

DIETICIAN

Registered Dieticians are experts in food and health, able to explain scientific information in a way that everyone can understand. Dieticians advise people about making positive changes to their diets, monitor and record their progress. Most Dieticians are employed in the NHS, but may also work in the food industry, education, research and on a freelance basis

INDUSTRY REQUIREMENTS

To work as a Dietician, you must be registered with the Health Professions Council (HPC). This means first obtaining either a BSc in dietetics or a postgraduate qualification, if your first degree is in an appropriate subject. Courses must be approved by the HPC. Both the 4-year university degree course and the 2-year postgraduate course - involve theory and practice.

REGISTRATION WITH A PROFESSIONAL BODY

The job title of Dietician is protected by law. Anyone, wishing to practice as a Dietician in this country must be registered with the HPC. Only EEA workers will be offered a period of adaptation training. Non EEA workers must submit their qualifications to HPC to apply for registration.

WORK PERMITS (UK) TREATMENT

B&C: Caseworkers must accurately assess whether the post on offer is that of a Dietician (not a nutritionist) by studying the job title, job description and the skills/experience that the employer requires a worker to have.

Dieticians:

- Dieticians must hold a recognised degree or postgraduate diploma in nutrition and dietetics
- fulfilling both a therapeutic and preventative role;
- working with 'ill' people and healthy people;
- mainly working on a one-to-one basis.

Nutritionists:

- fulfilling a mainly preventative role;
- Anyone may call themselves a nutritionist without having substantial scientific training.
- working with healthy people;
- mainly working with groups.

Caseworkers should note that HPC registered dieticians, are currently listed as a shortage occupation.

TWES Training: This occupation is not suitable for TWES training as only fully qualified HPC registered Dieticians meet work permit criteria.

TWES Work Experience: The job may be suitable for TWES work experience if the work permit arrangement criteria are complied with.

DIETETIC ASSISTANTS

Dietetic assistant's positions will be found in some Trusts. They work under the direct supervision of a registered dietician. They do not meet work permit criteria as a dietician.

This occupation may be suitable for TWES training or work experience, if they are following an HPC approved course and meet all aspects of the work permit criteria.

SALARY

Dietician/4 year Graduate Entrant	From £19,525 to £21,073
Sen II	£20,222 to £25,166
Sen II (dp)	£26,328 to £26,911
Sen I and Chief IV	£24,015 to £28,268
Sen I (dp)	£29,053 to £29,460
Chief III	£27,499 to £29,858
Chief III with (dp)	£30,864 to £31,401
District Chief II	From £31,917 to £35,195
District Chief I	From £34,195 to £38,900
District Senior Chief	From £36,320 to £40,191
AHP Consultants	From £37,331 to £51,344

(dp) = Including Discretionary Points, payable beyond the top end of the scale.

London Allowance from April 2005

Inner London £3,552 pa

Outer London £2,775 pa

Fringe Zone £777 pa

Salaries in the private sector are broadly comparable to those in the public sector.

ADVERTISING

The occupation of Dietician is on the shortage occupation list; therefore advertising criteria may be waived.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The British Dietetic Association: 5th Floor, Charles House, 148/149 Great Charles Street, Queensway, Birmingham, B3 3HT Tel: 0121 200 8080 Fax: 0121 200 8081 Email: info@bda.uk.com Website: www.bda.uk.com

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HPC Registration Department, Tel: 0845 3004 472 (08:30 to 17:30) Fax: 0207 840 9801, E-Mail: registration@hpc-uk.org,