

JOB OF THE WEEK

What is it?

Audiologist – Audiologists work with children and adults who suffer from hearing loss, tinnitus, or have problems with balance. You could work in an NHS or private hospital or in a therapy clinic. You can get into this job through a university course or an apprenticeship.

Day to day tasks

- decide on the best way to test a patient's hearing
- check hearing and adapt tests to suit the patient's age and ability
- look into any related medical, physical or emotional symptoms patients have
- fit, test or repair hearing aids
- provide ongoing support and aftercare to patients
- Interpreting hearing test results
- Training and counselling patients in the use of various listening devices
- Selecting and fitting hearing aids and cochlear implants

Qualifications

5 or more GCSEs – grades 9 – 6 including English, Maths and a Science
2 or 3 A levels, or equivalent, including a science.

Salary

Starting salary for audiologists are typically between **£27,055 and £47,672.**

Jobs and labour market

The demand for audiologists in the UK has been growing due to several factors, including an aging population and increased awareness of hearing health. According to the Health Careers website, the number of audiology departments in the UK has expanded significantly in recent years, creating more employment opportunities for qualified professionals. **This means lots of jobs for audiologists**

Routes into the industry

You can get into this job through:

- Degree or equivalent university course
- A higher level apprenticeship

You will be required complete the NHS Practitioner Training Programme. [Practitioner Training Programme \(hee.nhs.uk\)](https://www.hee.nhs.uk)