

# Call for Evidence

Minimum Salary Thresholds for Tier 2

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 Tier 2 of the Points Based System is the primary route for economic migration to the UK. Broadly, the route is for skilled workers from outside the European Economic Area (EEA) who have an offer of skilled employment in the UK.
- 1.2 There are four routes within Tier 2: Tier 2 (General), intra-company transfers, Tier 2 (Minister of Religion) and Tier 2 (Sportsperson). The Government has commissioned the Migration Advisory Committee (MAC) to review Tier 2 with a view to making recommendations about reducing migration to the UK. This commission is split into two parts:
  - i. early advice on Tier 2 salary thresholds by 21 July 2015;
  - ii. a wider review of Tier 2 by mid-December 2015.
- 1.3 This call for evidence relates to the salary thresholds advice. A separate call for evidence in relation to the wider Tier 2 review will be published by the MAC shortly. However, in order to allow partners additional time to prepare for this, the terms of the wider review are set out here.

### Wider Tier 2 review

- 1.4 The MAC is asked to advise on changes to Tier 2 to address concerns about the rising number of migrants in that route and reliance on them to fill shortages. This should include advice on the following:
  - (i) restricting Tier 2 (General) recruitment, compared with the current rules, to genuine skills shortages and highly specialist experts only. The MAC should consider how Tier 2 (General) and the shortage occupation list should be reformed to achieve this objective but with flexibility to include high value roles, key public service workers and those which require specialist skills. The MAC should advise on selection criteria such as, but not limited to, salaries, points for particular attributes, economic need and skills level, and whether such an approach should also operate in respect of intra-company transfers, and the position of those switching from Tier 4;
  - (ii) how to limit the length of time occupations can be classed as having shortages: what would be an appropriate maximum duration and should there be exceptions?
  - (iii) applying a skills levy to businesses recruiting from outside the EEA, the proceeds from which would fund apprenticeships in the UK. This should consider which businesses the levy should apply to and the impact of different levels of levy, balancing the need to maximise the incentive for employers to recruit and train UK

workers with the ability of businesses to access the skilled migrants they need;

- (iv) the impact, on Tier 2 numbers, the economy and the public finances, of restricting the automatic right of the dependants of Tier 2 visa holders to work on their Tier 2 dependant visa;
- (v) the scope to tighten the Tier 2 intra-company transfer (ICT) provisions and the impact this would have on business and the economy. The MAC is asked to review any aspects of the rules and operation of the ICT route, including its usage by companies to service business process outsourcing contracts with third parties. In addition, the MAC is asked to consider the case for applying the immigration health surcharge to ICTs.

### Salary thresholds advice

- 1.5 The MAC has also been asked to provide early advice on the economic rationale for and the impact on net migration of setting new minimum salary thresholds to ensure that Tier 2 migrants are not undercutting the resident labour force. The MAC is asked to consider the impact of:
- I. increasing the Tier 2 (General) minimum salary threshold of £20,800 and the Tier 2 (ICT) minimum salary thresholds of £24,800 for the short-term category and £41,500 for the long-term category to a level that better aligns with the salaries paid to highly-specialised experts or individuals filling skills shortages skilled to NQF level 6 or higher;*
  - II. increasing the Tier 2 minimum salaries per occupation for experienced workers from the 25th percentile to the 50th or 75th percentiles, or other appropriate measure;*
  - III. increasing the Tier 2 minimum salaries per occupation for new entrant workers from the 10th percentile to the 25th or 50th percentiles, or other appropriate measure.*
- 1.6 The MAC is asked to respond on salary thresholds in a separate piece of advice by **21 July 2015** – before summer recess. For both the salary thresholds and wider Tier 2 review, the MAC is asked to consider the regional impact of its recommendations.

## 2. Call for evidence

- 2.1 This call for evidence seeks the views and evidence from partners to help inform its response to the salary thresholds questions. This document sets out the type of information the MAC would find most helpful to receive and provides details of where to submit evidence. We would like to hear from any interested party. Please circulate this document to anyone you think may have an interest. It is also available on the MAC [website](#).

