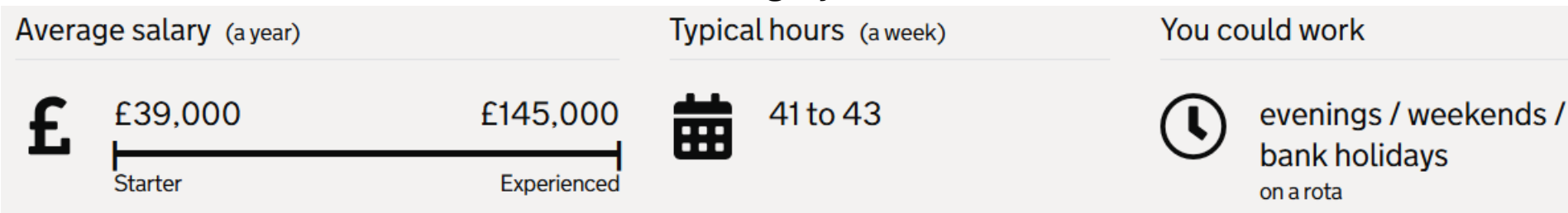


Anaesthetists

Anaesthetists are doctors who give anaesthetics to patients before, during and after surgery.



Different routes to get this job

(check the website for entry requirements)

- a degree in medicine recognised by [the General Medical Council](#)
- a 2-year foundation programme of general training
- specialist training which can take up to 8 years

Skills and knowledge

- the ability to use your judgement and make decisions
- knowledge of medicine
- the ability to work well with your hands
- thinking and reasoning skills
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- excellent verbal communication skills
- the ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure
- patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- to be able to use a computer and the main software packages competently

Day-to-day tasks

- explain the risks and side effects of anaesthesia
- give anaesthetics and monitor patients during surgery
- help reduce pain after an operation or during childbirth
- manage chronic pain services
- help patients receiving specialist treatments