# JOB OF THE WEEK



## PARAMEDIC

Most paramedics work for NHS ambulance services. You'll deal with a range of situations, from minor wounds and substance misuse to serious injuries from fires and major road, rail and industrial accidents.

- Skills
- ✓ Driving skills & driving license
- ✓ Ability to act well under pressure
- ✓ Empathy & compassion
- Practical skills and understand the need to follow procedures
- ✓ Excellent verbal communication skills



Salary UK starting salary £25,655.

#### Routes

You'll need a foundation degree, diploma of higher education (DipHE) or degree in paramedic science or paramedic practice. You can now do an apprenticeship to become a qualified paramedic, this takes 4 years to become fully qualified.

### Related Careers

Emergency Medical Dispatcher Emergency Care Assistant



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## Working Hours

You'll usually work 37.5 hours a week on shifts, including nights, weekends and bank holidays. You'll wear a uniform including protective clothing. You'll work on an ambulance, or as a specialist you may work on your own, using a car, motorbike or bicycle.



#### Labour Market West Midlands growth + 14.8% by 2027