- 2.2 We are keen to discuss the questions set out in this document and hear your views.
- 2.3 If partners would like to meet with the MAC or its secretariat or can offer to host an event at which the MAC could engage with a number of partners, please contact the secretariat at [mac@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:mac@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk). The MAC would also be interested to hear about any upcoming meetings, conferences or forums which would provide good opportunities to engage with wider groups, notwithstanding the very short timescale we have in which to complete this work.
- 2.4 The deadline for submitting evidence to the MAC in response to this call for evidence is **3 July 2015**. Evidence submitted beyond this date could still be considered in the wider Tier 2 report to be delivered by mid-December 2015.

### 3. Context

#### Tier 2 (General)

- 3.1 The Tier 2 (General) visa is for migrants from outside the EEA (and Switzerland) who wish to be **employed in the UK in a skilled job**. Migrants must be sponsored (i.e. have a certificate of sponsorship (COS) from a licensed sponsor) and the work they do in the UK must relate to the work of the sponsor organisation. There is a **limit** on the number of COS that will be issued each year of 20,700.
- 3.2 All Tier 2 (General) migrants must be employed in a job that pays £20,800 or more. They must also be in receipt of an **appropriate salary** depending on the job they are doing. There are some exceptions to this, which are set out in the Immigration Rules. The appropriate salary thresholds are set out in codes of practice.
- 3.3 There are lower pay thresholds for **new entrant** employees which are set at the 10th percentile of the pay distribution for full-time employees in that occupation. The new entrant thresholds apply to:
- Graduates switching into Tier 2 (General) under the post-study provisions;
  - Graduate recruits where the organisation used a university “milkround” to satisfy the Resident Labour Market Test;
  - Graduates sponsored in the Intra-company Transfer Graduate Trainee route; and
  - Any workers making an initial application who are aged 25 or under on the date they apply.
- 3.4 The rates of pay used to determine the salary thresholds are based on a 39-hour working week for all occupations where the salary source used is the Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (ASHE). Where other salary sources are used, the rates are based on the following weekly hours:

- Where the source is NHS Agenda for Change or the Royal Institute of British Architects, a 37.5-hour week;
  - Where the source is teachers' national pay scales, the definition of a full-time teacher is used when determining those pay scales;
  - Where the source is the National Grid submission to the Migration Advisory Committee, a 37-hour week;
  - In all other cases, a 40-hour week.
- 3.5 If the job has contracted weekly hours or is paid an hourly rate, the rates must be pro-rated accordingly, but otherwise they do not need to be pro-rated.
- 3.6 The pay thresholds for experienced workers are set at the 25th percentile for full-time employees in each occupation, using ASHE. These pay thresholds apply to all other Tier 2 (General) migrants, including those who were previously classed as new entrants when they apply to extend their total stay in Tier 2 and/or as a work permit holder beyond 3 years and 1 month (the maximum grant for initial Tier 2 applications). The experienced worker pay thresholds also apply to work permit holders who are applying to switch into Tier 2 or to settle in the UK.
- 3.7 Migrants using the Tier 2 (Intra-company Transfer) route also need to show that they are being paid the **appropriate salary**. The **appropriate rate** varies by sector and the rate for each sector is set out in the Home Office codes of practice. The appropriate salaries for each type of Tier 2 (Intra-company Transfer) visa are as follows:
- Long-term Staff applicants - at least £41,500 or the appropriate rate for the role (whichever is higher);
  - Short-term Staff, Graduate Trainee or Skills Transfer applicants - at least £24,800 or the appropriate rate (whichever is higher); and,
  - staff already in the UK on a Tier 2 (Intra-company Transfer) visa or work permit issued before 6 April 2011 - at least the appropriate rate.
- 3.8 Table A.2 in the Annex sets out the current salary thresholds within the Home Office codes of practice. For a number of occupations, the salary thresholds are not based on the ASHE data but are instead based on data provided to the MAC as part of the review into the codes in 2012. These are highlighted in the table. For example, the salary threshold for *Barristers and Judges* (SOC Code: 2412) is based on evidence provided by the Bar Council in 2011 and uplifted using the 2013 national rate of pay inflation. A number of occupations within the IT sector are based on data provided by Income Data Services.
- 3.9 For the majority of occupations within the health and education sector, the salary thresholds are based on nationally-set pay scales rather than earnings data. For example, the salary threshold for *Psychologists* (SOC

