

# Barista

In recent years, the British public's love of great coffee has led to boutique and large-name coffee shops springing up across the country. So the role of the barista has become increasingly important, with opportunities for people who know their (coffee) beans.

## Opportunities

Starting salaries range from around £8,000 to £15,000 while experienced baristas may earn between £15,000 and £17,000. Those with management responsibilities can earn from £20,000 upwards. And there are opportunities to acquire a franchise with some coffee shop chains or to own your own independent coffee shop, deli or cafe.



## Requirements

There are no set qualifications although high standards of hygiene and an awareness of food safety are important. Just as crucial is the ability to work well in a busy environment, keep calm under pressure and you'll need great communication and customer service skills. Most employers look for people with a friendly personality and a flexible approach to work and then provide the training they need. Coffee bars are often open long hours, during weekends and some bank holidays, so baristas tend to work on a rota.

## Apprenticeships



**Hospitality Team Member Apprenticeship**



**Retail Team Leader Apprenticeship**



**Retailer Apprenticeship**

**Career Progression**

Apprentice Barista

Operative or Team Member

Shift Supervisor

Head Barista

Site Manager