

# Job of The Week

## Anaesthetist

### Key Skills

- 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

### Salary

£39,000 - £145,000

### Working hours

41 – 43 per week  
Evenings/weekends/bank  
holidays  
On a rota

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## Entry Tests

When you apply for a course in medicine, you may be asked to take the [University Clinical Aptitude Test \(UCAT\)](#).

It tests the skills you'll need on the course, like critical thinking, problem solving, data analysis, communication and scientific knowledge.

## University

To become an anaesthetist, you'll need to complete:

- 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

## Entry requirements

You'll usually need:

- 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A\* to C), or equivalent, including English, Maths, and Science
- 3 A levels, or equivalent, including Biology and Chemistry

## Apprenticeship

You might be able to do a doctor degree apprenticeship which will take around 5 years to complete.

The apprenticeship is recognised by the [General Medical Council](#).

You could then progress to the foundation course of general training before completing the specialist training.



## Career path and progression

With experience, you could become a consultant anaesthetist

- Lead or manage an anaesthesia department
- Teach medical students, trainee doctors, nurses, midwives and paramedics
- Become a senior consultant if you have a lot of experience and you're on the [General Medical Council specialist register](#)

## 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

## Working conditions

You could work in an NHS or private hospital.  
Your working environment may be physically and emotionally demanding.  
You may need to wear a uniform.



# Labour Market Information

In the Careers section of the school website you can find the useful comparison tool the 'Labour Market Information widget'.

Use the widget to compare different job roles in any employment sector or relating specifically to the 'Job of the Week'.

Specialist medical practitioners	Medical and dental technicians	Generalist medical practitioners
<p>Weekly Pay <b>£1,310</b></p> <p>Hours/Week <b>42h</b></p> <p>Annual Pay <b>£68,120</b></p> <p>Hourly Pay <b>£31</b></p>	<p>Weekly Pay <b>£490</b></p> <p>Hours/Week <b>33h</b></p> <p>Annual Pay <b>£25,480</b></p> <p>Hourly Pay <b>£15</b></p>	<p>Weekly Pay <b>£1,160</b></p> <p>Hours/Week <b>42h</b></p> <p>Annual Pay <b>£60,320</b></p> <p>Hourly Pay <b>£28</b></p>
<p><b>Workforce Change</b> (projected)</p> <p>Growth <b>8.6%</b></p> <p>The workforce is projected to grow by 8.6% over the period to 2035, creating 16,700 jobs.</p>	<p><b>Workforce Change</b> (projected)</p> <p>Growth <b>8.9%</b></p> <p>The workforce is projected to grow by 8.9% over the period to 2035, creating 3,000 jobs.</p>	<p><b>Workforce Change</b> (projected)</p> <p>Growth <b>8.6%</b></p> <p>The workforce is projected to grow by 8.6% over the period to 2035, creating 17,300 jobs.</p>
<p>You might find this job in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health</li> <li>Social work</li> <li>Real estate</li> <li>Residential care</li> <li>Membership organisations</li> </ul>	<p>You might find this job in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health</li> </ul>	<p>You might find this job in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health</li> <li>Public admin. &amp; defence</li> <li>Education</li> <li>Services to buildings</li> <li>Membership organisations</li> </ul>
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## Specialist medical practitioners

Specialist medical practitioners specialise in particular areas of modern medicine, diagnose mental and physical injuries, disorders and diseases within their specialism, prescribe and give treatment, recommend preventative action, and conduct medical education and research activities

### Common tasks in this job:

- examines patient, arranges for any necessary x-rays or other tests and interprets results
- diagnoses condition and prescribes and/or administers appropriate treatment/surgery
- administers medical tests and inoculations against communicable diseases
- supervises patient's progress and advises on diet, exercise and other preventative action

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## Medical and dental technicians

Medical and dental technicians operate, calibrate and maintain cardiographic and encephalographic testing equipment, assist in the conduct of post mortems, give simple dental treatments, fit artificial limbs and hearing aids, and undertake a wide range of related medical and dental tasks.

### Common tasks in this job:

- operates equipment to diagnose and record or treat hearing, heart, brain, lung and kidney ailments
- undertakes scaling and polishing of teeth, applies medicaments, carries out post-operative hygiene work and advises on preventative dentistry
- makes dentures, crowns, bridges, orthodontic and other dental appliances according to individual patient requirements
- measures patients for, and fits them with, surgical appliances, hearing aids and artificial limbs

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## Generalist medical practitioners

Generalist medical practitioners diagnose mental and physical injuries, disorders and diseases, prescribe and give treatment, recommend preventative action, and conduct medical education and research activities. They work in hospitals or in general practice and, where necessary, refer the patient to a specialist.

### Common tasks in this job:

- examines patient, arranges for any necessary x-rays or other tests and interprets results
- diagnoses condition and prescribes and/or administers appropriate treatment
- administers medical tests and inoculations against communicable diseases
- supervises patient's progress and advises on diet, exercise and other preventative action

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## Useful Websites

[Step into the NHS | help young people discover NHS careers](#)

[Careers in healthcare and frontline services - Careers - BBC Bitesize](#)

[How to become an anaesthetist](#)

Take a look at these short videos for inspiration...



[Meet Nish, an anaesthetist](#)



[Anaesthetist Day In The Life](#)



[Career advice on becoming a consultant anaesthetist](#)