



ENGINEERING

MARINE ENGINEER OFFICER

As a Marine Engineer Officer, you'll lead a team of highly-skilled Marine Engineering Technicians, with responsibility for every part of the ship not directly related to weapons. That includes the hull, engines, power, water, air and hydraulics systems. In an emergency, you'll also lead a damage-control and firefighting team, reporting direct to the Captain. When you're not at sea, you could join an integrated project team, reviewing and improving the performance of a particular class of Royal Navy ship. Or, you could find yourself managing the maintenance, repair and operation programme for the Royal Marines' landing craft. It's engineering on a massive scale, with responsibilities and rewards to match.

What we're looking for

For this job, you obviously have to be technically minded, but you'll also need to be resourceful and inventive, with the ability to solve problems in highly demanding conditions. Above all, you'll need to be concerned with the welfare, morale, training and development of the team of skilled technicians who'll look to you for expertise, management and leadership.

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

Your professional Royal Navy training begins with the 10-month systems engineering and management course at HMS Sultan in Gosport. Here, you'll learn about gas turbines, diesel generators, hydraulics and air systems. You'll then go to sea as an Assistant Marine Engineer Officer. When you've finished, you'll return to HMS Sultan to learn how to run your own engineering department, before taking up a post as a ship's Deputy Marine Engineer Officer.

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 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 have the chance to gain chartered engineer status and may have the opportunity to study for a masters degree. You could also gain qualifications accredited by academic and professional institutions. 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.

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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Age:	17 to 30.
Nationality:	British, Irish, Commonwealth or British dual citizenship.
Qualifications:	A degree in an engineering or physics-based subject, 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 both 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. 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 and the Admiralty Interview Board.
7. Join the Royal Navy.