

Paramedics

Paramedics respond to emergency call-outs and give people life-saving medical help.

Average salary (a year)



£25,655

£39,027

Starter

Experienced

Typical hours (a week)



36 to 38

a week

You could work



evenings / weekends /
bank holidays
on shifts

Different routes to get this job

(check the website for entry requirements)

- a university course
- an apprenticeship
- working towards this role
- apply for a trainee scheme

Skills and knowledge

You'll need:

- knowledge of healthcare and medicine
- sensitivity and understanding
- customer service skills
- patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- excellent verbal communication skills
- knowledge of public safety and security
- to be flexible and open to change
- the ability to work well with others
- to be able to use a computer and the main software packages competently

Day-to-day tasks

In this role you'll:

- respond to emergency calls
- assess situations when you arrive and check details with others at the scene, like the police
- work calmly and quickly to stabilise patients
- use a defibrillator to revive patients
- give patients medicines and injections
- help to deliver babies
- attend non-emergency calls and decide whether patients need to go to hospital
- check equipment regularly and keep accurate records
- reassure family and members of the public who are on the scene

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