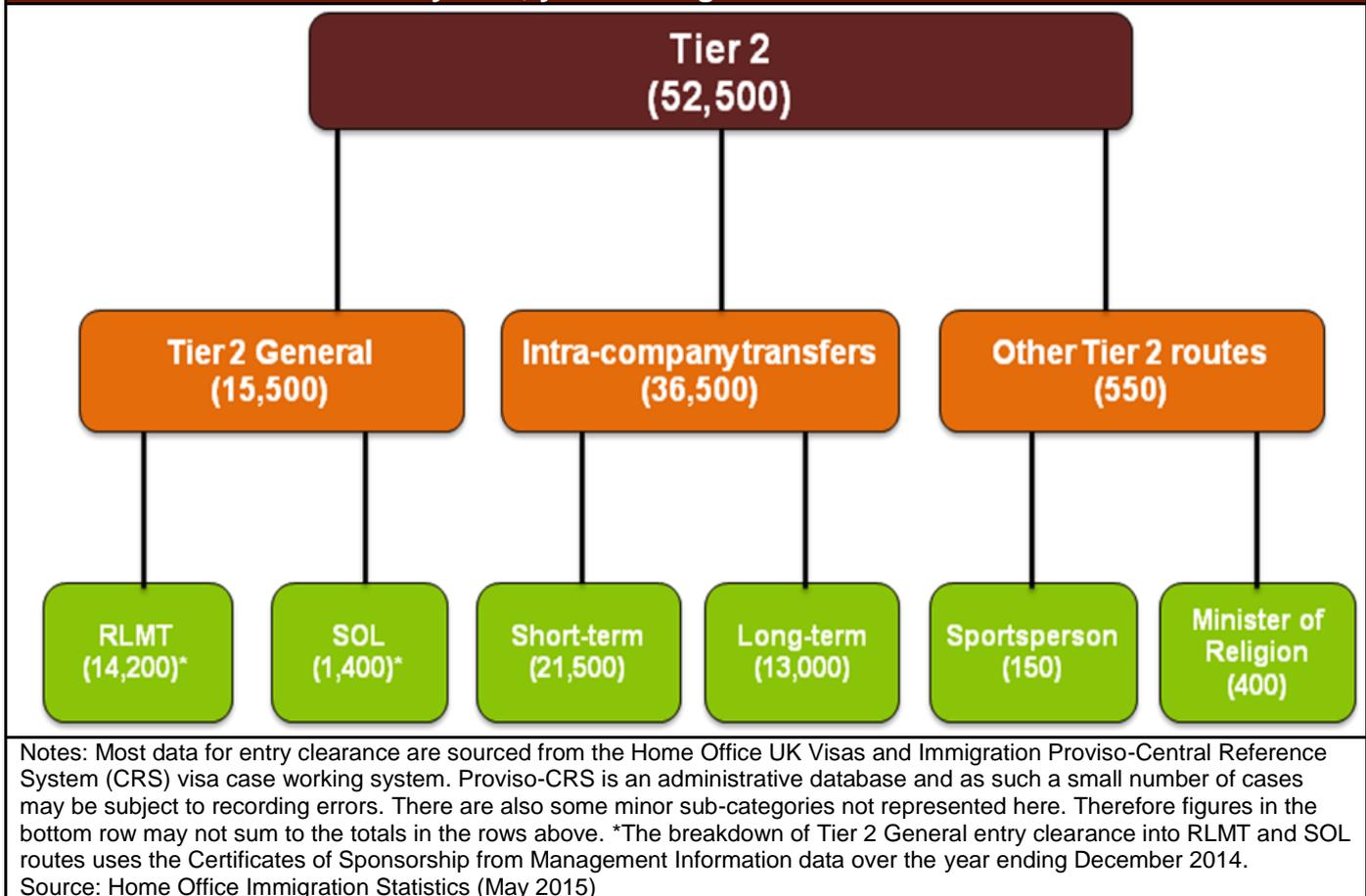
Code: 2212) is based on the minimum salary for each pay band. The 10<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> percentile thresholds therefore do not apply to these occupations.

