

## Podiatry Support Worker

Podiatry support workers work alongside registered podiatrists providing general foot treatments, applying dressings, assisting in minor surgeries, and advising patients on foot and nail care.

### The Work

You could be:

- carrying out simple tasks such as cutting toenails and applying dressings
- making templates for insoles
- checking feet for diabetic ulcers or other circulation problems
- giving advice to patients on foot and nail care
- assisting podiatrists with minor surgical procedures
- advising patients on footwear
- cleaning and sterilising treatment room and equipment between patients.

### Pay

Under NHS Agenda for Change, podiatry support workers start on Band 2, £26,658 to £28,947 a year. With promotion your salary would rise to Band 3, £29,061 to £31,364 a year. The current pay scales are from April 2025.

### Conditions

- You may be based in a hospital, health centre, community centre or GP practice.
- You could work in a care home.
- You may be based in a private practice.
- You would work under the supervision of a registered podiatrist.
- Working hours are normally regular but there may be occasional weekend and evening work.

### Getting In

- A good general education is useful including English and Maths.
- You can enter through a Modern Apprenticeship in Healthcare Support (Clinical) at SCQF Level 6.
- You may need to sit an entrance test.
- Previous experience in a paid or voluntary role in a health care setting would be an advantage.
- You will require a satisfactory criminal record check from Disclosure Scotland to show that you are suitable for this type of work. Contact Disclosure Scotland for details on the type you would need.

### What Does It Take

You need to have:

- good communication skills

- excellent listening skills
- the ability to work as part of a team
- patience and understanding
- good organisation skills
- the ability to stay calm when working under pressure.

## Training

- Training is on the job. You would work towards Scottish Vocational Qualification (SVQ) Healthcare Support (Clinical) at SCQF Level 6.
- You will follow a supervised programme of training including record keeping; skin and nail pathology; microbiology; anatomy and physiology; foot conditions; and nail operations.

## Getting On

- This could be the first step towards becoming a qualified podiatrist.
- Podiatry assistant practitioners can join the Royal College of Podiatry as associate members.

## Contacts

### NHS Scotland Careers

Website: [www.careers.nhs.scot](http://www.careers.nhs.scot)

Website (2): [jobs.scot.nhs.uk](http://jobs.scot.nhs.uk)

### Royal College of Podiatry

Website: [rcpod.org.uk](http://rcpod.org.uk)

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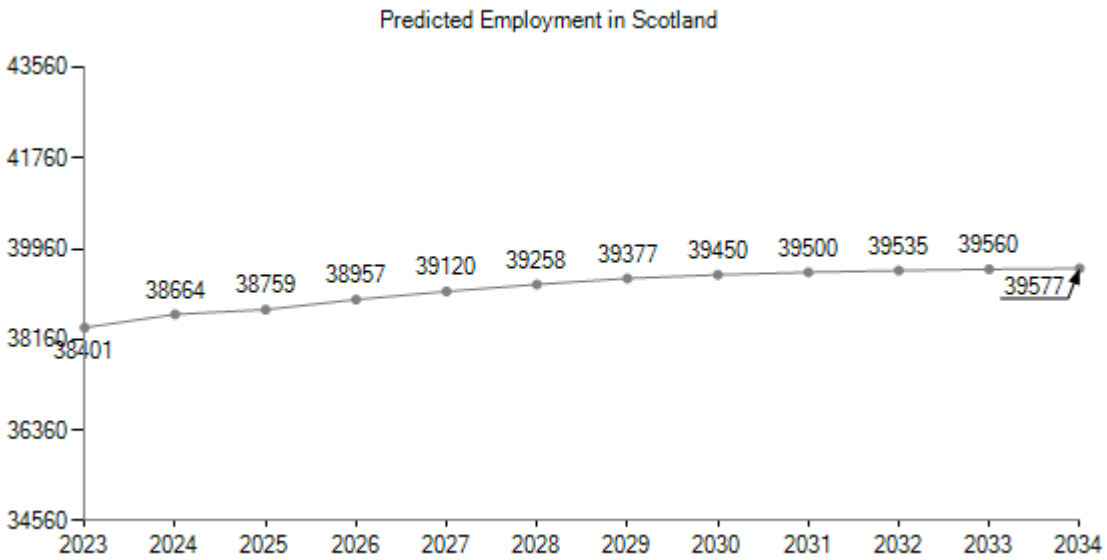
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**Statistics**

Employment Status : Not available this career.

**Past Unemployment - Scotland**

No Claimant statistics available for Scotland.



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