

Career of the week



Paramedic

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Paramedics (also known as EMT) deal with emergencies, giving people life-saving medical help.

Entry routes:

You'll usually need:

- foundation degree, diploma, or degree in paramedic science or paramedic practice
- to be registered with the relevant professional body in your country (like the Health and Care Professions Council in the UK, or the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency)
- a driving licence
- to pass a medical check
- a background check (usually arranged by the employer)

Paramedics salary:

£44,497 - £54,638

Working hours: You'll usually work 37.5 hours a week on shifts, including nights, weekends and bank holidays.

UK growth: +7.2% increase in 118,954 jobs from 2020-2035

West Midlands growth: +5.8% increase in 8,202 jobs from 2020-2035

Character virtues

courage, compassion, resilience, respect, communication, commitment

Key words

Checking, action, patient, resuscitate, surgical, breathing, medicine, injection, dressing, supporting, records