



WARFARE

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As a Warfare Officer, the outcome of the mission and the safety of your ship and crew will be in your hands. As well as being a decisive leader, you'll be a skilled seaman and navigator, able to handle your ship safely in all conditions and represent the Captain on the bridge as an Officer of the Watch. Once you have some experience, you'll have the opportunity to specialise as a Fighter Controller, Hydrographic, Meteorological and Oceanographic Officer, Intelligence Officer, Mine Warfare or Mine Clearance Diving Officer or become a specialist Navigator. As Principal Warfare Officer, you'll be directly responsible for taking your ship and other units under its command into action. If your ultimate goal is to command your own ship, this is a good place to start. Show us you have the talent and qualities we're looking for and it could be yours by your early thirties.

What we're looking for

In this job we are looking for school-leavers and graduates able to make safe decisions quickly and calmly, even under pressure. You'll often be carrying out several tasks at the same time, so you'll need to be organised, flexible and adaptable. We must be able to rely on you to perform at your very best at any time of day or night. Although a potentially outstanding leader, you'll also need to be part of the team and play your part in your ship's peacetime, as well as operational, roles and tasks.

Initial training

You'll begin your career at Britannia Royal Naval College (BRNC) in Dartmouth. You'll spend 30 training weeks here, with the course split into three 10-week phases. These are: Military Skills, Maritime Skills and Initial Fleet Time. The military skills phase includes learning leadership and teamwork skills and the principles of command and management. You will put these into practice during several exercises on Dartmoor. During the maritime skills phase you'll be taught to handle small ships on the River Dart and there will be exercises to test you. In the third phase, Initial Fleet Time, you'll spend 10 weeks at sea, working in every department on board, learning how the ship operates and gaining first-hand experience of life in a warship. Finally, you'll return to BRNC for your passing out parade where your family and friends will have the opportunity to witness your joining the Royal Navy as an officer. You do not need a degree to be a Warfare Officer – once you have completed your time at college you will have a Foundation Degree in Naval Studies.

Professional training

When you have finished the initial training, you can expect to spend your first three jobs (six years) in a seagoing unit building experience and skills for possible future skills in Command and developing war-fighting skills. You will work towards your Navigational Watch Certificate as an Officer of the Watch. You'll consolidate everything you've learned so far on the Initial Warfare Officers' Course (IWOC), which you'll generally attend about 2 years after joining Britannia Royal Naval College. After the IWOC course, you may choose to specialise, or continue to develop your career as a General Service Warfare Officer. With experience, you are likely to have the opportunity to progress to the Principal Warfare Officer's course – a big step towards commanding your own ship and a possible MSC.

Skills for life

During your professional training and throughout your career, you'll gain qualifications accredited by academic institutions and leading professional and industry organisations. All are recognised internationally and will be highly valued by civilian employers. This will greatly improve your prospects of a second career if you decide to leave the service.

Promotion

For all officers, the opportunities for promotion are excellent. The earlier you join, the greater the opportunity we will have to give you the skills and experience you need within your career to achieve promotion. To help you with your career, we'll offer you plenty of feedback, encouragement and training. You'll be promoted to Lieutenant automatically as long as you pass your professional training and perform to the level needed. After that, you'll be chosen on merit for promotion to Lieutenant Commander and beyond.

Pay and conditions

Royal Navy pay compares well with similar civilian jobs. As well as basic pay, you'll get extra money for special skills, when you're promoted and when you're away at sea. We also offer an excellent pension scheme, six weeks' paid holiday a year and free medical and dental care. You'll generally join us on an initial commission, which is for 12 years. You may have the opportunity to serve beyond this, depending on what you want and the needs of the Royal Navy. If you want to leave, you can send us your request one year before completing your specified return of service. How long this return of service is, will depend on the branch you join. You will need to give 12 months' notice.

Not just a job, a way of life

There is a lot more to joining the Royal Navy than doing a job. For a start, all our ships and shore bases have superb sports and fitness facilities. We can offer a fantastic range of sports and other activities. You'll also have the chance to go on adventurous training, which could be anything from a jungle expedition to mountaineering and caving to parachuting. From the moment you join, you'll be part of a team that lives, works and relaxes together, forming friendships and experiences that can last a lifetime. It's a unique way of life, and the opportunities we offer will allow you to reach your career potential and enjoy the time you spend with us to the full.

DO I QUALIFY?

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Age:	17 to 25.
Nationality:	British or British dual citizenship.
Qualifications:	180 UCAS points and five GCSEs (A* to C) or Scottish Standard grades or equivalent, which must include English and maths. To enter direct as a graduate, you'll need a degree or equivalent, 180 UCAS points and five GCSEs (A* to C) or Scottish Standard grades or equivalent, which must include English and maths.
Sex:	This job is open to both men and women.
Starting salary:	For current information, visit royalnavy.mod.uk/careers

HOW TO APPLY

GET IN TOUCH

1. Go to royalnavy.mod.uk/careers or call **08456 07 55 55**.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

2. Go to an initial careers presentation.
3. Fill in a short application form.
4. Take the recruit test.
5. Discuss your job options with a Careers Adviser.
6. Pass the medical, eye and pre-joining fitness tests.
7. Attend a formal interview at the Careers Office.
8. Pass the Admiralty Interview Board.
9. Join the Royal Navy.