

SHB30516 Certificate III in Barbering

Alice Springs

DESCRIPTION

This qualification reflects the role of barbers who use a range of well-developed sales, consultation and technical skills and knowledge to provide a broad range of barbering services to clients. They use discretion and judgement to provide client services and take responsibility for the outcomes of their own work.

This qualification provides a pathway to work as a barber in any industry environment, usually a barber shop or salon.

No occupational licensing, certification or specific legislative requirements apply to this qualification at the time of publication.

ELIGIBILITY/ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A Language, Literacy, Numeracy and Digital Literacy (LLND) evaluation helps identify any areas where you may need additional support to help you achieve your goals.

To gain entry into SHB30516 Certificate III in Barbering as an Apprentice, candidates require:

- To be an Apprentice who has entered a Training Contract with their employer and Australian Apprenticeship Support Network NT.

Students can undertake this course as non-apprentices at the Alice Springs campus; the full-time course program is designed for applicants over the age of 21.

The Training Salon is a simulated work environment and requires students to wear work clothing suited to the industry.

DELIVERY DETAILS

Location(s)	Alice Springs	
Duration*	Mainstream: 12 months	Apprentice: 3 years
Study mode ^^	Face to Face, Simulated workplace, Workplace	
Dates ^	09/02/2026 to 25/11/2026 Students must enrol in the course prior to the commencement date	
Attendance	Mainstream: Every Monday & Wednesday 8.30 am to 4 pm.	Apprentice: 1 st year Apprentice: Every Wednesday 8.30 am to 4 pm

	This training is supplemented by (1) day per week work placement in a commercial salon	2 nd & 3 rd year Apprentice: Every Monday 8.30 am to 4 pm <i>Apprentices will receive an individualised call-up notification letter</i>
--	--	--

* Duration may vary depending on how long a student takes to reach the required competency level.

^ A course timetable/study plan will be provided on application for the course.

^^ Information relating to study modes can be found in the 2026 TAFE Student Guide

FEES

Fee Type	2026 Course Fees
Fee Free TAFE*	Free
Full Fee	\$11,778.90 - \$12,151.65

*This course is part of the Fee Free TAFE initiative. Fee Free TAFE and vocational education and training is a joint initiative of the Northern Territory Government and Australian Governments providing tuition-free training places to students wanting to train, retain or upskill.

Fees shown are indicative and subject to change annually. Actual course fees may vary depending on the units chosen. For International non-student visa-holders; study eligibility needs to be verified before enrolment. Fees may vary depending on the visa type. The course fee rates will vary for commercial contract arrangements.

For further clarification and information on fees, fee exemptions, payment options, instalment plans, and refunds, contact CDU on 1800 061 963 or refer to [TAFE Fees and Payments](#)

ASSESSMENT

Skills and knowledge assessments are an essential step in progressing through your course. You may be assessed in a number of ways including written assessment, questioning, portfolios, work samples, direct observation, practical assessments and third-party feedback.

Throughout your course you will receive information about assessments including how, when and where assessments will be conducted.

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL)

RPL is a process that determines whether the skills, knowledge and experience you've gained through your previous study, work or life experience can count towards a vocational training qualification at CDU. For more information, [VET RPL](#).

CREDIT TRANSFER (CT)

Charles Darwin University as a Registered Training Organisation recognises the Australian Qualifications Framework qualifications and Statement of Attainments issued by any other Australian Registered Training Organisation (RTO).

Students are encouraged to submit any requests for credit from previous studies at the time of enrolment, to ensure they are not enrolling in units they may not need to undertake.

RESOURCES

Students will have 24/7 access to assessments and learning resources on Learnline, CDU's online learning platform. Before you can start using Learnline, you'll need to make sure that your computer has the correct setup. For more details: [Learnline | Charles Darwin University](#) Computer and internet access is required to source information and complete assessments.

