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# Biomedical Scientist

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[Biomedical Scientist \(gov.wales\)](https://gov.wales/biomedical-scientist)



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# Qualifications Required

## HNC/HND, NVQ 4 or 5 up to Degree, NVQ 6

For entry to an accredited degree course, the usual minimum requirement is:

- Three A levels, including biology and chemistry
- GCSEs at grade C/4 and above in your A level subjects
- A further 2/3 GCSEs (A\*-C or 9-4), including English and maths

Alternatives to A levels include:

- BTEC level 3 qualifications
- The International Baccalaureate Diploma

To get onto a Higher-Level Apprenticeship, you will need at least two A levels, or an Advanced Level Apprenticeship.

Some universities accept the Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate as equivalent to one A level.



# Skills and Qualities

To become a Biomedical Scientist, you'll need:

- A high level of scientific knowledge
- The ability to use hi-tech laboratory equipment
- IT skills
- Organisational skills to run several investigations at the same time and to handle large amounts of data
- Communication and teamwork skills to advise and support Doctors and other medical staff
- Patience, concentration, attention to detail and a thorough approach to your work



## Entry Routes



To become a Biomedical Scientist, you must usually have an honours degree in biomedical science that is accredited by the Institute of Biomedical Science (IBMS).

These courses are usually approved for registration with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC). You must register with the HCPC to work as a Biomedical Scientist in the UK.

A Higher Level Apprenticeship is also a great place to start. Take a look at our information article 'Apprenticeships – How do I apply', for more details about applying for apprenticeship positions.

A great way to get into this career is through an internship. Take a look at our information article 'Internships', for more details.





# Salary

The pay rates given below are approximate.

Biomedical Scientists will be on NHS Salary Bands 5 - 9, depending on their role and responsibility:

- Starting - Band 5: £24,907 - £30,615
- With experience - Band 7: £38,890 - £44,503
- Senior Biomedical Scientists - Band 9: £91,004 - £104,927



Salaries in the private sector roughly follow the NHS levels.



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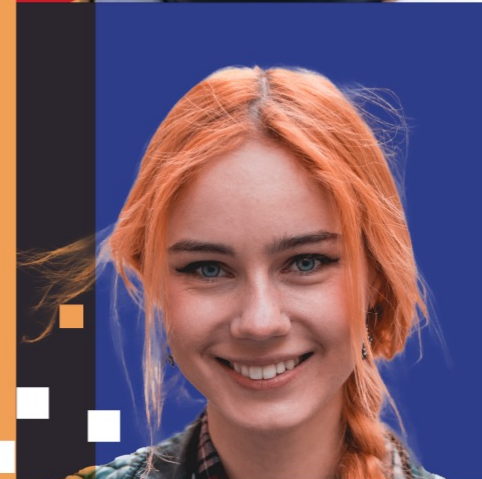


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