

Become a Peripatetic Occupational Health Technician

Frequently Asked Questions

How many miles would I be expected to travel in a one-week period?

The average amount of miles you will travel in 1 week is around 50 miles, but it could sometimes be 300+ miles depending on where you are located. The furthest travelling days are usually Mondays and Fridays as you will be travelling to site and then back to your home location. Travel time is calculated on how far away from your home location you are. When a hotel stay is needed, we endeavour to book a hotel a maximum of 10 miles from the site that has been allocated to you.

Will I be attending more than one location in a week?

Some weeks you can be at the same site Monday to Friday and others you may be at 5 different sites. On average, you will be asked to go to 2 different site locations a week.

Will my expenses be paid?

Yes. Whilst staying away from home you are provided £30 of subsistence per day, which is paid through our expense system on a weekly basis. Breakfast is automatically included with any hotel stay and is paid prior to your arrival. If you need to buy any additional items for the MMU (i.e. laptop stand, mops and bucket etc.) that will benefit your work, these items can also be expensed.

How often will I be away from home?

On average you will be away from home for 3-4 weeks at a time, but you could be away for as long as 7-8 weeks and then get 1-2 weeks at home. This largely depends on where you live in comparison to the client sites. Our admin team strive to allocate sites close to your home location when they can.

How much time will I spend driving?

The average travel time from your home location to site is 2 hours but during the week the distance from your hotel to site will be less than 10 miles. If the site is over 1.5 hours from your home, then a hotel stay will be advised. You may occasionally be asked to travel 3+ hours to site so please also be prepared for longer journeys.

How long do the appointments last?

Appointments vary from 15 to 90 minutes.

What do the schedules for a standard week look like?

This role is a Monday to Friday position. The schedule can vary to meet different site needs, but you will normally start at 9am and finish at 4:30pm. In that time you will have two 15-minute breaks and a 30-minute lunch break. If you are starting at a new site then travel time will be accounted for, e.g. for a 2-hour journey you may start at 11am. This also applies when travel is needed at the end of the day, leaving site early so you can finish at the agreed time.

How many client sites are there?

We deliver Health Surveillance programmes to around 130 clients with over 2500 sites across the UK and Ireland.

What can I expect when I get to a client site?

A site contact will be provided before your arrival so you can contact them if needed. The contact will meet you or send someone to assist you. If you have any issues, you can contact our admin team at any time.

What type of vehicle will I be driving?

Our Mobile Medical Units are long wheel-based vans.

Who looks after the vehicle maintenance?

Technicians are asked to perform a monthly check on their van and return a form back to HQ. If any issues occur with the vehicle, you will need to contact your team leader. The cleanliness of the MMU is the responsibility of the technician, an hour of your time each week is allocated for this.

What are the challenges that come with the role?

You will spend a lot of time away from home, often travelling long distances and lone working on site.

Will I be part of a team?

You will be assigned to one of our six teams of technicians. Anyone will be more than happy to help you with any issues you may have and if they are not able to answer your question, they will direct you to someone who can.

Are there any progression opportunities?

Technicians can progress through the technician structure from entry level technician, through to an advanced technician, deputy team leader and team leader.

What are the best parts of the role?

As an incredibly varied role, you will see new places, meet people from all backgrounds and no two days will ever be the same!

What tests will I be conducting on employees?

Tests vary depending on the employees' needs, but can include:

- Height
- Weight
- Blood pressure
- Blood glucose
- Cholesterol
- Far/near/field vision
- Muscle assessments
- Spirometry
- Audio
- Biological monitoring
- Chester Step Test

What training will be provided?

Training takes place over a three-week period and is a mixture of theory, shadowing, practical and e-learning.