Thinking about working in the UK as a Nurse or a Carer?

Here are the answers to all your questions.

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Q. How much does it cost to find work as a NURSE or a CARER in the UK?

A. A phone call or an email - NOTHING more!

Do you speak English?

Are you a qualified Nurse or someone looking for work caring for elderly or disabled folk?

If your answers are “Yes” there are well paid jobs waiting for you right now in the UK – all you have to do is make contact.

If you make that contact with ACQUA DOLCE LTD the process is entirely FREE.

ACQUA DOLCE LTD is a UK recruitment company operating within UK employment legislation – we do not charge fees to our candidates.

In fact, under EU legislation, nobody should be charging you to find work.

So, if another employment agency asks you for money we suggest you call or email us instead!
Q. What qualifications do I need to work as a CARER in the UK?

A. None (at least to start with!)

Ultimately, anyone working as a Carer in the UK needs to undertake a Health & Social Care Diploma which was previously known as an NVQ (National Vocational Qualification) in Care.

However, since the whole point of this Diploma training is that it is done in the workplace, it is possible to start work as a Carer with no qualifications and work towards your Diploma as you gain experience.

All UK employers in the care sector are required to ensure that their care staff have gained or are working towards appropriate qualifications so your employer will make sure that you are helped to achieve the necessary standards.

Q. What can I expect to earn as a CARER in the UK?

A. A typical average salary would be around £16,500 p.a. but rates vary around the country.

As with Nurses, a lot will depend on where in the country you are working. In Scotland or Wales, for example, you might earn less than the average but your living costs (especially accommodation) will be a good deal less than in London.
Q. What qualifications do I need to work as a NURSE in the UK?

A. A Pin number from the UK Nursing and Midwifery Council.

Broadly speaking, the qualifications of BULGARIAN and ROMANIAN nurses who completed their training after 1st January 2007 should receive automatic recognition from the NMC. For POLISH, CZECH, ESTONIAN, HUNGARIAN, LATVIAN, LITHUANIAN, SLOVAKIAN and SLOVENIAN nurses the recognition date is 1st May 2004. For all other EU / EEA countries the recognition dates vary from country to country but they are all pre 2004 and can be checked on the NMC website at www.nmc-uk.org.

If you gained your nursing qualification before these dates you would need to undertake a series of further training courses and exams before you could apply for an NMC Pin number. For this reason, most “pre 2007 / 2004” candidates come to work in the UK initially as Senior Carers rather than nurses and decide later as to whether they want to work towards gaining a Pin number.

For all “post 2007 / 2004” nurses, if you are seriously interested in working in the UK we strongly recommend that you start your NMC Pin number application as soon as possible as the process can take up to 8 weeks. Don’t worry – we can help you with all aspects of the application if required.

Q. What can I expect to earn as a NURSE in the UK?

A. A typical average salary would be around £25,000 p.a. but rates vary around the country.

The amount you can earn will vary according to the type of nursing job you are doing, how long you have been doing it and where you are located. Salaries in London and the South East of the UK are generally higher than elsewhere but living costs are also higher in this region. Wherever you are, nursing salaries are unlikely to be less than £21,000 p.a. and could be over £30,000.
Most UK employers recruiting from abroad understand that they will need to help incoming employees with accommodation. They will seek out rooms or apartments to rent as close as possible to your place of work at the best rates they can find. They will usually also help with rental deposits which they will pay in advance on your behalf and then deduct from your wages over a period of time.

Once again, the cost of accommodation will vary greatly around the country (guess what – London is more expensive!). Your total accommodation costs, which will include rent, utilities (gas / electric / water) and local Council tax, will be your biggest expenditure and will represent somewhere between 20% and 30% of your post-tax earnings.

Q. Where would I live and what would it cost?

A. Your UK employer will help to organise good value accommodation for you.

Q. There seems to be some “anti-immigration” feeling in the UK at the moment. Is this likely to affect me?

A. Probably not (as with anywhere else in the world, don’t believe everything you read in newspapers!)

The majority of UK citizens and businesses recognise a number of basic facts:

• There are thousands of job vacancies in the UK which - for many complicated reasons - are unlikely to be filled from local labour markets.

• Workers from other European countries have been successfully taking up these vacancies for many years and are generally recognised as extremely good employees – reliable, committed, hard-working.

• There is a huge difference between immigrants coming to the UK with employment already arranged and those without. The former will be making a positive contribution to the UK economy, including paying tax – they are not “benefits tourists.”
Q. OK, I’m interested. What do I do now?

A. Simply call or email us at the numbers below or contact us through this website. Please remember – it will only cost you a phone call or an email!

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