- 3.10 In October 2012, we published a report, *“Analysis of the Points Based System: List of occupations skilled at NQF level 6 and above and review of the Tier 2 codes of practice”*, which, among other things, looked at potential ways to streamline and update the codes of practice and reported on the recommended pay thresholds for occupations and job titles skilled at NQF6+ within the Tier 2 codes of practice.
- 3.11 Our 2012 report recommended:
- pay thresholds for experienced employees should normally be set at the 25<sup>th</sup> percentile of the pay distribution for full-time employees in that occupation;
  - pay thresholds for new entrant employees should be set at the 10<sup>th</sup> percentile of the pay distribution for full-time employees in that occupation.
- 3.12 We recommended that the number of years since left full-time education be used to define new entrants for the purpose of setting lower pay thresholds within a given occupation or job title and that:
- new entrant employees be defined as full-time employees who have left full-time education less than 3 years ago;
  - all entrants to graduate recruitment schemes be classified as new entrant employees for the purpose of setting pay thresholds; and
  - trainee barristers entering pupillages be classified as new entrant employees for the purpose of setting pay thresholds.
- 3.13 We recommended that a Tier 2 main applicant who joined a UK-based establishment as a new entrant, when applying for further leave to remain after three years should face the default experienced pay threshold. Where the recommended pay threshold(s) for an occupation are not set using distinct “new entrant” and “experienced” worker categories, i.e. in health and education-related occupations, we recommended that the applicant for further leave to remain should face the most relevant pay threshold to their current employment status. We did, however, recognise that there may be circumstances where such pay progression may not be possible and caseworkers should be able to make exceptions in these cases. One example of such an exceptional circumstance may be during an economic downturn, when some people may experience very low, or no pay progression despite gaining experience.
- 3.14 All of our recommendations were accepted by the Government.

## 4. Data context

- 4.1 In the year ending March 2015, the total number of Tier 2 entry clearance visas issued to main applicants was 53,627, accounting for 10% of all entry clearance visas issued excluding visitors and transit. In addition, 34,464 in-country extensions were issued to Tier 2 main applicants in the same year.

**Figure 4.1 Entry clearance main applicant visa allocation breakdown within the Tier 2 route of the Points Based System, year ending December 2014.**



- 4.2 In the year ending March 2015, the total number of applications for Certificates of Sponsorship (CoS), both in and out-of-country, under the Shortage Occupation List (SOL), Resident Labour Market Test (RLMT), short-term intra-company transfers (ICT) and long-term ICT Tier 2 routes were 3,200, 39,900, 24,400 and 20,200 respectively.
- 4.3 Table A.1 in the Annex presents the median salaries for the top 5 occupations under each route. Of the 3,200 applications for CoS used under the shortage occupation route, just under a third were accounted for by medical practitioners and design and development engineers. The top 5 occupations under the RLMT route accounted for just under 40 per cent of applications and included occupations such as natural and social

science professionals, nurses, medical practitioners and programmers and software development professionals. 75 per cent of CoS applications under the short-term intra-company transfer route were accounted for by the top 5 occupations, which were predominately IT related. Similarly, under the long-term intra-company transfer route, just over 40 per cent of jobs were accounted for by four IT related occupations.

- 4.4 Table A.2 in the Annex presents the existing 10<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> percentiles for each occupation skilled to NQF 6 and above, taken from the Home Office's *Codes of Practice for Skilled Workers: Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) codes*, 6 April 2014. In these current codes of practice, 30 out of the 95 occupations skilled to NQF6+ use alternative sources of data to ASHE to set the salary thresholds. For example, salaries in a number of occupations in the IT sector are based on data from Incomes Data Services whilst a number of salaries in occupations in the health sector are based on pay bands within the NHS Agenda for Change pay scales.

## 5. Questions

- 5.1 The questions below identify some key issues we will be considering in regard to the salary thresholds for the Tier 2 routes and we will be grateful for all responses that consider these. You do not have to answer all the questions and you can, of course, provide us with other relevant information.
- 5.2 The Government has asked that the MAC provide early advice on Tier 2 salary thresholds. It will be helpful to have your views on these by **3 July 2015**. However, evidence received beyond this date could still be considered in the wider Tier 2 report to be delivered by mid-December 2015.
1. How do the existing salary thresholds for Tier 2 compare to, and impact on, the overall wage distribution for each occupation?
  2. What types of jobs and occupations are done by highly-specialised and/or highly-skilled experts, and is pay a good proxy for this high level of specialisation or skill?
  3. What would be the impact of increasing the thresholds to a level that better aligns with the salaries of highly-specialised and/or highly-skilled experts?
  4. What would be the impact of increasing the thresholds to a level that restricts the route to occupations which are experiencing skills shortages skilled to NQF level 6 or higher?
  5. What would be the impact of increasing the Tier 2 minimum thresholds from the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> percentile for each occupation for new entrant workers?

