



LOGISTICS

CHEF – CATERING SERVICES LOGISTICIAN (SUBMARINER)

As a Chef (Submariner), you'll be part of a busy team with a big responsibility. Your 120 crewmates need three nutritious meals a day. When the submarine is preparing for action, the crew works around the clock, which means you will too, keeping each shift properly fed. As well as preparing food, you'll be involved in ordering and storing ingredients, managing the dining area and food hygiene practices. When your submarine calls at a 'friendly' foreign port, you could be entertaining royalty, which means you'll be producing international cuisine to the highest standards. You're part of a combat unit, so you'll have your own role as a firefighter. You could also be trained as a 'planesman', the man who operates the steering and depth controls, literally giving you hands-on control of a nuclear submarine.

What we're looking for

You'll need commitment, enthusiasm and common sense and above all, you need to work well as part of a team. Serving on board a submarine takes a special type of person. Like any professional kitchen, a submarine's galley can be hot, compact and extremely busy so you'll need to be calm under pressure, be organised and have an eye for detail. This will apply even in the tough, demanding conditions of a submarine below the waves anywhere in the world.

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

Professional training

After your basic training, you'll stay at HMS Raleigh for 26 weeks of professional training at the Defence Maritime Logistics School. Here, you'll learn how to cook tasty meals for hundreds of people and fine cuisine a London restaurant would be proud of. You'll also learn about food hygiene, health and safety, catering accountancy and stock control in a modern, realistic training centre alongside experienced sailors. You'll then complete a further four months at HMS Raleigh in the Submarine School. You'll learn about all aspects of submarine operations, including warfare, weapons, nuclear propulsion and escape training, and go to sea in a submarine. When you've finished, there'll be a test to check your knowledge. And, when you pass, you'll win your 'Dolphins' – the coveted badge of a qualified Submariner.

Skills for life

During your time in the Logistics branch you will have the opportunity to gain all kinds of professional skills, as well as personal qualities like teamwork, problem-solving and self-confidence. Training will be a constant feature of your time with us and we'll help you gain academic qualifications, key skills and GCSEs. We'll also help you work towards NVQs in Catering. As well as helping you develop your Royal Navy career, everything you achieve will be recognised and valued by a future civilian employer.

Promotion

You'll start your career as an Able Rate and will be part of a galley team cooking for the submarine crew. With some experience and further training, you could be promoted to Leading Hand – the head Chef in the galley. After that, you may go on to become a Petty Officer managing the catering department at sea. Later you could become a Chief Petty Officer employed in a whole range of catering management jobs and finally a Warrant Officer working at sea, or supporting ships, or in a headquarters. If you show the right commitment, skills and ability, you may also have the chance to become a Logistics Officer running the catering, stores and personnel departments. You'll be selected 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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Age:	16 to 36.
Nationality:	British or British dual citizenship.
Qualifications:	No specific qualifications are needed for this job.
Sex:	This job is open to 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 our recruit test.
5. Discuss your job options with a Careers Adviser.
6. Pass our medical, eye and pre-joining fitness tests.
7. Attend a formal interview at the Careers Office.
8. Pass our Pre-Royal Navy Course.
9. Join the Royal Navy.