

Cosmetic Surgeon

What is it?

A Cosmetic Surgeon is a medical professional who performs surgical and non-surgical procedures to enhance or alter a person's appearance. This can include procedures such as facelifts, rhinoplasty (nose reshaping), breast augmentation, and liposuction.

Qualifications/Experience Required:

A degree in medicine (MBBS or MBChB) – typically 5-6 years. Foundation training (2 years) as a junior doctor. Specialist surgical training (at least 6 years), with further specialisation in plastic and cosmetic surgery. Membership with the Royal College of Surgeons. Additional cosmetic surgery fellowships or private practice experience. Registration with the General Medical Council (GMC).

What the Work Involves:

- Conducting consultations and assessing patients' needs.
- Performing surgical and non-surgical cosmetic procedures.
- Advising on post-surgery care and recovery.
- Keeping up to date with medical advancements.
- Working in hospitals, private clinics, or specialist cosmetic surgery centres.

Future Prospects – Labour Market Information:

The demand for cosmetic surgery is **increasing**, particularly in the private sector. The UK's cosmetic surgery industry is growing due to higher public interest and advances in technology. There are opportunities to specialise further in specific procedures, teach, or conduct research.

Average annual Salary - £80,000 - £200,000

Typical weekly hours – 40+ hours per week; may include evenings and weekends.

Type of person who may be suited to this job:

- Someone with excellent hand-eye coordination and attention to detail.
- A caring and empathetic person who can support patients.
- A strong communicator with a professional and ethical approach.
- Someone able to work under pressure and solve problems.

Money/Wage Guide:

- NHS starting salary: **£50,000+** as a specialty doctor.
- Private sector: Can earn significantly more depending on experience and reputation.

Related Opportunities:

- Plastic Surgeon
- Dermatologist
- Reconstructive Surgeon
- Aesthetic Practitioner

Further Information:

Royal College of Surgeons:
www.rcseng.ac.uk

General Medical Council: www.gmc-uk.org

British Association of Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons: www.baaps.org.uk