6. What would be the impact of increasing the Tier 2 minimum thresholds from the 25<sup>th</sup> to the 50<sup>th</sup> or 75<sup>th</sup> percentiles for each occupation for experienced workers?
  7. As an employer, what would be the impact of increasing the Tier 2 minimum thresholds on: a) hiring migrant workers from outside the EU; b) hiring migrant workers from within the EU; c) hiring natives.
  8. Are there additional national pay scales or sources of salary data that should be used to set the thresholds?
  9. What other appropriate measures would you like to see for determining the minimum salary thresholds?
  10. Should the minimum salary threshold take account of variations in regional pay? If so, how?
- 5.3 Please see the MAC's 2012 report, *Analysis of the Points Based System*, for further detail on the previous methodology for setting the salary thresholds.

## 6. Contact details

- 6.1 Please send your responses to the MAC Secretariat at:

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**Please submit your evidence by 3 July 2015.**

**Please note that we may quote evidence received, attributed to the individual or organisation that supplied it, in our published report unless we are explicitly asked not to.**

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## Annex

**Table A.1: Top five SOC 2010 occupations by used Certificates of Sponsorship (CoS) for the shortage occupation, RLMT, short term intra-company transfer and long term intra-company transfer routes, year ending March 2015**

Shortage occupation route						
Occupation	CoS used	In country	Out of country	Percentage of total CoS used	Median annual pay (£)	
2211	Medical practitioners	637	349	288	20	58,000
2126	Design and development engineers	323	179	144	10	36,000
5434	Chefs	263	204	59	8	30,000
2121	Civil Engineers	221	117	104	7	48,000
2314	Secondary education teaching professionals	206	81	125	6	31,000
Total for all occupations		3,191	1,798	1,393	100	37,000
Resident labour market test route						
Occupation	CoS used	In country	Out of country	Percentage of total CoS used	Median annual pay (£)	
2119	Natural and social science professionals n.e.c.	3,557	2,181	1,376	9	32,000
2231	Nurses	2,842	1,543	1,299	7	25,000
2211	Medical practitioners	2,832	1,931	901	7	52,000
2136	Programmers and software development professionals	2,625	1,328	1,297	7	37,000
2423	Management consultants and business analysts	2,491	1,406	1,085	6	45,000
Total for all occupations		39,868	24,635	15,233	100	35,000
Short term intra-company transfer route						
Occupation	CoS used	In country	Out of country	Percentage of total CoS used	Median annual pay (£)	
2136	Programmers and software development professionals	7,585	272	7,313	31	33,000
2135	IT business analysts, architects and systems designers	5,361	181	5,180	22	35,000
2139	Information technology and telecommunications professionals	3,714	134	3,580	15	32,000
2423	Management consultants and business analysts	1,301	70	1,231	5	60,000
2126	IT project and programme managers	586	8	578	2	38,000
Total for all occupations		24,445	1,016	23,429	100	36,000

Long term intra-company transfer route						
Occupation		CoS used	In country	Out of country	Percentage of total CoS used	Median annual pay (£)
2135	IT business analysts, architects and systems designers	3,871	1,345	2,526	19	47,000
2136	Programmers and software development professionals	2,154	882	1,272	11	48,000
2134	IT project and programme managers	2,086	683	1,403	10	51,000
2139	Information technology and telecommunications professionals not elsewhere classified	1,256	463	793	6	48,000
2423	Management consultants and business analysts	1,080	305	775	5	68,000
Total for all occupations		20,172	6,909	13,263	100	60,000

Note: All of the figures quoted are management information which have been subject to internal quality checks, but have not been quality assured to the same standard as National Statistics. As much of the input data (for example, salary levels) is itself declared by the sponsor, it is not possible to validate the quality of the source information, and we are advised that data quality anomalies could impact on the findings. These data are provisional and subject to change. Median annual pay rounded to the nearest thousand. Median annual pay includes salaries and allowances and are calculated using both in and out-of-country CoS used and as such may double count some individuals.

Applicants are required to meet the criteria for Tier 2 at the point of being allocated a certificate of sponsorship. Therefore, these data have been filtered to exclude those individuals who would not meet the current visa rules when considering median annual pay.

