

# SoR Annual Survey of Students and Recent Graduates

Welcome to the annual survey of students and recent graduates by the Society of Radiographers. This short survey should be completed by:

- all those on an education programme leading to qualification as a radiographer; and
- all those who have graduated from such a programme since January 2011.

It should take no longer than 15 minutes to complete and all answers will be anonymous. If you have any questions about the survey please contact Claire Dumbleton at [claired@sor.org](mailto:claired@sor.org)

You will have the option to enter a prize draw at the end of this survey. The prize is your choice of £75 worth of either Amazon or Marks & Spencer vouchers. One prize is available for therapeutic students/graduates and one for diagnostic students/graduates.

## Which year did you start your radiography degree?

- 2005
- 2006
- 2007
- 2008
- 2009
- 2010
- 2011
- 2012

## Which year did you / are you due to graduate?

- 2011
- 2012
- 2013
- 2014
- 2015
- 2016

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## How important to you were the following reasons for choosing the subject of radiography?

	Very important	Important	Neutral	Unimportant	Not relevant
I could meet the entry requirements.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I did not need to pay tuition fees for this subject.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I want to help people / contribute to society.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I think it is likely I will find a job on graduation.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have previous experience in healthcare / radiography.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Financial support was available (e.g. bursary).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I was attracted by the potential starting salary on graduation.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I was attracted by the potential for career development following graduation.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I was interested in the scientific aspects of radiography.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I was interested in a healthcare career.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## Did any other factors influence your choice of subject?

## How important to you were the following reasons for choosing your specific course?

	Very important	Important	Neutral	Unimportant	Not relevant
The university has a good reputation.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I did not need to pay tuition fees for this course.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The course has a good reputation.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The course is at a convenient location.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I liked the clinical placement arrangements.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## Did any other factors influence your choice of course?

We are continuously working to reduce the numbers leaving radiography courses before they have completed their studies.

Your answers to the questions on this page will help us understand why some students do not complete their course.

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**Are there any factors which you have found difficult and may have led you to consider leaving the course? (Select all that apply.)**

- Dissatisfaction with the clinical placement
- Personal or family reasons e.g childcare arrangements
- Wrong career choice
- Finding the course too difficult
- Failing parts of the course
- Too much work
- Financial problems
- Travel difficulties
- Dissatisfaction with the education institution
- Dissatisfaction with the course content

Other (please specify)

**Do you know if any other students in your year are considering leaving your course, or have left this academic year?**

- Yes
- No

**If yes, do you know why? (Select all that apply.)**

- Personal or family reasons e.g childcare arrangements
- Finding the course too difficult
- Financial problems
- Failing parts of the course
- Too much work
- Travel difficulties
- Dissatisfaction with the course content
- Wrong career choice
- Dissatisfaction with the clinical placement
- Dissatisfaction with the education institution

Other (please describe the reason without identifying the individual)

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## Do you have a job arranged for after graduation?

- Yes
- No

## If you do not have a job arranged yet please indicate the main reason for this. (Select one answer only.)

- So far unsuccessful at interview
- Not actively seeking radiography work
- No suitable vacancies
- I am restricted to a specific geographical area

Other (please specify)

## Have you worked in radiography since you graduated?

- Yes
- No

## How important to you are the following items in terms of your expectations of a career in radiography?

	Very important	Important	Neutral	Unimportant	Not relevant
Challenging work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Role expansion	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Opportunities to specialise	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Enjoyment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Job satisfaction	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Career progression	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fair salary	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Skills and knowledge development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Job security	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Variety of the content of the role	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## Do you agree with the following statement?

	Strongly agree	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Radiography as a career is so far consistent with my expectations.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## If you wish, comment further on whether a career in radiography is meeting your expectations.

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## Did you get your first choice of job?