Students are required to purchase a Skin Deep book pack from the Hairdressing Reception, that will be tailored to the Full Time Barbering course. Approximate pricing will be provided at the information sessions.

Female uniforms

Black tops are required and can be purchased from the Hairdressing reception. Black tops are to be worn with black pants. No tights or ripped Jeans. The price of the black tops will be provided at the information sessions

Male uniforms

Black tee shirts are required and can be purchased from the Hairdressing reception. Black tee shirts are to be worn with black pants. No ripped Jeans. The price of the black tee shirts will be provided at the information sessions.

All students must attend class in closed-in shoes.

Hairdressing toolkit

Toolkit information will be provided to you at the information session. Prices may vary depending on the supplier.

STUDY AND CAREER PATHWAYS

Further training pathways from this qualification include but are not limited to SHB40216 Certificate IV in Hairdressing.

Possible occupations relevant to this qualification include:

- Barber

QUALIFICATION CONTENT

To achieve SHB30516 Certificate III in Barbering, a total of twenty-six (26) units of competency must be completed, comprising twenty-one (21) core and five (5) elective units as detailed in the packaging rules and listed below. The electives offered may vary between campuses.

CORE UNITS

BSBSUS201	Participate in environmentally sustainable work practices
SHBHBAS001	Provide shampoo and basin services
SHBHCBT001	Design haircut structures
SHBHCBT002*	Create one length or solid haircut structures (*pre-requisite: SHBHCBT001)
SHBHCBT003*	Create graduated haircut structures (*pre-requisite: SHBHCBT001)
SHBHCBT004*	Create layered haircut structures

	(*pre-requisite: SHBHCUT001)
SHBHCUT005*	Cut hair using over-comb techniques (*pre-requisite: SHBHCUT001)
SHBHCUT007*	Create combined traditional and classic men's haircut structures (*pre-requisite: SHBHCUT002, SHBHCUT003, SHBHCUT004, SHBHCUT005)
SHBHCUT009*	Cut using freehand clipper techniques (*pre-requisite: SHBHCUT001)
SHBHCUT011	Design and maintain beards and moustaches
SHBHCUT012	Shave heads and faces
SHBHCUT013	Provide men's general grooming services
SHBHDES001	Dry hair to shape
SHBHIND001	Maintain and organise tools, equipment and work areas
SHBHIND003	Develop and expand a client base
SHBHTRI001	Identify and treat hair and scalp conditions
SHBXCCS001	Conduct salon financial transactions
SHBXCCS002	Provide salon services to clients
SHBXIND001	Comply with organisational requirements within a personal services environment
SHBXIND002	Communicate as part of a salon team
SHBXWHS001	Apply safe hygiene, health and work practices

ELECTIVE UNITS (Select any 5 units)

SHBHBAS002	Provide head, neck and shoulder massages for relaxation
SHBHCUT006*	Create combined haircut structures (*pre-requisite: SHBHCUT001)
SHBHCUT010	Create haircuts using tracks and carving
SHBXCCS004	Recommend products and services
SIRRMER001	Produce visual merchandise displays
SIRRINV001	Receive and handle retail stock

*Pre-requisite units

WITHDRAWING FROM A QUALIFICATION

You may withdraw from this qualification and receive, where relevant, a Statement of Attainment for all units of competency you have successfully completed.

SUPPORT SERVICES

The University provides support for students in many areas, including Accommodation, Careers and Employability, Counselling, Disability Services, Financial Support Services, Student Advocacy, Indigenous Tutorial Support Services, International Student Support Services, Library Services, and VET Learner Support Services.

More information is available at [Student Support - Life, Health and Wellbeing](#)

CONTACT DETAILS

Tourism, Recreation and Beauty Services

E. vet.thr@cdu.edu.au
T. 08 8959 5461 (ASP)
W. <https://www.cdu.edu.au/tafe>

For further information regarding student life at CDU, please refer to <https://www.cdu.edu.au/study/student-life>.