



JOB of the Week



Job name: Hospital Porter

Job description: Hospital porters move patients, equipment and medical supplies around a hospital.

Tasks you will undertake in the job: Your day-to-day tasks may include:

- move patients, in beds or wheelchairs, between wards and departments
- deliver clean linen to wards
- collect waste, some of which may be hazardous
- move furniture and medical equipment safely
- transfer files, specimen samples and pharmacy boxes to different parts of the hospital
- move deceased patients to the mortuary
- deal with post and parcels

Skills and knowledge you'll need:

- sensitivity and understanding
- patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- the ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure
- customer service skills
- the ability to work well with others
- to enjoy working with other people
- excellent verbal communication skills
- thinking and reasoning skills
- to be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device

Skills required for this job (core competencies):

Communication	Resilience	Organisation	Teamwork
Problem Solving	Initiative	Creativity	Digital literacy

Where Hospital Porters work:

You could work an NHS or private hospital. You may need to wear a uniform. You will need an enhanced DBS

Career Path and Progression:

With experience, you could progress to team leader or supervisor. You may need to have, or be working towards, qualifications in supervision and management.

You could also move into a related role like the ambulance service, healthcare assistant work, or nursing.

Salary: Hospital porters can expect to earn approximately between £18 000 - £21 000 a year



Working hours: You'll typically work a 40 – 42 hour week, though working hours and workloads may vary. Hospital porters may work in the evenings, at weekends and on Bank Holidays

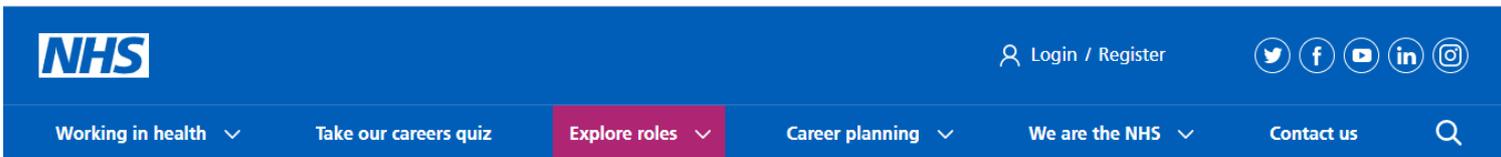
Qualifications to become a Hospital Porter: You can get into this job through: You can get into this job through applying directly

Volunteering:

You may find it useful to get voluntary experience in a hospital or a care home. You can contact the voluntary services co-ordinator or manager at your local NHS trust for more details.

Direct Application:

You can apply directly to get into this job. Work experience in a healthcare setting will be useful though not essential. You'll normally need a good standard of literacy and numeracy. Some employers may ask for GCSEs in English and maths, or equivalent qualifications. It might help if you have a manual handling or health and safety certificate, although your employer will train you on these when you start.



How the NHS view the role of Hospital Porters:

“Porters are the heartbeat of NHS hospitals, making sure crucial goods and items are delivered where they are needed most. They are also make sure patients are at the right place at the right time to get the treatment they need”.



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