



DECK

SEAMAN GRADE ONE (QUALIFIED DECK RATING)



As a Seaman Grade 1, one of your main duties will be replenishments at sea (RAS), and with additional training you could crew your ship's fast-rescue craft, other small boats and also become part of the ship's flight deck team working closely with helicopters and their crew. If you're in hostile waters, and after additional successful training, you may help to defend your ship using various light self defence weapons.

As a member of the Royal Fleet Auxiliary, you'll be expected to maintain the highest standards of dress and professional and personal conduct, according to the requirements of the service. In return we offer a rewarding work environment, continued professional development and the possibility of advancement.

What we're looking for

You'll need professionalism, commitment, enthusiasm and common sense. You must be physically fit and able to think on your feet. You'll need self discipline, concentration and quick reactions, especially during RAS operations you need to work well as part of a team.

Training

During your time with the Royal Fleet Auxiliary you will be required to attend an induction week and various training courses to enhance your current skills and develop new ones, many of these courses will take place in military establishments.

Pay and conditions

We offer a remuneration package on par with Maritime Industry as well as bonus payments to take into consideration of the specialist nature of this role. You'll receive 84 days' 'earned voyage leave' on full pay after every four months at sea. We offer a choice of Civil Service pension schemes. Personnel are subject to the Royal Fleet Auxiliary Drug and Alcohol policy and may be subject to random testing.

Promotion

With some experience and further training, you could be promoted to Leading Hand. After that, you may go on to become a Petty Officer and then Chief Petty Officer, the highest rank for ratings. If you show the right commitment, skills and academic ability, you may also have the chance to become an officer. To qualify for promotion, you have to be chosen at a promotion board. You'll be chosen on merit, so if you work hard and show potential, you can rise through the ranks.

Sport and recreation

When you're in a UK port, you'll be able to use the superb sports and fitness facilities on offer at Royal Navy shore bases. All RFA ships have gyms and other recreational facilities on board.

Recruitment qualifications requirement

Applicants must provide evidence that they:

Have had recent experience afloat on board a registered Merchant vessel in the deck department during the previous 36 months and have proof of this either in their discharge book or other quantifiable paperwork.

Hold a discharge book, current ENG1 and be in date for appropriate vaccinations.

- a. Hold the four elements of basic training:
 - i. Personal survival techniques (STCW Code-Table A-VI/1-1);
 - ii. Fire prevention and fire-fighting (STCW Code- Table A-VI/1-2);
 - iii. Elementary first aid (STCW Code-Table A-VI/1-3);
 - iv. Personal safety & social responsibilities (STCW Code-Table A-VI/1-4).
[Or have completed acceptable survival and fire-fighting training and more than 6 months sea-service prior to 1 August 1998]
- b. Have a STCW recognised Navigational Watch Rating Certificate (known as a Watch Rating Certificate) (meeting the requirements of STCW Code A-II/4).
- c. Hold an Efficient Deck Hand (EDH) certificate or be the holder of a VQ2 in Marine Vessel Operation or higher.
- d. Hold a Certificate of Proficiency in Survival Craft and Rescue Boats (CPSC&RB) or a Certificate of Proficiency in Survival Craft (CPSC) or a Lifeboatman certificate.

DO I QUALIFY?

QUALIFIED DECK RATING	
Age:	16 onwards
Nationality:	British
Qualifications:	As per Recruitment qualifications requirement paragraph. Note: personnel holding all of the stated qualifications could, subject to selection, be offered employment in the capacity of SG1B. If an AB certificate is also held employment will be considered for SG1A.
Sex:	Male or Female
Starting Salary:	Over £26,000 a year.

HOW TO APPLY

GET IN TOUCH

1. Go to rfa.mod.uk or call **08456 04 05 20** and as for an application form

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

2. Application form check
3. Interview at HMNB Portsmouth
4. Pass the Maritime & Coastguard Agency (MCA) Medical Fitness examination (ENG 1) and other checks
5. Join the Royal Fleet Auxiliary

Salary and pay details correct (1 Jul 2012).