



# FLEET AIR ARM

## AIRCREW OFFICER PILOT

When you put on your 'wings' as a Fleet Air Arm Pilot, you'll have the satisfaction of knowing you've completed one of the most demanding training programmes in aviation. But this is where the real challenges begin. Operating from ships at sea and land bases around the world, you'll be flying over hostile territory and inhospitable terrain, with ultimate responsibility for the safety of your aircraft and your crew, as well as your mission. If you're flying helicopters, you'll develop the skills you'll need to drop a troop of Royal Marines Commandos, and their equipment, into action, carry out surveillance and anti-submarine operations and fly reconnaissance missions (missions to get information) over land and sea. As a fast jet Pilot, you'll have the flying and tactical skills needed for manoeuvres at speeds well over 600 mph. It's a challenging and demanding career choice, but one that brings huge professional and personal rewards.

### What we're looking for

You must have the commitment and physical and mental stamina to cope with the long and demanding training. You'll need to be calm, confident and decisive under pressure. But you'll need to develop more than just flying and tactical skills – you're also a Royal Navy officer. You'll have to manage your own workload, be flexible, adaptable and completely reliable and give your very best at all times. You'll also need leadership skills and have proven ability to work as part of a small, dedicated and highly-skilled team.

### Basic training

You'll begin your career at Britannia Royal Naval College (BRNC) in Dartmouth. You'll spend eight months here, learning leadership and teamwork skills and the principles of command and management. You will put these into practice during several exercises on Dartmoor and the River Dart. Alongside your academic studies, you'll be taught to handle small ships and you will spend 10 weeks at sea, working in every department on board, learning how they operate and gaining first-hand experience of life in a warship.

### Professional training

The exact course and length of training after BRNC depends on whether you learn to fly helicopters or fast jets. All Royal Navy flying training is demanding, but extremely rewarding.

### Pay and conditions

Royal Navy pay compares well with similar civilian jobs. As an Aircrew Officer you'll get flying pay as well as your basic pay. You'll also receive extra money 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.

### Promotion

For all officers, the opportunities for promotion are excellent. 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.

### 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 Royal Navy. Royal Navy Pilot training is accredited with the Civilian Aviation Authority (CAA). With the right experience and exams, you will be able to gain a commercial Pilot's licence.

### 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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<b>Age:</b>	17 to 25.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British or British dual citizenship.
<b>Qualifications:</b>	180 UCAS points and five GCSEs (A* to C) or Scottish Standard grades or equivalent, which must include English and maths.  For direct graduate entry, 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. You'll also have to pass flying aptitude tests at RAF Cranwell.
<b>Sex:</b>	This job is open to both 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. 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, pre-joining fitness tests, aptitude tests and the Admiralty Interview Board.
7. Join the Royal Navy.