



LOGISTICS

LOGISTICS OFFICER (SUBMARINER)

As a Logistics Officer (Submariner) you'll have overall responsibility for making sure your submarine has everything it needs to be effective on operations. Your organisational skills will be crucial in keeping your submarine's position secret. That's because, for all its incredibly advanced technology, how long your submarine can stay underwater ultimately depends on the supplies it carries. You'll be advising your Commanding Officer on how long materiel (weapons, equipment, spares and so on) and catering supplies will last, as well as personnel policy, legal and accountancy matters. As an important member of the senior team, you'll keep periscope watches and be in charge of system integrity (making sure the submarine is in working order) and damage control when you go into action. It's a vital role in a unique and challenging environment that puts you at the heart of everything we do.

What we're looking for

This role demands intelligence, good communication skills and plenty of common sense. You'll need to develop exceptional organisational skills because you'll be responsible for delivering large amounts of equipment, accommodation, food and other vital services. You'll also need an eye for detail, yet have a grasp of the 'bigger picture' at all times.

Initial training

You'll begin your career at Britannia Royal Naval College (BRNC) in Dartmouth. You'll spend 30 training weeks here, with the course split into three 10-week phases. These are: Military Skills, Maritime Skills and Initial Fleet Time. The military skills phase includes learning leadership and teamwork skills and the principles of command and management. You will put these into practice during several exercises on Dartmoor. During the maritime skills phase you'll be taught to handle small ships on the River Dart and there will be exercises to test you. In the third phase, Initial Fleet Time, you'll spend 10 weeks at sea, working in every department on board, learning how the ship operates and gaining first-hand experience of life in a warship. Finally, you'll return to BRNC for your passing out parade where your family and friends will have the opportunity to witness your joining the Royal Navy as an officer.

Professional training

Joining the Submarine Service involves some of the toughest technical training in the Royal Navy. It begins with the 32-week Initial Logistics Officers' Course at the Royal Naval Logistics School at HMS Raleigh. Here you'll learn the basics of logistics in the Royal Navy, including managing the supply chain and dealing with personnel, catering and accounting. During this period you will also spend 16 weeks at sea gaining practical experience. When you have finished the course, you'll be appointed to your first post as a Logistics Officer. You'll then complete a further four months in the Submarine School at HMS Raleigh. You'll learn about submarine warfare, weapons, nuclear propulsion and escape training, and go to sea in a submarine. There's a final test at the end of the course to check your knowledge. When you pass, you'll win your 'Dolphins' – the coveted badge of a qualified Submariner.

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 such as the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport or Institute of Administrative Management. Opportunities

for bachelor and master level degrees are also available. 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.

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 as well as providing a broad range of experience across the logistics disciplines both at sea and ashore. 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.

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 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.

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: | 17 to 31. |
| Nationality: | Full British citizenship. |
| Qualifications: | 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. |
| 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 |
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| 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 the Admiralty Interview Board. |
| 9. Join the Royal Navy. |

