



WARFARE

SEAMAN SPECIALIST

As a Seaman Specialist, you'll be a member of the team who actually sails the ship. You'll learn the very special skills needed to steer your ship, act as lookout and communicate with other ships. When your ship's 'alongside' in port, you'll be mooring and securing her, then guarding her against intruders. When she goes into action, you'll be a vital part of the crew, operating some of the smaller weapons on board. You'll be outside in every sort of weather, and crewing fast, rigid inflatable boats in all conditions and seas around the world. It's a proper 'sailor's' job and a real life at sea.

What we're looking for

You'll need commitment, enthusiasm and common sense in this job. You'll be working outdoors a lot of the time, so you need to enjoy being out in all weathers and handling small boats in all kinds of sea conditions. Above all, you need to work well as part of a team.

Basic training

Your Royal Navy career begins with nine 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

Once you've completed your basic training, you'll spend the next 10 months training for your job as a Seaman Specialist. Through a series of courses at HMS Raleigh and HMS Collingwood, you'll develop the skills and techniques required to re-supply, anchor and berth Royal Navy ships, learn to operate our close communications systems and short-range weapons, and other vital safety procedures such as firefighting. You'll then be ready to gain practical experience at sea.

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 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.

Promotion

You'll start your career as an Able Rate. With some experience and further training, you could be promoted to Leading Hand. After that, you may go on to become a Petty Officer, Chief Petty Officer, then a Warrant Officer. If you show the right commitment, skills and academic ability, you may also have the chance to become a Commissioned Officer. You'll be chosen for promotion on merit, so if you work hard, you can quickly rise through the ranks.

Skills for life

Training will be a constant feature of your time with us. We'll help you gain academic qualifications like GCSEs and A-levels, and even a degree. You can also work towards NVQs and other vocational awards. As well as helping you develop your Royal Navy career, everything you achieve will be recognised and valued by a future civilian employer.

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:	16 to 36.
Nationality:	British or British dual citizenship.
Qualifications:	No specific qualifications are needed for this job.
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 and pre-joining fitness tests.
7. Join the Royal Navy.