First, a main applicant to the RLMT route has been excluded if the occupation is not skilled to National Qualifications Framework level 6 or above (NQF6+) (unless the occupation is one of the creative occupations exempt from this: 3411, 3412, 3413, 3414 and 3422) and/or earnings on the job are less than £20,500 per year and/or they are clergy (who would use the Tier 2 minister of religion route).

Second, a main applicant to the shortage occupation route has been excluded if the occupation is not on the shortage occupation list as at 12 December 2014 and/or earnings in the job are less than £20,500 per year and/or they are chefs earning less than £29,570 per year.

Third, a main applicant to the long-term intra-company transfer route has been excluded if their occupation is not skilled to NQF6+ (or is one of the creative occupations) and/or earnings in the job are less than £41,000 per year.

Finally, a main applicant to the short-term intra-company route has been excluded if their occupation is not skilled to NQF6+ (or is one of the creative occupations) and/or earnings in the job are less than £24,500 per year. Further, data is excluded if the salary reported is not annual or we were unable to distinguish between in/out of country applicants. Not all the individuals using CoS may be granted visas since some may have their visa applications rejected. Furthermore, even when a visa is granted, a person might not travel to the UK and on arrival they might also not be admitted.

Source: Home Office management information, year ending March 31 2015

Table A.2. Salary thresholds for occupations skilled to NQF6+ taken from the Codes of Practice for Skilled Workers, Home Office, 2014.

SOC 2010 Occupation		10th	25th	Source
1115	Chief executives and senior officials	28,700	47,500	
1116	Elected officers and representatives	23,400	43,200	Based on 3 digit SOC Code
1121	Production managers and directors in manufacturing	20,500	27,500	
1122	Production managers and directors in construction	20,500	28,800	
1123	Production managers and directors in mining and energy	20,500	37,900	
1131	Financial managers and directors	20,500	32,800	
1132	Marketing and sales directors	24,000	40,700	
1133	Purchasing managers and directors	26,500	35,900	
1134	Advertising and public relations directors	20,500	34,000	Based on 3 digit SOC Code
1135	Human resource managers and directors	22,200	31,900	
<b>1136</b>	<b>Information technology and telecommunications directors</b>	<b>20,500</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>Income Data Services</b>
1139	Functional managers and directors n.e.c.	20,500	26,100	
1150	Financial institution managers and directors	21,500	31,200	
1161	Managers and directors in transport and distribution	21,600	27,600	
1172	Senior police officers	50,800	53,800	
1173	Senior officers in fire, ambulance, prison and related services	31,100	36,400	Based on 2011 ASHE
1181	Health services and public health managers and directors	21,600	32,400	
1184	Social services managers and directors	22,900	29,700	
<b>2111</b>	<b>Chemical scientists</b>	<b>21,100</b>	<b>27,000</b>	<b>Evidence from partners who responded to the Migration Advisory Committee in 2011 uplifted using the 2013 national rate of pay inflation.</b>
<b>2112</b>	<b>Biological scientists and biochemists</b>	<b>21,100</b>	<b>27,000</b>	
<b>2113</b>	<b>Physical scientists</b>	<b>21,100</b>	<b>27,000</b>	
<b>2114</b>	<b>Social and humanities scientists</b>	<b>21,100</b>	<b>27,000</b>	
2119	Natural and social science professionals n.e.c.	21,100	27,000	
2121	Civil engineers	21,200	28,700	
2122	Mechanical engineers	24,000	31,200	

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2123	Electrical engineers	21,100	32,500	* Apart from power system engineer, control engineer or protection engineer in the electricity transmission and distribution industry which is set at £32,300 based on the National Grid Submission to MAC in 2011
2124	Electronics engineers	23,800	26,400	Based on 3 digit SOC Code, 2011 ASHE
2126	Design and development engineers	22,600	29,900	
2127	Production and process engineers	24,000	29,900	
2129	Engineering professionals n.e.c.	24,300	30,900	
<b>2133</b>	<b>IT specialist managers</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>Incomes Data Services</b>
<b>2134</b>	<b>IT project and programme managers</b>	<b>29,000</b>	<b>40,300</b>	
2135	IT business analysts, architects and systems designers	22,500	31,200	
2136	Programmers and software development professionals	22,800	29,600	
2137	Web design and development professionals	20,500	22,000	
2139	Information technology and telecommunications professionals	20,500	27,000	
2141	Conservation professionals	20,500	20,700	
2142	Environment professionals	20,500	24,600	
2150	Research and development managers	24,000	32,700	
<b>2211</b>	<b>Medical practitioners</b>			<b>NHS Agenda for Change 2013</b>
<b>2212</b>	<b>Psychologists</b>			
<b>2213</b>	<b>Pharmacists</b>			
<b>2214</b>	<b>Ophthalmic opticians</b>			
<b>2215</b>	<b>Dental practitioners</b>			
2216	Veterinarians	20,500	24,700	
<b>2217</b>	<b>Medical radiographers</b>			<b>NHS Agenda for Change 2013</b>
<b>2218</b>	<b>Podiatrists</b>			
<b>2219</b>	<b>Health professionals n.e.c.</b>			
<b>2221</b>	<b>Physiotherapists</b>			
<b>2222</b>	<b>Occupational therapists</b>			

