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- **Mammography associate** <sup>[1]</sup>

Mammography associates are members of the breast imaging team and play a vital role in finding signs of breast cancer early.

### Training and qualifications required

You'll need such as GCCEs in English and maths at 9-4 or A-C or an equivalent level 3 qualifications such as functional skills to apply for a mammography apprenticeship. The apprenticeship is a twelve-month (minimum) training programme where you'll combine academic learning with on-the-job training. You can apply for the apprenticeship via the NHS Jobs website or you can find live vacancies in your area below.

### Expected working hours and salary range

If you're employed by the NHS, you'll be on a national pay and conditions system called Agenda for Change (AfC). As a mammography associate you'll usually be paid at band 4 with opportunities to progress with experience. Terms and conditions can vary if you are employed outside the NHS.

### Desirable skills and values

You'll need a good understanding of breast anatomy, physiology and pathology, including clinical signs and symptoms of breast cancer, excellent interpersonal skills and be able to effectively delegate and supervise

### Prospects

There are a range of career opportunities for mammography associates. You may decide to train as a diagnostic or therapeutic radiographer either through a degree apprenticeship or undergraduate or postgraduate degree.

## Related roles

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