- Yes
- No

## How soon after graduation did you / will you start your first job?

- I do not have a start date yet
- Immediately
- Within one month of graduation
- Within two months of graduation
- Within three months of graduation
- Within four months of graduation
- Within five months of graduation
- Within six months of graduation
- More than six months after graduation
- I do not have a job yet

## Do you feel your course prepared you sufficiently for your first job?

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable
- Too early to say

## If you wish, please comment on how prepared you felt for your first job.

## Select the option which best describes the sector of your first job.

- Agency
- Education
- Health service abroad
- Industry
- Ministry of Defence
- NHS
- Private or independent healthcare

Other (please specify)

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**As the majority of graduates work for the NHS we are interested in your reasons for working elsewhere. Please describe below.**

**What type of contract is your first job? (A full time contract is generally considered to be 37.5 hours per week.)**

- Permanent (full time)
- Permanent (part time)
- Temporary (full time)
- Temporary (part time)

**If you could choose, which type of contract would you wish to be on for your first job?**

- Permanent (full time)
- Permanent (part time)
- Temporary (full time)
- Temporary (part time)

**Where is your first post?**

- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Wales
- England - London strategic health authority area
- England - Midlands and East strategic health authority area
- England - North of England strategic health authority area
- England - South of England strategic health authority area
- Outside the UK
- I don't know

**Is this the same geographical area where you completed your radiography degree?**

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

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## If you started your first job outside the geographical area where you studied, why is this?

- I can easily commute
- I chose to relocate
- I chose to return to my home area to work
- I relocated out of necessity for family reasons
- I relocated out of necessity for financial reasons
- There were no suitable local vacancies
- I was unsuccessful at local interviews

Other (please specify)

## If you have not worked in radiography since you graduated, please explain why.

To help you with your job search the Society website has hints and tips on finding a job [here](#).

Your answers to the questions on this page will help us gather evidence on debt levels among radiography students.

## Whilst studying radiography, what type of finance do you / did you rely on? (Select all that apply.)

- Child tax credits
- Credit cards
- Existing savings
- Income from paid employment
- NHS bursary
- Overdraft
- Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS)
- Student loan
- Support from family / friends
- University bursary or fund

Other (please specify)

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**When you started your radiography degree, how much were you in debt? (not including mortgage)**

- £0
- £1 - £5,000
- £5,001 - £10,000
- £10,001 - £15,000
- £15,001 - £20,000
- £20,001 - £25,000
- Over £25,000

**On the date of your graduation, how much were you / do you expect to be in debt? (not including mortgage)**

- £0
- £1 - £5,000
- £5,001 - £10,000
- £10,001 - £15,000
- £15,001 - £20,000
- £20,001 - £25,000
- Over £25,000



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## Education institution where you studied / are studying on a programme leading to qualification as a radiographer.

- Anglia Ruskin University
- Bangor University
- Birmingham City University
- Canterbury Christ Church University
- Cardiff University
- City University
- Glasgow Caledonian University
- Kingston University & St George's, University of London
- London South Bank University
- Queen Margaret University
- Sheffield Hallam University
- The Robert Gordon University
- University Campus Suffolk
- University of Bradford
- University of Cumbria
- University of Derby
- University of Exeter
- University of Hertfordshire
- University of Leeds
- University of Liverpool
- University of Portsmouth
- University of Salford
- University of Teesside
- University of the West of England
- University of Ulster

Other (please specify)

## Degree discipline

- Diagnostic
- Therapeutic

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**Please select your age group.**

- Under 20
- Aged 20-29
- Aged 30-39
- Aged 40-49
- Aged over 50

Thank you for completing this questionnaire.

If you wish to be entered in the prize draw, please email [claired@sor.org](mailto:claired@sor.org) quoting "Prize Draw 2012" in the subject field by the end of July. Please indicate whether you specialise in diagnostic or therapeutic radiography. The prize is your choice of £75 worth of either Amazon or Marks & Spencer vouchers. One prize is available for therapeutic students/graduates and one for diagnostic students/graduates.

**If there are any additional comments you would like to make related to this survey, please use the box below.**