



HAIR, BEAUTY AND MAKE-UP



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**WE ARE THE NUMBER ONE COLLEGE IN GREATER
MANCHESTER FOR OVERALL ACHIEVEMENT***

**Latest National Achievement Rates Tables.*

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5 Reasons to Study



Hair, Beauty and Make-up at The Manchester College



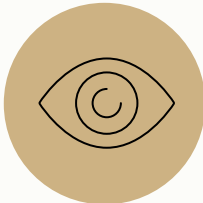
Number 1 in Greater Manchester

Our achievement rates are the highest of all colleges in Greater Manchester for the 8th year running and we're one of the top 3 in the country.*



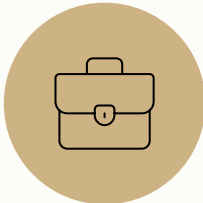
Progression that opens doors

Over 94% of TMC students move on to a positive destination such as employment, an apprenticeship or degree-level study.**



Ofsted recognition

In our most recent Ofsted inspection, we were rated 'Good' overall and 'Strong' for our contribution to skills.



Over 1,000 employer partners

We work with employers across lots of industries, so you can build your confidence through a meaningful work placement, industry talks and live projects.



Get career ready from day one

Designed with your next step in mind, our courses help you build real-world skills, confidence and experience so you're ready for work, an apprenticeship or university.

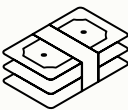
* Latest National Achievement Rates Tables.

** Latest Internal Progression Data.



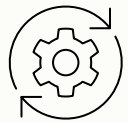
Job figures

There were approx. **10,765** employees working in the hair, beauty and make-up sector in Greater Manchester in 2025. This is predicted to increase by **0.8%** by 2028.



Average earnings

The average wage nationally ranges from **£19,000 to £30,000** per year (2024).



Replacement demand

Around **1,227** of the current workforce will be reaching retirement in the next 10 years, meaning those jobs will need replacing.

Types of jobs
Barber
Beauty Consultant
Beauty Therapist
Customer Service Assistant
Hairdresser
Make-Up Artist
Nail Technician
Sales Representatives
Salon Manager
Tattooist and Body Piercer

Skills needed
Communication
Customer relationship management
Customer service
Detail oriented
Management
Problem solving
Product knowledge
Professionalism
Sales
Trend awareness

Examples of GM Employers
L'Oreal
RUSH Hair & Beauty
Sahra Beauty
Shartez Hair Design
The Beauty Code Salon
THG
Toys Hair and Beauty Salon
Two Faced Cosmetics
Virgin Active
Wella Studios Manchester

Data sourced from Lightcast April 2025.

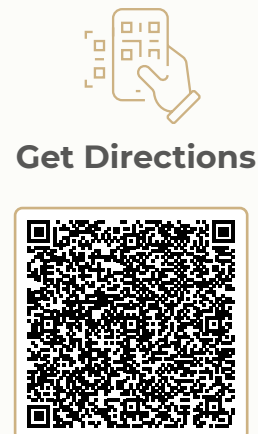
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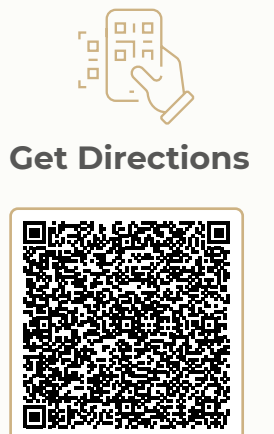
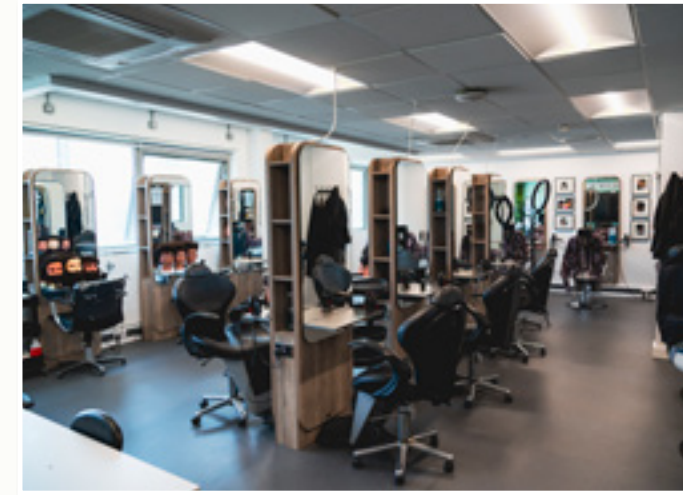
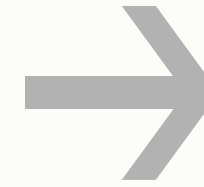
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more here

