

## INFORMATION FOR OVERSEAS ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS



### **National Academic Information Centre (NARIC)**

The UK NARIC is the National Agency for the Department for Education and Skills (DfES). They are the only official information provider on the comparability of international qualifications from over 180 countries worldwide.

**You can check your qualifications are equivalent to UK qualifications by contacting NARIC**  
[www.naric.org.uk](http://www.naric.org.uk)

### **Biomedical/Clinical Scientists**

Any person holding an overseas Biomedical Science qualification needs to apply to the **Health Professions Council (HPC)**:



#### **Health Professions Council**

Park House  
184 Kennington Park Road  
London  
SE11 4BU  
Tel: 020 7582 0866  
Email: [International@hpc-uk.org](mailto:International@hpc-uk.org)  
[www.hpc-uk.org](http://www.hpc-uk.org)

#### **Institute of Biomedical Science**

12 Coldbath Square  
London  
EC1R 5HL  
Tel: 020 7713 0214  
[www.ibms.org](http://www.ibms.org)

#### **Association of Medical Laboratory Assistants**

12 Coldbath Square  
London  
EC1R 5HL  
Tel: 020 7713 8050  
[www.amlauk.org](http://www.amlauk.org)

#### **Society for General Microbiology**

[www.socgenmicrobiol.org.uk](http://www.socgenmicrobiol.org.uk)

#### **British Society for Immunology**

[www.immunology.org](http://www.immunology.org)

#### **British Society for Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics**

[www.bshi.org.uk](http://www.bshi.org.uk)

#### **Association of Clinical Embryologists**

[www.ivf.net/ace](http://www.ivf.net/ace)

#### **Association of Clinical Cytogeneticists**

[www.cytogenetics.org.uk](http://www.cytogenetics.org.uk)

#### **Association of Clinical Biochemists**

[www.acb.org.uk](http://www.acb.org.uk)

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### **Cardiac Physiologists**

There is currently a delay to the regulation of cardiac physiologists. At present there is only a voluntary registration in process with the RCCP.

#### **Registration Council Clinical Physiologists (RCCP)**

[www.rccp.co.uk](http://www.rccp.co.uk)

RCCP Administration  
Suite 4, Sovereign House  
Gate Lane  
Boldmere  
Sutton Coldfield  
Birmingham B73 5TT  
Tel: 0845 226 3064 (calls charged at local rate)  
or: 0121 354 8998

#### **British Society of Echocardiography (BSE)**

Docklands Business Centre  
10-16 Tiller Road  
London  
E14 8PX  
Tel: 020 7345 5185  
Fax: 020 7345 5186  
[www.bsecho.org](http://www.bsecho.org)

### **Occupational Therapists**

Any person holding an overseas occupational therapy qualification needs to apply to the **Health Professions Council (HPC)**:



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[www.hpc-uk.org](http://www.hpc-uk.org)

#### **British Association of Occupational Therapists**

Joining the BAOT as an overseas member is a good way to keep informed of the UK OT procedures and code of conduct  
[www.baot.org.uk](http://www.baot.org.uk)

#### **British Association of Occupational Therapists/College of Occupational Therapists**

106-114 Borough High Street  
Southwark  
London  
SE1 1LB  
Tel (Careers Info): 020 7450 2332  
[www.cot.co.uk](http://www.cot.co.uk)

Annual Income

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Figures are intended as a guideline only.

A newly qualified occupational therapist can earn between £19,200 and £24,800 a year.  
Team managers and advanced therapists can earn around £36,500.

### **Operating Department Practitioners**

Operating department practitioners (ODPs) were previously known as operating department assistants (ODAs). They care for theatre patients before, during and after surgery.

Any person holding an overseas ODP qualification needs to apply to the **Health Professions Council (HPC)**:



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Email: [International@hpc-uk.org](mailto:International@hpc-uk.org)  
[www.hpc-uk.org](http://www.hpc-uk.org)

#### **College of Operating Department Practitioners**

197-199 City Road  
London  
EC1V 1JN  
Tel: 0870 746 0984  
[www.aodp.org](http://www.aodp.org)

### **Pharmacists**

Any person holding an overseas pharmacy qualification needs to apply to the **Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain (RPSGB)**:

#### **Europe**

If you qualified in one of the 25 member states of the European Community, becoming recognised in the UK is relatively simple. You will need to complete a detailed application to the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain. A more detailed explanation of the requirements and process is available from [www.rpsgb.org.uk](http://www.rpsgb.org.uk)

