**Compulsory education for pupils up to 18 years in full-time secondary education**

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|  |  | Primary education |  |  |
| 6 years |  |  |  |  |
| For pupils between 6 and 12 years | | | | |

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| Secondary education | | | | | | |
| 1st cycle\* | | | | | | |
| 1st year | A (general education) | | | B (junior year) | | |
| 2nd year | A (general education) | | | BVL (pre-vocational year) | | |
| 2nd cycle\*\* | | | | | | |
| 3rd year | ASO | TSO | KSO | | BSO | DBSO |
| 4th year | ASO | TSO | KSO | | BSO |
| 3rd cycle\*\* | | | | | | |
| 5th year | ASO | TSO | KSO | | BSO | DBSO |
| 6th year | ASO | TSO | KSO | | BSO |
| 7th year |  | SE – n - Se | | | BSO |  |

\* 32 teaching periods per week

\*\* 32 up to 36 teaching periods per week

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| Higher education/ university | |
| Bachelor (level 6) and/or master (level 7) |  |

ASO General Secondary Education level 4

TSO Technical Secondary Education level 4

KSO Art Secondary Education level 4

BSO Vocational Secondary Education level 3 (after 6th year) – level 4 (after 7th year)

DBSO Part-time Vocational Secondary Education

Se-n-Se Secondary education after secondary education level 4

\* a school year has approximately 38 school weeks  
\* a pupil gains a diploma after completing all the cycles of ASO and TSO  
\* pupils in BSO receive a study certificate after completing the 6th year and a diploma after completing the 7th year

**Course hairdresser in full-time secondary education**

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|  |  | Primary education |  |  |
| 6 years |  |  |  |  |
| For pupils between 6 and 12 years | | | | |

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| 1st cycle | |
| 1A | 1B |
| 2nd year | BVL (pre-vocational year)  options:  hairdressing – office management and sales  hairdressing – fashion  hairdressing – nursing and nutrition |

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| 2nd cycle | | | | | |
| 3rd year | ASO | TSO  bio-beauty | KSO | BSO  hairdressing | DBSO  hairdresser |
| 4th year | ASO | TSO  bio-beauty | KSO | BSO  hairdressing |

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| 3rd cycle | | | | | |
| 5th year | ASO | TSO  Beauty treatment | KSO | BSO  hairdressing | DBSO  hairdresser |
| 6th year | ASO | TSO  Beauty treatment | KSO | BSO  hairdressing |
| 7th year |  | SE – n – Se  options:  make-up  personal beauty care | | BSO  hairstylist |  |

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| Higher education | |
| bachelor  options:  hairdressing/ bio-beauty  hairdressing / optional course  bio-beauty/ optional course |  |

Additional information:

* Practical training is unpaid and starts in the 3rd cycle.
* The organisation of the practical training depends on the educational networks and schools.
* Practical training can be organised alternatingly or successively.
* Practical training for beauticians only in the 6th year, 2 up to 4 hours per week.
* Practical training for hairdressers, in the 5th year a test training and in the 6th year 4 hours a week.
* Practical training for hairstylist in the 7th year 8 hours per week.

**DBSO course Hairdresser**

* Pupils conclude a learning agreement, depending on the duration of the course.
* An agreement has a duration of minimum 1 year and maximum 3 years, depending on age and pre-training.
* The pupils are between 15 and 25 years old.
* They spend 2 days per week at school, with a minimum of 15 hours per week.
* They spend 3 days per week at their training place, with a minimum of 13 hours per week.
* They receive the same salary as an employee.
* Compulsory education ends at the age of 18.
* The pupils can gain a study certificate or a diploma.

**Course hairdressing employee for pupils with disabilities**

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|  |  | Primary education |  |  |
| 6 years |  |  |  |  |
| For pupils between 6 and 12 years | | | | |

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| Special Secondary Education (BUSO |
| For pupils with disabilities |
| level 3 aims to integrate pupils into a normal living and working environment |
| level 3 is a personalised vocational education |
| Pupils who succeed receive a qualification certificate |

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| Special Secondary Education (BUSO) – hairdressing employee | |
| Observation cycle | 1 year |
| Training cycle | 2 years |
| Qualification cycle | 2 years |
| Integration cycle – ABO (work-linked vocational training) | 1 year |

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| Possible continuing training |
| Part-time education |

Additional information:

* Working in the qualification cycle including customer service and practical training (depending on the school, e.g. 9 weeks).
* During the ABO year, the pupils spend 2 days at school and 3 days at a hairdressing salon.
* The pupils don’t receive a salary for their work at the salon.

**SYNTRA courses**

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| SYNTRA courses |
| Part-time education |
| VDO (full-time day courses) |
| entrepreneurship training |
| Refresher training courses |

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| SYNTRA Part-time education hairdresser |
| Training with a learning agreement |
| The pupils are between 15 and 25 years old |
| They spend 1 day per week at the SYNTRA training center to attend a course |
| They spend 4 days per week at their training place |
| Salary is between 317,81€ and 520,05€ per month and depends on age and stage in the training |
| 30 school weeks per year and no school holidays |

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| SYNTRA VDO (full-time day courses) hairdresser |
| The pupils attend courses 3 days per week |
| The training has a duration of 1 up to 1,5 year |
| Limited unpaid apprenticeship |

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| SYNTRA entrepreneurship training hairdresser |
| The pupils attend courses 1 evening per week |
| The training has a duration of 3 years |
| Minimum age: 18 years |

**CVO (adult education centre)**

* Education based on modules
* Pupils receive a certificate after completing each module and a diploma after completing all modules
* Possibility to attend to refresher modules

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| CVO hairdresser |
| Minimum age: 18 years |
| The pupils attend courses 2 evenings or days per week |
| The training has a duration of 3 years |
| The total number of teaching periods is 1280 hours |
| The pupils don’t follow a practical training in a hairdressing salon |

**Certificate of experience**

Who can obtain it?

* People with a diploma obtained in another country and not recognized in Belgium.
* People that interrupt their training before finishing it and therefore don’t obtain their diploma.

Goal is to proof that you have the wright skills by practicing the profession.

**Examples of private commercial trainings**

Welness Academy

* Hairdresser in 24 days with 4 teaching periods per day or in 16 days with 6 teaching periods per day

Centre for Distance Learning

* Hairdresser in 9 up to 12 months with 1 up to 3 teaching periods per week

De Schoonheidsschool (Beauty school)

* Hairdresser or beautician in 24 days with 3 teaching periods per day

All these trainings are a preparation for passing the examination before the Examining Board and gaining a certificate to practice a regulated profession.

**Refresher training courses**

Hairdresser: more day trainings for trendy party hairstyles, makeovers, braiding techniques, ...