Where to find us

With excellent transport links, modern classrooms, and vibrant social spaces, you can study Hair, Make-up and Beauty courses at a number of our campuses across Manchester.



- Two libraries with dedicated study areas and quiet zones
- Refectory serving hot and cold food options
- Specialist beauty therapy and make-up rooms designed to replicate real salons
- A dedicated nail bar offering hands-on practice in nail treatments
- Spacious social areas and large garden
- Discounted hair and beauty treatments at our salon.



- Modern hairdressing and barbering salons where students train in a professional setting
- Specialist beauty therapy and make-up rooms designed to replicate real salons
- A dedicated nail bar offering hands-on practice in nail treatments
- Student-run restaurant
- Spacious library with IT access and study areas
- Starbucks coffee shop and on-site refectory.

Get career ready with us

We're here to help you achieve your goals and get career-ready. Our courses are designed with top employers to focus on in-demand skills.

From day one, you'll gain hands-on experience to build confidence. By the end, you'll have the qualifications, knowledge, and experience to stand out and take the next step in your career.



Building your employability

To get you career-ready, you'll take part in activities that boost your skills and understanding of the world of work. You'll be supported by a dedicated Employability Co-ordinator who will support you to develop the knowledge, skills and behaviours you'll need to thrive in the workplace.

Real-world experience that counts

As part of your course, you'll complete work experience with an employer. We'll help you find a placement where you can:

- Shadow professionals and see how the job is done day-to-day
- Contribute to real projects that develop your skills and strengthen your CV
- Grow in confidence as you put learning into action.

Many of our students make such a strong impression that they even secure part-time or full-time jobs with their placement provider!

We work with leading employers to deliver our placements, including:



Discover where hair, beauty and make-up can take you

We'll introduce you to a wide range of career options in the hair, beauty and media make-up sector through:

- Supporting live sets and productions with our Creative, Digital Media and Performing Arts teams
- Competing in top regional, national and international competitions like WorldSkills and Professional Beauty North
- Learning from industry experts through guest talks and masterclasses
- You'll benefit from our exclusive partnership with ABLE – Andrew Barton London Education.



This will help you decide which path to take after your course — whether that's progressing to degree-level study with our higher education partner UCEN Manchester, starting an apprenticeship, going straight into employment, or launching your own business.



What you can study

We offer qualifications from Level 1 to Level 3. If you haven't already obtained a Grade 4 GCSE in English or maths, you'll study to work towards achieving this qualification.



Hairdressing

Hairdressing

Level 3 | Harpurhey and Wythenshawe | 1 year

Take your hairdressing skills to the next level with this advanced qualification designed to develop your creativity and technical expertise. You'll refine cutting, styling and colouring techniques while mastering client consultations. The course also offers optional specialist units such as colour correction, creative hair extensions and promotional activity planning. With a strong focus on professional practice and innovation, this diploma equips you with the skills and confidence needed to succeed and stand out in the dynamic hairdressing industry.

Hair Skills

Level 2 | Harpurhey and Wythenshawe | 1 year

Step into the world of hairdressing and build the essential skills to kickstart your career or apprenticeship. You'll master practical techniques like shampooing, blow-drying, basic cutting, plaiting, twisting, and semi-permanent colouring, alongside creative themed hair designs. Hands-on training with professional tools will ensure that you gain confidence and polish your craft. Plus, you'll learn vital customer service and salon health and safety practices — all designed to prepare you for success in this vibrant and creative industry.