#### **Australia, New Zealand, Northern Ireland**

If you are qualified in any of these countries, the procedure has, historically, been relatively straightforward. However, the rules affecting Australia and New Zealand changed from June 2006. Advice is available from the RPSGB by calling 00 44 207 572 2317 or via e-mail [overseas@rpsgb.org.uk](mailto:overseas@rpsgb.org.uk)

#### **All Other Countries**

Pharmacists registered in other countries will need to complete an application and will have their registration reviewed by committee. Depending upon your qualifications and experience, you may be required to attend a 1 year conversion course and a subsequent pre registration training year.

A work permit will also be required but pharmacy is considered a severe shortage occupation in the UK so this is not usually an issue once you are registered with the RPSGB and have a firm offer of employment. Full details are available from [www.workingintheuk.gov.uk](http://www.workingintheuk.gov.uk)

#### **Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain**

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1 Lambeth High Street  
London  
SE1 7JN  
Tel: 020 7735 9141  
[www.rpsgb.org.uk](http://www.rpsgb.org.uk)

### **Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland**

73 University Street  
Belfast  
BT7 1HL  
Tel: 028 9032 6927  
[www.dotpharmacy.com/psni/](http://www.dotpharmacy.com/psni/)

### **The Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland**

18 Shrewsbury Road  
Ballsbridge, Dublin 4  
Ireland  
Tel: + 353 1 2184000  
Fax: + 353 1 2837678  
Email: [info@pharmaceuticalsociety.ie](mailto:info@pharmaceuticalsociety.ie)

### **Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABPI)**

12 Whitehall  
London  
SW1A 2DY  
Tel: 020 7930 3477  
[www.abpi.org.uk](http://www.abpi.org.uk)  
[www.abpi-careers.org.uk](http://www.abpi-careers.org.uk)

### **National Pharmaceutical Association (NPA)**

Training Dept  
Mallinson House  
38-42 St Peters Street  
St Albans  
Hertfordshire  
AL1 3NP  
Tel: 01727 832161  
[www.npa.co.uk](http://www.npa.co.uk)

#### **Annual Income**

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Newly qualified pharmacists can expect to earn between £19,200 and £25,000.  
Experienced pharmacists can expect to earn around £35,000.  
Specialists and consultants can earn between £35,000 and £73,000.

Industrial pharmacists can start at around £22,000 and can earn over £60,000.

## **Pharmacy Technicians**

### **Association of Pharmacy Technicians**

4th Floor  
1 Mabledon Place  
London  
WC1H 9AJ  
Tel: 020 7551 1551  
[www.aptuk.org](http://www.aptuk.org)

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**Pharmacy technicians** in the NHS can earn between £16,500 and £19,700 a year.  
With experience, technicians can earn up to £24,800.  
Specialist technicians based in hospitals can earn up to £31,000.

### **Physiotherapists**

Any person holding an overseas physiotherapy qualification needs to apply to the **Health Professions Council (HPC)**:

#### **UK Registration:**



#### **Health Professions Council**

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[www.hpc-uk.org](http://www.hpc-uk.org)

#### **Chartered Society of Physiotherapy**

14 Bedford Row  
London  
WC1R 4ED  
Tel: 020 7306 6666  
[www.csp.org.uk](http://www.csp.org.uk)

#### **Annual Income**

Figures are intended as a guideline only.

The starting salary for a qualified physiotherapist in the NHS is between £19,200 and £24,800.  
Specialist physiotherapists can earn around £31,000.  
Team managers and advanced physiotherapists can earn up to £36,400.

Salaries in the private sector may be similar or more than in the NHS.

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### **Radiographers**

Any person holding an overseas radiography (diagnostic/therapeutic) qualification needs to apply to the **Health Professions Council (HPC)**:



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Email: [International@hpc-uk.org](mailto:International@hpc-uk.org)  
[www.hpc-uk.org](http://www.hpc-uk.org)

**Society of Radiographers**  
<http://www.sor.org/>

#### **Annual Income (Figures are intended as a guideline only)**

A radiographer in the NHS can earn between £19,000 and £25,000 a year.  
With experience this can rise to around £31,000.  
Sonographers and radiography team leaders can earn £37,000.  
Consultant radiographers can earn up to £61,000.

