



WARFARE

COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS (CIS) SPECIALIST (SUBMARINER)

As a Communications and Information Systems (CIS) Specialist (Submariner) you'll be a central member of the submarine's Warfare branch. Using highly sensitive radio and satellite systems, you'll send and receive vital messages from the shore, ships and other 'friendly' subs. Those messages will often contain orders and other information for those in command. And, as you're part of a covert operation, a lot of it will be classified 'top secret'. Whether you're on routine surveillance or going into action, you'll be part of a tight-knit team on board one of the most formidable fighting machines in the Royal Navy.

What we're looking for

You'll need commitment, enthusiasm and common sense, with an interest in electronics and computers. The kinds of information you'll be handling will need you to be quick, thorough, accurate and utterly reliable. Above all, you need to work well as part of a team. Serving on board a submarine takes a special type of person. You need to be able to live and work in a confined space, where the conditions can quickly change from relatively calm to extremely active and exciting.

Basic training

Your Royal Navy career begins with nine weeks' basic training at HMS Raleigh. It sounds like a ship, but in fact it's a shore base near Plymouth. The discipline, teamwork, organisational, firefighting and weapon-handling skills you'll learn here will stay with you right through your Royal Navy career.

Aim to get yourself as fit as you can before you arrive. You'll be doing a lot of physical exercise, and you'll find it much easier if you're already in good shape. There's also a swimming test, so if you can't swim, make sure you've learned by the time you join us. You can find out more about HMS Raleigh at royalnavy.mod.uk/careers

Professional training

After basic training, you'll stay at HMS Raleigh for another five months, this time at the Submarine School. As well as your specialist communications skills, you'll learn about submarine warfare, weapons, nuclear propulsion and escape training, then go to sea in a submarine. You'll also be trained for important peacetime tasks on shore, including berthing the submarine and guarding the vessel with a rifle when you're in port. At the end of your training, there'll be an exam to test your knowledge. When you pass, you'll win your 'dolphins' – the coveted badge of a qualified Submariner – and join one of the world's elite fighting forces.

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. As a Submariner, you'll qualify for a bonus of £5000 when you're awarded your 'dolphins'. 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 a full career, which is 18 years or to age 40, whichever is later. 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 you serve will depend on the branch you join. You will need to give 12 months' notice.

Promotion

You'll start your career as an Able Rate. With some experience and further training, you could be promoted to Leading Hand. After that, you may go on to become a Petty Officer, Chief Petty Officer, then a Warrant Officer. If you show the right commitment, skills and academic ability, you may also have the chance to become a Commissioned Officer. You'll be chosen for promotion on merit, so if you work hard, you can quickly rise through the ranks.

Skills for life

Training will be a constant feature of your time with us. We'll help you gain academic qualifications like GCSEs and A-levels, and even a degree. You can also work towards NVQs and other vocational awards. As well as helping you develop your Royal Navy career, everything you achieve will be recognised and valued by a future civilian employer.

Sport and recreation

We can offer you a fantastic range of sports and other activities. All our ships and shore bases have superb sports and fitness facilities and we play a huge number of team and individual games. 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.

DO I QUALIFY?

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Age:	16 to 36.
Nationality:	Full British citizenship.
Qualifications:	No specific qualifications are needed for this job.
Sex:	This job is open to men only.
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. Have an informal discussion with a Careers Adviser.
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. Join the Royal Navy.