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Radiography assistants and imaging support workers [1]

Radiography assistants and imaging support workers are crucial cogs in the diagnosis and treatment of NHS patients.

Training and qualifications required

There are no set entry requirements for radiography assistants and imaging support workers. Employers expect good numeracy, literacy and IT skills and may ask for GCSEs or equivalent. They may ask for a healthcare qualification, such as BTEC or NVQ and for relevant work experience. You will receive the training you need to work as a radiography assistant or imaging support worker. This includes an introduction to the department and its systems and procedures, using the equipment and health and safety. You may be able to study for the Certificate in Clinical Imaging Support (at level 2 or 3).

Expected working hours and salary range

Radiography assistants and imaging support workers working in the NHS are paid on the Agenda for Change (AfC) pay system. You would typically start on AfC band 3. With further training and experience, you could apply for positions as an assistant practitioner at band 4. Radiography assistants and imaging support workers in the NHS work standard hours of around 37.5 a week. You may have to work shifts, including evenings, nights and weekends. Terms and conditions will usually be different for radiography assistants and imaging support workers working outside of the NHS.

Desirable skills and values

Radiography assistants and imaging support workers need to be very safety conscious, interested in technology, calm and reassuring, able to understand and follow instructions exactly and physically fit as the job involves a lot of standing and lifting. You'll also need good communication skills, good observation skills and the ability to keep up to date and learn new skills.

Prospects

You could apply to train as an assistant practitioner or as a diagnostic or therapeutic radiographer.

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