

Returning to midwifery

This page is for you if you're thinking of coming back to [midwifery](#) [1].

Your skills and experience are highly valued and Return to Practice (RTP) programmes are designed to make it as straightforward as possible for you to come back to midwifery.

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The availability of RTP courses varies across the country, depending on the needs of your local NHS trust.

If there is a course in your area it will usually have the following features:

- courses fees will be paid and you may be eligible for additional financial support towards travel, childcare and books too
- you can apply to have a personal mentor
- on your clinical placement you will have supernumerary status (your post will be additional to existing staffing needs)
- there are no guarantees of work after completing the course but you will be able to re-join the [NMC](#) [2] register and look for permanent work or join a local midwives 'bank' (agency) for temporary work

Find out more about midwifery return to practice courses on the [Nursing and Midwifery Council website](#) [3].

Additionally in Wales, there are RTP midwifery programmes run by a small number of universities. Visit the [NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership website](#) [4] for details of these.

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[1] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/midwifery>

[2] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/glossary#NMC>

[3] <http://www.nmc.org.uk/Approved-Programmes/>

[4] <http://www.weds.wales.nhs.uk/return-to-practice-for-nurses-midwives-a>