,000. With increased experience, your earnings will rise to £16,000. Senior Nail Technicians could earn between £18,000 to £25,000+ per year.

Related Opportunities:

- Beauty Therapist
- Hairdresser/Barber
- Make-up Artist

Further Information:

British Association of Beauty Therapists and Cosmetology.

www.babtac.com

International Therapy Examination Council.

www.itecworld.co.uk