Hairdressing

Level 2 | Harpurhey and Wythenshawe | 1 year

This qualification develops your practical skills and knowledge in women's hairdressing, including cutting, dressing, shampooing, conditioning, colouring and lightening. You'll learn to consult effectively with clients while understanding relevant anatomy, health and safety, and legislation. The course also enhances your communication, customer service and commercial skills, plus awareness of environmental sustainability. Designed to prepare you for salon work, it ensures you have the confidence and ability to perform a range of professional hairdressing services independently.



Barbering

Barbering

Level 3 | Harpurhey and Wythenshawe | 1 year

Advance your barbering career by mastering a range of professional skills including creative cutting, facial hair design and client consultations. You'll learn to safely manage work operations and promote additional services and products. Optional units offer opportunities to develop shaving techniques, hair pattern designs, colouring methods and permed effects. This practical, industry-aligned qualification prepares you to work confidently as a skilled barber, ready to meet the demands of a modern barbershop environment.

Barbering

Level 2 | Wythenshawe | 1 year

Gain the core skills and knowledge needed to begin a career in barbering with this hands-on qualification, recognised by the British Barbering Association (BBA). You'll learn the creative techniques of cutting men's hair and facial hair, alongside client consultation skills and key health and safety practices. Designed to meet high industry standards, this course will develop your confidence, technical ability and understanding of professional barbering — giving you the foundation to work competently in a barbershop or progress to further training.

Beauty Therapy

Beauty Therapy

Level 3 | Harpurhey and Wythenshawe | 1 year

Build advanced skills and expertise to thrive as a professional beauty therapist. You'll explore a broad range of beauty treatments while deepening your knowledge of anatomy, physiology, client care and health and safety. Learn to work confidently with modern salon and spa products and equipment, ensuring you can meet high industry standards. By the end of the course, you'll be fully equipped to launch a rewarding career in the dynamic and inspiring beauty therapy sector.

Beauty Therapy

Level 2 | Harpurhey and Wythenshawe | 1 year

Start building your career as a junior beauty therapist with a qualification that covers all the essentials — from facials and waxing to manicures, pedicures and lash and brow treatments. You'll gain valuable experience in client care, consultation and health and safety,



with optional units including tanning, make-up and salon reception duties to broaden your skills. Designed to reflect real salon environments, this course gives you a strong foundation for further training or entry-level roles in the beauty industry.

Beauty Skills

Level 2 | Harpurhey and Wythenshawe | 1 year

Kick-start your beauty career with this hands-on course, designed to develop essential practical skills and industry knowledge. You'll learn core techniques including basic manicure, pedicure, skincare, nail art, face painting, eyebrow shaping and photographic make-up, alongside creativity through themed image creation. The programme also covers vital areas such as health and safety, client care, retail promotion and working in the hair and beauty industry. This qualification prepares you for further training or entry-level roles in the beauty sector.

Make-up

Fashion, Theatre and Media Make-up Studies

Level 3 | Harpurhey | 1 year

This advanced course prepares you for a creative career in hair and make-up artistry across media, fashion, theatre and performance. You'll master make-up, body art, hair styling, special effects, prosthetics and postiche, while developing salon-ready skills in client care, consultation and health and safety. You'll also explore production arts planning and styling for media. With a strong focus on industry techniques and creative practice, this qualification is ideal for progressing into work or further study.

Hair and Media Make-up

Level 2 | Harpurhey | 1 year

This hands-on course combines key skills in both hairdressing and media make-up, giving you a strong foundation for creative careers in the industry. You'll cover make-up application, photographic make-up, body art and hair styling techniques like plaiting, twisting and creating themed looks. You'll also develop salon-ready skills in client care, consultation and health and safety. With opportunities to explore hair additions and styling for media, this qualification prepares you for further study or a future in hair and make-up artistry.

Hair and Beauty Skills

Level 1 | Harpurhey and Wythenshawe | 1 Year

This practical course combines core skills in both hair and make-up, giving you a strong foundation for a future in the beauty industry. You'll develop techniques in hair styling, make-up application and client consultation, while building your confidence in a professional salon environment. You'll also learn essential health and safety, customer care and industry-ready skills to support progression onto further study or employment.