Table A.2. Salary thresholds for occupations skilled to NQF6+ taken from the Codes of Practice for Skilled Workers, Home Office, 2014.

<b>2223</b>	<b>Speech and language therapists</b>			
<b>2229</b>	<b>Therapy professionals n.e.c.</b>			
<b>2231</b>	<b>Nurses</b>			
<b>2232</b>	<b>Midwives</b>			
<b>2311</b>	<b>Higher education teaching professionals</b>			<b>Teachers' national pay scales</b>
<b>2312</b>	<b>Further education teaching professionals</b>			
<b>2314</b>	<b>Secondary education teaching professionals</b>			
<b>2315</b>	<b>Primary and nursery education teaching professionals</b>			
<b>2316</b>	<b>Special needs education teaching professionals</b>			
2317	Senior professionals of educational establishments	23,000	37,100	
2318	Education advisers and school inspectors	20,500	20,900	
2319	Teaching and other educational professionals n.e.c.	20,500	20,500	
<b>2412</b>	<b>Barristers and judges</b>	<b>20,500</b>	<b>31,700</b>	<b>Evidence provided by the Bar Council in 2011 uplifted using the 2013 national rate of pay inflation</b>
2413	Solicitors	20,500	28,000	
2419	Legal professionals n.e.c.	29,200	41,600	
2421	Chartered and certified accountants	20,500	24,600	
2423	Management consultants and business analysts	20,500	27,200	
2424	Business and financial project management professionals	23,900	31,900	
2425	Actuaries, economists and statisticians	27,600	32,400	
2426	Business and related research professionals	20,500	23,600	
2429	Business, research and administrative professionals n.e.c.	20,500	27,800	
<b>2431</b>	<b>Architects</b>			<b>Evidence provided by the Royal Institute of British Architects in 2011 uplifted using the 2013 national rate of pay inflation</b>
2432	Town planning officers	20,500	20,900	
2433	Quantity surveyors	21,600	27,400	
2434	Chartered surveyors	20,500	24,900	

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2436	Construction project managers and related professionals	22,700	27,000	
<b>2442</b>	<b>Social workers</b>			<b>NHS Agenda for Change 2013</b>
2443	Probation officers	20,500	24,600	
2449	Welfare professionals n.e.c.	20,500	20,500	
2451	Librarians	20,500	20,500	
2452	Archivists and curators	24,500	24,500	2011 ASHE
2461	Quality control and planning engineers	22,500	27,200	
2462	Quality assurance and regulatory professionals	22,500	27,000	
2463	Environmental health professionals	22,100	26,000	Based on 3 digit SOC code
2471	Journalists, newspaper and periodical editors	20,500	24,200	
2472	Public relations professionals	20,500	21,600	
2473	Advertising accounts managers and creative directors	20,500	26,000	
3415	Musicians	20,500	20,500	Based on 3 digit SOC code
3416	Arts officers, producers and directors	20,800	25,600	
3512	Aircraft pilots and flight engineers	28,000	56,000	2011 ASHE
3532	Brokers	20,500	26,600	
3534	Finance and investment analysts and advisers	20,500	26,100	
3535	Taxation experts	24,100	28,900	2011 ASHE
3538	Financial accounts managers	20,500	24,700	
3545	Sales accounts and business development managers	22,000	30,600	

Notes: Those in bold reflect occupations that are not currently based on the Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings. See Home Office Codes of Practice for other sources used. X= unreliable.

Source: Codes of Practice for Skilled Workers: Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) codes, Home Office, 6 April 2014.