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### Mammographer [1]

Mammographers are registered radiographers [2] who undertake specialist postgraduate training to work within a breast imaging team.

#### Training and qualifications required

You'll need to be a HCPC registered diagnostic radiographer or therapeutic radiographer to apply for a postgraduate qualification in mammography. The training programme is typically a one-year postgraduate certificate or diploma at level 7 that combines academic learning with clinical training.

#### Expected working hours and salary range

If you're employed by the NHS, you will be on a national pay and conditions system called Agenda for Change (AfC). You'll usually be paid at band 6 with opportunities to progress with experience.

#### Desirable skills and values

You'll need being able to put people at ease during an intimate examination, good understanding of breast anatomy, physiology, and pathology, including clinical signs and symptoms of breast cancer and excellent interpersonal skills. You'll also need to be honest, open and trustworthy, comfortable with new technologies and have good problem solving skills.

#### Prospects

There are a range of career options for mammographers. There may be opportunities to specialise and work towards advanced/consultant practice. You could also use the skills you have learnt in management, education or research.

### Related roles

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