

A Short Guide to Working in the United Kingdom

The following points are intended as a guide for respiratory/sleep physiologists who may be considering gaining employment in the United Kingdom.

1. Join ARTP

ARTP is the professional body representing practitioners who work in respiratory and sleep physiology. Visit www.artp.org.uk for information on becoming a member of ARTP / ARTP Sleep. Membership of ARTP offers many benefits, allow you to network with colleagues, attend training courses at discounted rates and to receive email notifications of any jobs advertised by ARTP.

2. Ensure you CV is up to date

Ensure your curriculum vitae (CV) is up to date, and gives details of your skills, experience and qualifications in respiratory/sleep physiology.

3. Search for jobs

There are many websites showing details of current vacancies in respiratory/sleep physiology in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, including:

www.artp.org.uk

www.jobs.nhs.uk

www.jobs.scot.nhs.uk

www.hscrecruit.com

<http://v2.hscrecruit.com/>

If you are looking for agency/locum work, there are several agencies operating within the UK.

You may wish to contact respiratory/sleep departments directly to enquire about vacancies. A list of respiratory / sleep departments can be found within the member's section of the ARTP website (www.artp.org.uk).

4. Gain Registration

Gaining registration as a physiologist/scientist will highlight that you meet high standards of practice required and will reinforce your job applications. Many job specifications may ask for registration.

Registration is currently available via two bodies, and more information can be found on their respective websites:

(a) *Registration Council for Clinical Physiologists* (www.rccp.co.uk)

If you are educated and trained outside of the UK, but working as a clinical physiologist in the UK, you will need to complete the “Standard Entry form”, where your application will be reviewed. You may also gain “Provisional Acceptance”, if you are currently not resident in the UK. More details can be found at:

<https://www.rccp.co.uk/documents/10c.%20Guidance%20for%20International%20Applicants.pdf>

(b) *Academy for Healthcare Science* (www.ahcs.ac.uk)

The AHCS Certificate of Equivalence is for individuals already working in Healthcare Science in the UK, EU or overseas who wish to register as a Clinical Scientist or Healthcare Science Practitioner. Further details can be found at:

<http://www.ahcs.ac.uk/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/AHCS-Equivalence-PTP-and-STP-leaflet-feb-2015.pdf>

5. More information

There are many useful websites that can give you advice, including information about UK Visa’s and immigration. These include:

www.gov.uk

www.tuc.org.uk

www.jobs.nhs.uk/advice/overseas_cand.html

www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/i-am/outside-uk

We hope this information has been useful. If you require any further information, please email admin@artp.org.uk, and your enquiry will be passed onto the ARTP Workforce Committee who will respond promptly.

Alternatively, if you have gained employment in the UK and would like to share any further valuable tips that we can share, please send them to us.

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