

## 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](http://www.artp.org.uk) for information on becoming a member of the ARTP. 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 your 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](http://www.artp.org.uk)

[www.jobs.nhs.uk](http://www.jobs.nhs.uk)

[jobs.scot.nhs.uk](http://jobs.scot.nhs.uk)

[www.hscrecruit.com](http://www.hscrecruit.com)

[jobs.hscni.net](http://jobs.hscni.net)

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](http://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 the *Academy for Healthcare Science* ([www.ahcs.ac.uk](http://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. Achieving equivalence will gain you entry onto the HCPC (Health and Care Professions Council) register as a Clinical Scientist. If you are educated and trained outside

of the UK, but working as a Clinical Scientist in the UK, you may be eligible to go onto the HCPC register via the international application route. Further details can be found at:

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

[www.hcpc-uk.org/registration/getting-on-the-register/international-applications/](http://www.hcpc-uk.org/registration/getting-on-the-register/international-applications/)

## **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](http://www.gov.uk)

[www.tuc.org.uk](http://www.tuc.org.uk)

[www.jobs.nhs.uk/advice/overseas\\_cand.html](http://www.jobs.nhs.uk/advice/overseas_cand.html)

[www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/i-am/outside-uk](http://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/i-am/outside-uk)

Hints and tips from members who have been through this process:

- Register with agencies and start with short term locum jobs to get some experience and understand how different services work and are organized.
- Get as much experience as possible before thinking about coming to the UK and translate proof of it such as recommendations.
- Have a defined objective or route for your career (In terms of specialization)
- Translate and certify every document to support your training and experience
- Look at AHCS and HCPC in advance to understand where you fit and start the registration as soon as possible
- Be aware of the NHS system of roles and what each band entails; such as the difference in what is required of a newly qualified band 5 and how much experience is required for a band 6 etc so you know which jobs to apply for.

We hope this information has been useful. If you require any further information, please email [admin@artp.org.uk](mailto: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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