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# Prosthetic support worker



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### About the role

Prosthetic support workers work with prosthetists to design, make and fit artificial limbs for patients. Prostheses are made from a wide range of materials, such as special plastics, metals, leather and carbon fibre.

**“I love working as a prosthetic support worker. It’s a really practical job. Making prostheses to help people get back their mobility is so rewarding.”**

*– Prosthetic support worker*

### Did you know?

Prosthetics services have been available in the NHS since 1948.<sup>(1)</sup> The word prosthetist comes from the Latin root ‘pros’, which means ‘to add’.

### → How to pursue this role:

To apply for a job as a prosthetic support worker, you’ll need a good standard of general education, including English and Maths. You can get into this career through:

1. direct application
2. a Modern Apprenticeship

### ☆ Top skills:

- design skills
- motivating people
- caring for people
- problem-solving skills
- communicating with people
- relationship-building skills
- attention to detail

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References:

1. British Association of Prosthetists and Orthotists, website accessed April 2020.