



WARFARE

MINE CLEARANCE DIVER

As a Mine Clearance Diver, you'll be part of a close-knit team of five or six, based either on shore or on board one of our highly sophisticated mine countermeasures (MCM) vessels. Your main job is to identify mines and other explosives, whether in shallow water or attached to the hull of a ship, and get rid of them, which might mean blowing them up. But as well as modern technology, you could be called on to dispose of old mines from the Second World War dragged up in a trawler's nets. You'll also be trained to use hydraulic and pneumatic tools and shoot video, while working at your maximum depth of 60 metres. This will allow you to carry out major engineering jobs on your ship's propeller or hull if needed. It's a highly skilled, physically tough job that demands a lot of you, but gives a huge amount back in return.

What we're looking for

You'll need commitment, enthusiasm and common sense. You'll need to be very fit and have a strong understanding and awareness of safety issues. You need to have an aptitude for practical work and, of course, enjoy being in the water. Above all, you need to work well as part of a team.

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

During your 20-week diving training, you'll be trained to the highest professional military standards, learning about diving theory and equipment and making practice dives in the 1000 metre Horsea Lake and Portsmouth Harbour.

You'll also be trained in open-water search techniques, beach reconnaissance, mine-clearance measure diving and basic mine warfare. You'll use the latest equipment to dive to your maximum depth and perfect underwater engineering and video skills. Depending on the needs of the Royal Navy, you'll then join a mine countermeasures vessel, or a shore-based diving team for your first experience of front-line diving work.

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 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, A-levels, 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?

MINE CLEARANCE DIVER

Age:	18 to 32.
Nationality:	British or British dual citizenship.
Qualifications:	You do not need any specific qualifications for this job. However, we will give preference to those with previous commercial or other diving experience.
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.