



# ENGINEERING

## ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN – WEAPON ENGINEERING (SUBMARINER)

You and your crewmates will be looking after some of our most formidable weapons. If you serve on a submarine, you'll work with powerful conventional weapons, such as torpedoes and cruise missiles. If you get posted to a Vanguard-class ballistic missile submarine, you'll be maintaining Trident missiles – the UK's strategic nuclear deterrent. You'll also be responsible for the surveillance, communications, radar and sonar systems that allow your submarine to identify and track possible targets, without giving away your own position. Like everyone on board, you'll be trained to be part of a damage-control and firefighting team. When you're not at sea, you could be working hands-on at a fleet maintenance unit, or helping to plan maintenance schedules for the entire Submarine Service. Above all, you'll be a central part of an elite fighting force, respected throughout the Royal Navy and beyond.

### What we're looking for

You'll need commitment, enthusiasm, common sense and an interest in electronics and computers. 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.

### Initial training

Your Royal Navy career begins with 10 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](http://royalnavy.mod.uk/careers)

### Professional training

After basic training, you'll spend a further four months at HMS Raleigh in the Submarine School, learning about all aspects of submarine operation, warfare, weapons, nuclear propulsion and escape training. You will then go to the Maritime Warfare School at HMS Collingwood near Fareham for training in weapon systems, safety procedures, electrical and electronic repairs and basic hydraulics and pneumatics. You'll then receive further specialist training on submarine equipment at the Submarine School or the Trident Training Facility near Helensburgh. 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.

### 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.

### 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 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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<b>Age:</b>	17 to 29.
<b>Nationality:</b>	Full British citizenship.
<b>Qualifications:</b>	No specific qualifications are needed for this job. However, fast-track opportunities may be available if you have GCSEs or Scottish Standard grades or equivalent or A-levels or Higher grades or equivalent.
<b>Sex:</b>	This job is open to men and women.
<b>Starting salary:</b>	For current information, visit <a href="http://royalnavy.mod.uk/careers">royalnavy.mod.uk/careers</a>

## HOW TO APPLY

### GET IN TOUCH

1. Go to [royalnavy.mod.uk/careers](http://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 Pre-Royal Navy Course.
9. Join the Royal Navy.