THE MANCHESTER COLLEGE PRESENTS THE NORTH AND SOUTH MANCHESTER STUDIO OF HAIRDRESSING, BEAUTY AND MAKE-UP

Get a fresh cut, a trending style, new set of nails, an amazing make-over or enjoy a relaxing pampering session from the next generation of hairdressers, barbers, make-up artists and beauty therapists in our fully equipped, state-of-the-art studios.

Open to students, staff and the general public.

**GET IN TOUCH FOR MORE INFORMATION,
TO REQUEST A TREATMENT PRICE LIST
OR TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT OR CONSULTATION.**

**North Manchester Studio
of Hairdressing, Beauty and Make-up**

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Rochdale Road, Harpurhey,
Manchester, M9 4AF

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**South Manchester Studio
of Hairdressing, Beauty and Make-up**

Wythenshawe Campus,
Brownley Road, Wythenshawe,
Manchester, M22 9UH

0161 674 8231

Courses for adults

Are you aged over 19 and looking to upskill, retrain or progress your skills in hair, beauty or make-up? We've got a wide range of courses for you to help strengthen your CV, start a new career or go further in your current role.



Hair and Media Make-up

Level 2 | Harpurhey & Wythenshawe

Hair Skills

Level 2 | Harpurhey

Cosmetic Make-up

Level 2 | Harpurhey

Hair and Media Make-up

Level 2 | Harpurhey

Photographic Make-up

Level 2 | Wythenshawe

Barbering

Level 2 & 3 | Harpurhey & Wythenshawe

Hairdressing

Level 2 & 3 | Harpurhey & Wythenshawe

Fashion, Theatre and Media Hair and Make-up Studies

Level 3 | Harpurhey

Beauty Skills

Level 2
| Harpurhey & Wythenshawe

Beauty Therapy

Level 2 & 3 | Harpurhey & Wythenshawe

Hair and Beauty

Level 1 | Harpurhey and Wythenshawe

Nail Technology

Level 2 & 3 | Harpurhey & Wythenshawe

Swedish Massage

Level 3 | Wythenshawe

Hair and Beauty

Level 1 | Harpurhey and Wythenshawe

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Get in touch with our friendly team.



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Promoting independence through accessibility and inclusion.

Have you received learning support in the past? Do you have an Education, Health and Care Plan or an identified Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND) need? Our Supported Learning team can help students with SEND to achieve their aspirational career goals.

We provide a highly personalised offer for students to create a supportive learning environment for all. Whatever course you choose to study, our provision is specifically designed to support you on your journey to independence and into further education or employment.



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Additional Learning Support Team: specialistsupport@tmc.ac.uk
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DEGREE LEVEL

Once you've completed one of our Level 3 Diplomas at College, you'll have the opportunity to progress on to our degree-level qualifications through our higher education partner, UCEN Manchester.

ART, MEDIA AND MAKE-UP COURSES

Benefit from hands-on, practical learning, small class sizes and state-of-the-art facilities.

Choose one of our higher education pathways in:

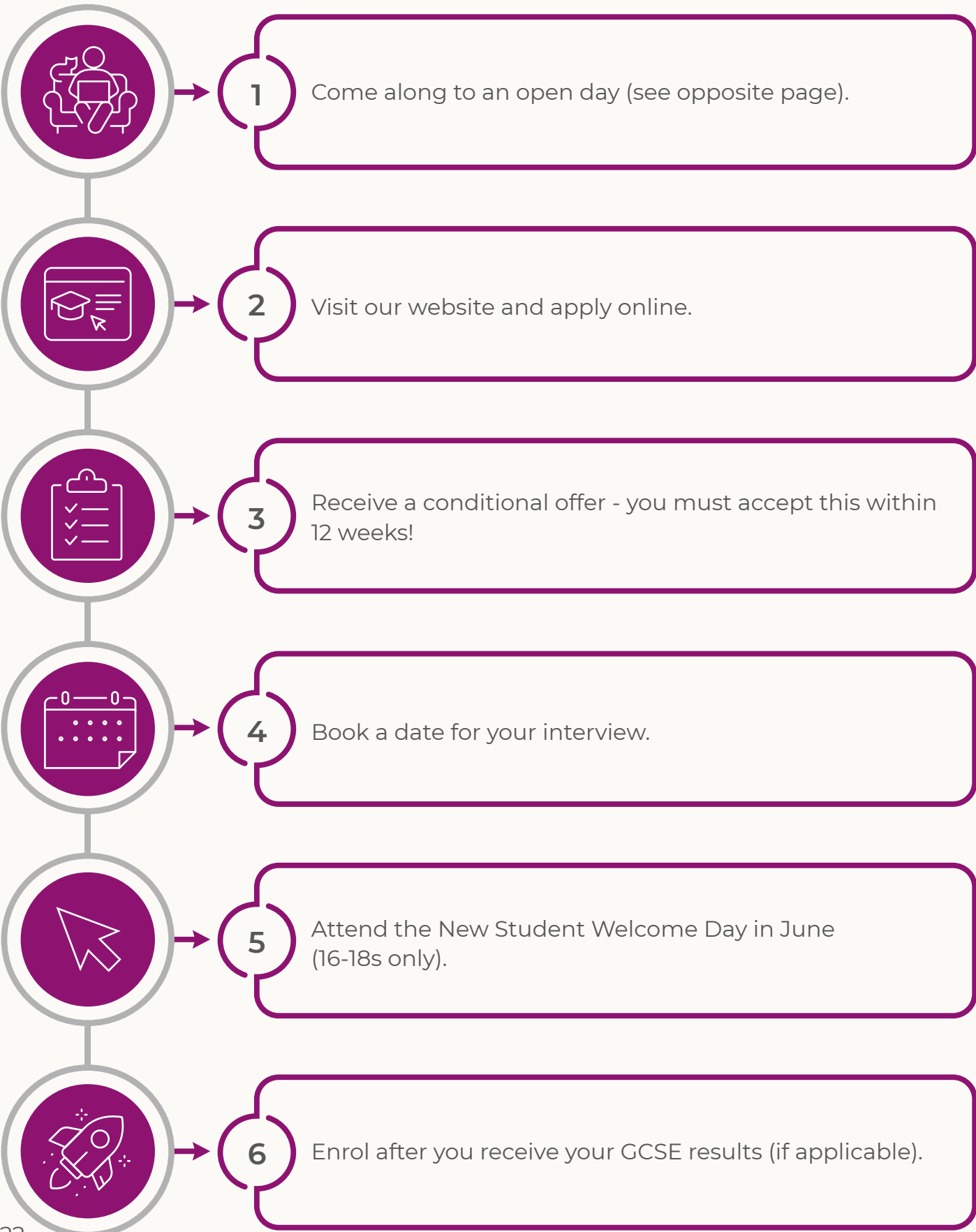
- > Make-Up Artistry
- > Special Effects Make-Up Artistry.



For more information or to apply
visit ucnmanchester.ac.uk

Your next steps

Applying to study at The Manchester College is really easy. Just follow these steps and you'll be on your journey to amazing in no time.



Open events

Come and see what makes us the number one College in Greater Manchester* for yourself.

Open events are the perfect place to speak to our tutors, explore our amazing facilities and chat to our support teams.

School Leavers

Tuesday 6 October
5-7pm

Saturday 14 November
10am-1pm

Thursday 4 March
5-7pm

Adults

Thursday 20 May
5-7pm



Book your place
tmc.ac.uk/events



* National Achievement Rates Tables.



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Contact Us

Got a question about one of our courses, about The Manchester College or just need to get in touch? Contact us:

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 **03333 222 444**

All information is correct at the time of publication and may be subject to change. For the latest details, please visit tmc.ac.uk.

The Manchester College is committed to equality of opportunity, non-discriminatory practices and supporting individual learners. This information is also available in a range of formats, such as large print, on request.

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