

RADIOGRAPHER/ULTRASONOGRAPHER

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

There are two sorts of Radiographer: **Diagnostic** and **Therapeutic**.

Diagnostic Radiographers: employ a range of sophisticated equipment to produce high quality images to diagnose an injury or disease. They use a range of techniques including:

- X-Rays
- Ultrasound
- Fluoroscopy
- CT (Computed Tomography)
- MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging)
- Angiography

Therapeutic Radiographers: are responsible for the treatment of patients, mostly those with cancer, using ionising radiation. They are responsible for the accurate planning and delivery of a prescribed dose of radiation to specific areas of the body and wider aspects of oncology. Workers also provide information, support and counselling to patients undergoing radiotherapy treatment.

All Radiographers work to a set of Statements for Professional Conduct which sets out the underpinning values and principles to promote maintain and disseminate the highest standards of behaviour in order to enhance the good standing and reputation of the radiography profession.

An Ultrasonographer is a recognised specialism within the diagnostic radiographer field. They specialise in Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), Breast Screening, CT Scanning, nuclear medicine and medical ultrasound.

INDUSTRY REQUIREMENTS

To order to work as a Radiographer in the UK, the minimum requirement is a BSc (Hons) degree in Radiography that has been approved by The Health Professions Council (HPC).

It is important to note that Diagnostic Radiographers and Therapeutic Radiographers have different training and professional qualifications. Diagnostic Radiographers must have a degree in Diagnostic Radiography, while Therapeutic Radiographers need a degree in Radiotherapy.

To specialise as a Sonographer or Ultrasonographer, a candidate will usually need to qualify in Radiography and then complete a one-year post-registration course, that is approved by the Consortium for Accreditation of Sonographic Education (CASE).

REGISTRATION WITH A PROFESSIONAL BODY

To use the title Radiographer, Diagnostic Radiographer and Therapeutic Radiographer a candidate must be registered with the HPC.

Overseas qualified workers need to apply to the HPC's International Registration Department, who assess the workers on education, training, and experience to determine if these are comparable to the HPC standards of proficiency for Radiographers. If they are found to be comparable, registration will be granted. There is no adaptation training available for overseas trained Radiographers.

CASEWORKER TREATMENT

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The job meets the skills criteria when the post requires the candidate to be registered with the HPC. Workers with an approved qualification who have yet to be awarded HPC registration can be approved conditionally, adapting paragraph P70H in the approval letter.

Ultrasonographer is now recognised as a shortage specialism, along with all radiography occupations.

TWES

Training

This occupation is unsuitable for training.

Work Experience

This occupation is suitable for work experience, if the worker is HPC registered.

SALARY

The following salary information is from the NHS Agenda for Change:

Job	Band	Salary
Radiographer Diagnostic and Therapeutic	Band 5	£19,683 - £25,424
Radiographer Specialist	Band 6	£23,458 - £31,779
Radiographer Advanced	Band 7	£28,313 - £37,326

High cost area supplement: in inner and outer London and fringe areas there is a cost of living supplement to find out more information please see [Annex 1](#).

Public & Private Sector pay have parity with each other.

ADVERTISING

Currently Qualified HPC Registered Diagnostic & Therapeutic Radiographers and Ultrasonographers are on the Border & Immigration Agency National Shortage Occupation List.

To view the latest shortage occupation list, click on the link below –

http://www.workingintheuk.gov.uk/working_in_the_uk/en/homepage/work_permits0/applying_for_a_work/business_and_commercial/shortage_occupations.html

FURTHER INFORMATION

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HPC, UK Registration Department

Tel: 0845 3004 472 8.30am - 5.30pm Fax: 020 7840 9801

Email: registration@hpc-uk.org

On line registration checking of a workers registration number is available at

<http://register.hpc-uk.org/lisa/onlineregister/RegistrantSearchInitial.jsp>

ANNEX 1**High cost area supplement**

Area	PCT with in these areas	Level November 2007
Inner London	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hammersmith & Fulham PCT • Kensington & Chelsea PCT • Westminster PCT • Camden PCT • Islington PCT • City & Hackney PCT • Tower Hamlets PCT • Lambeth PCT • Lewisham PCT • Southwark PCT • Wandsworth PCT 	20% of a basic salary, subject to a minimum payment of £3,468 and a maximum payment of £5,779
Outer London	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brent PCT • Ealing PCT • Harrow PCT • Hillingdon PCT • Hounslow PCT • Barnet PCT • Enfield PCT • Haringey PCT • Barking & Dagenham PCT • Havering PCT • Newham PCT • Redbridge PCT • Waltham Forrest PCT • Bexley PCT • Bromley PCT • Greenwich PCT • Croydon PCT • Kingston PCT • Richmond & Twickenham PCT • Sutton & Merton PCT 	15% of a basic salary, subject to a minimum payment of £2,890 and a maximum payment of £4,045
Fringe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dartford, Gravesham & Swanley PCT • Basildon PCT • Billericay, Brentwood & Wickford PCT • Epping Forrest PCT • Harlow PCT • Thurrock PCT • Dacorum PCT • Hertsmere PCT 	5% of a basic salary, subject to a minimum payment of £867 and a maximum payment of £1,503

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Royston, Buntingford & Bishop Stortford PCT• South East Hertfordshire PCT• St Albans & Harpendon PCT• Watford & Three Rivers PCT• Welwyn, Hatfield PCT• Bracknell Forrest PCT• Slough PCT• Windsor, Ascot & Maidenhead PCT• Wokingham PCT• East Elmbridge & Mid Surrey PCT• East Surrey PCT• Guildford & Waverley PCT• North Surrey PCT• Surrey Heath and Woking PCT	
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