

# Employment issues

This page gives brief details of legislation relating to doctors' hours and provides a link to pay scales.

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## Hours

Under the rules of the [European Working Time Directive](#) <sup>[1]</sup> (EWTD) as a resident doctor you should expect:

- to work on average no more than 48 hours per week
- to have 11 hours' rest per day and the right to a day off each week
- a right to a rest break if the working day is longer than six hours
- 5.6 weeks' paid leave each year

You can find more information at [BMA European Working Time Directive](#) <sup>[2]</sup>

## Salary

As a resident doctor you are paid on a national pay scale unless you are informed of any variation to this by your employing NHS Trust. [Our pay for doctors page](#) <sup>[3]</sup> provides more details.

Although your application is made to a Foundation School, you are employed directly by an NHS Trust and you should approach them for further information relating to:

- pay
- banding
- rotas
- accommodation

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### Links

[1] [https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/glossary#Working\\_Time\\_Directive](https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/glossary#Working_Time_Directive) [2] <http://bma.org.uk/practical-support-at-work/ewtd> [3] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/about/careers-medicine/pay-doctors>