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Cardiac radiographer jobs involve using imaging technology such as x-ray and ultrasound machines to look inside a patient's body to find causes of illness. The images that you collect are used to help in the diagnosis and subsequent treatment of illnesses and injuries. As a cardiac radiographer, you will be specialising in helping patients with heart-related problems.

Nearly 90% of all people working as a cardiac radiographer in the UK are employed by the NHS. You will likely be part of a hospital's radiology and imaging departments. However, a growing number of cardiac radiographer employers can also be found in GP surgeries and private clinics.

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What do Cardiac Radiographer jobs involve? $\, imes \,$

Cardiac radiographer jobs are a highly specialised role featuring a variety of different tasks. You will likely be required to work shifts, which many include evenings, nights and weekends. Specific duties may differ depending on your level and the size of the department you are working in. However, general duties are likely to include:

- Performing radiographic examinations to produce high-quality images
- Being responsible for patients and their safety when in your care
- Ensuring equipment is always safe and operational
- Supporting patients and providing information regarding radiation doses

What qualifications & skills do I need to be a Cardiac Radiographer? $\, \sim \,$

Cardiac radiographer jobs are highly specialised and play an important role in the effective treatment of patients suffering from heart conditions. Therefore, you will be required to be fully qualified before applying for this role. You must successfully complete an approved undergraduate or postgraduate radiography course. However, if you already have a degree, such as in a science or health-related subject, you may be able to apply for an accelerated post-graduate course.

In addition to having all necessary training and qualifications, cardiac radiographer employers look for candidates with specific skill sets, including:

- Strong observational skills
- Caring patient manner
- Self-motivation and ability to work under pressure
- Good IT skills and confidence using technologies

Cardiac Radiographer career prospects $\, imes \,$

Cardiac radiographer jobs can provide excellent career prospects. Once qualified and with some experience, you will have many opportunities to work your way up to more senior-level clinical and management roles. This is particularly true if working for the NHS. As you gain more experience, you may be given more responsibilities, including more clinical management of patients. Starting salaries for cardiac radiographer jobs are generally good, with wages being around $\pm 32,000$. With experience, those working as a cardiac radiographer can earn up to around $\pm 69,000$ a year.

The pros and cons of being a Cardiac Radiographer $\, \sim \,$

There are numerous pros and cons to cardiac radiographer jobs. The role can be very rewarding, with you helping to make a real difference to people's lives on a daily basis. You will be a respected member of a

healthcare facility, with your work and opinions highly valued. Salaries are strong and you will likely have many opportunities to progress to more senior-level positions.

However, the role can also be demanding. You will also need to study for a long period before you can qualify for this position. Furthermore, cardiac radiographer employers will expect you to be an expert in your field, including keeping up to date with the latest techniques and technologies related to your field. The job can also be emotional in that you will be dealing with some patients who are very sick. Long hours and the dangers of working with radiation are other issues that can cause problems for some people.

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