

Radiography Support Worker

Radiography support workers assist both diagnostic and therapeutic radiographers in treating patients. Diagnostic radiographers use imaging technologies to diagnose a condition or disease. Therapeutic radiographers use radiation to treat cancer and tumours.

The Work

You could be:

- helping reassure patients undergoing treatment
- processing the digital images taken
- preparing patients for their treatment including transporting patients between other wards and departments
- helping patients get into the correct position
- updating patient records and booking appointments
- cleaning the treatment room and equipment between patients.

Pay

Under NHS Agenda for Change, radiotherapy 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 would be based in a hospital department such as accident and emergency, outpatients, operating theatre or wards.
- You may also work alongside other professionals such as medical physicists, engineers, doctors and nurses.
- You may work with mobile equipment, in other parts of a hospital or in the community.
- You may have to work evenings or weekends in Accident and Emergency.
- You would wear a uniform.
- For some work, you would wear clothing which protects you against radiation and you would carry equipment to measure radiation.
- It can be a physically demanding job, with moving and lifting patients and equipment.

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
- IT skills
- accuracy and attention to detail
- an awareness of health and safety regulations.

Training

- Training is on the job. You would work towards SVQ Health Care Support (Clinical) at SCQF Level 6.
- You will follow a supervised programme of training including an introduction to the departments and its procedures; how to use the equipment; health and safety; and risk management.

Getting On

- This role plus further higher education, could lead to a career as a [Radiographer - Diagnostic](#) or [Radiographer - Therapeutic](#).

Contacts

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Statistics

Employment Status : Not available this career.

Past Unemployment - Scotland

No Claimant statistics available for Scotland.

Predicted Employment Statistics : Not available this career.