### **Other Allied Health Professionals**

#### **Paramedics:**

#### **Ambulance Service Association**

The Ambulance Service Association represents all 39 NHS ambulance services in England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man, Gibraltar, Guernsey and Jersey. It is not possible to become an individual member of the ASA - the ambulance trust you work for is a corporate member.

Address: Friars House, 157-168 Blackfriars Road, London SE1 8EZ. Tel: 0207 928 9620. Fax: 0207 928 9502.  
Email: [reception@usa.uk.net](mailto:reception@usa.uk.net)

[www.asa.uk.net](http://www.asa.uk.net)

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### **Music Therapists:**

#### **Association of Professional Music Therapists**

The Association of Professional Music Therapists is the professional body of music therapists who have undertaken a recognised post-graduate training course. Music Therapy became a state registered profession in 1999 and the association holds a register of practising music therapists.

Address: 26 Hamlyn Road, Glastonbury, Somerset BA6 8HT.

Tel/Fax: 01458 834 919.

Email: [APMTOffice@aol.com](mailto:APMTOffice@aol.com)

[www.apmt.org](http://www.apmt.org)

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### **Art Therapists:**

#### **British Association of Art Therapists**

BAAT is the professional organisation for art therapists in the United Kingdom and has its own code of ethics of professional practice. It maintains a directory of qualified art therapists and works to promote art therapy in the UK.

Address: 5 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9SN.

Tel: 0207 383 3774.

Fax: 0207 387 5513.

E-mail: [baat@ukgateway.net](mailto:baat@ukgateway.net)

[www.baat.org](http://www.baat.org)

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### **Drama Therapists:**

#### **British Association for Dramatherapists**

The BAD is the professional body that represents dramatherapists and their professional practice. (Their website is still in development stage.)

Address: 41 Broomhouse Lane, Hurlingham, London SW6 3DP.

Tel: 0207 731 0160.

[www.badth.org.uk](http://www.badth.org.uk)

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### **Prosthetics and Orthotic Technicians:**

#### **British Association of Prosthetists & Orthotists**

BAPO is the only UK professional body that represents prosthetists, orthotists and associated professionals and almost 100% of the profession are members.

Address: Sir James Clark Building, Abbey Mill Business Centre, Paisley PA1 1TJ.

Tel: 0141 561 7217.

Fax: 0141 561 7218.

Email: [admin@bapo.com](mailto:admin@bapo.com)

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[www.bapo.com](http://www.bapo.com)

### **British and Irish Orthoptic Society**

The professional association for those working in orthoptics. The BIOS is affiliated to the Trades Union Congress.

Address: Tavistock House North, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9HX.

Tel: 020 7387 7992.

Fax: 020 7387 2584.

E-mail: [bos@ortoptics.org.uk](mailto:bos@ortoptics.org.uk)

[/www.Britishorthopticsociety.co.uk](http://www.Britishorthopticsociety.co.uk)

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### **Dieticians:**

#### **British Dietetic Association**

The British Dietetic Association is a professional association with more than 5000 members. Most are qualified dietitians holding a degree or postgraduate diploma recognised for registration by the Health Professions Council. The BDA is affiliated to the Trades Union Congress.

Address: 5th Floor, Charles House, 148/149 Great Charles Street, Queensway, Birmingham B3 3HT.

Tel: 0121 200 8080.

Fax: 0121 200 8081.

Email: [info@bda.uk.com](mailto:info@bda.uk.com)

[www.bda.uk.com](http://www.bda.uk.com)

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### **Speech Therapists:**

#### **Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists**

The college is the professional body for speech and language therapists. Membership is open to all speech and language therapists qualified in the UK and Ireland.

Address: 2 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX.

Tel: 020 7378 1200.

Fax: 020 7403 7254.

Email: [info@rcslt.org.uk](mailto:info@rcslt.org.uk)

[www.rcslt.org.uk](http://www.rcslt.org.uk)

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### **Podiatrists:**

#### **Society of Chiropodists and Podiatrists (SCP)**

The majority of the Society's members are practising state registered chiropodists/podiatrists working in both the public and private health care sectors in clinical, educational or managerial capacities in the United Kingdom. The SCP is affiliated to the Trades Union Congress.

Address: 1 Fellmongers Path, Tower Bridge Road, London SE1 3LY.

Tel: 020 7234 8620.

Email: [enq@scpod.org](mailto:enq@scpod.org)

[www.scpod.org](http://www.scpod.org)