



LOGISTICS

SUPPLY CHAIN LOGISTICIAN (SUBMARINER)

Everyone on board a nuclear submarine has an important job to do. However, as a Supply Chain Logician (Submariner), you'll be the person the entire crew and the mission itself ultimately depend on. That's because the supply situation determines how long your submarine can stay underwater and hidden. By making sure you've got everything the crew needs when you go underwater, then monitoring and recording all stocks, you'll make sure your submarine can maintain its stealth role. It's a highly responsible job, putting millions of pounds' worth of equipment, from nuclear propulsion spares to stationery, in your care. As a central member of the submarine's tight-knit crew, you'll work closely with your colleagues in the Engineering branch, making sure everything they need is waiting on the jetty when you finally surface. When the submarine goes into action, you'll be part of the firefighting and damage-control team. You can also train as a planesman, the man operating the depth and steering controls, which puts you, literally, in the driving seat of a nuclear submarine.

What we're looking for

You must have commitment, enthusiasm, common sense and the potential to develop strong organisational skills. You'll be responsible for storing and supplying large quantities of equipment and supplies, so you'll need to be responsible, trustworthy and able to plan your work effectively. Above all, you need to work well as part of a team. Serving on board a submarine takes a special type of person. You need to be able to live and work in a confined space, where the conditions can quickly change from relatively calm to highly demanding.

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 basic training, you'll stay at HMS Raleigh for a further 12 weeks, at the Defence Maritime Logistics School, learning about every aspect of stores accountancy in a modern and realistic training environment alongside experienced sailors. You may also go to sea on board a modern warship, to help you understand its military role and where you fit into the team. After this you may spend a few months in a busy naval base stores department and then you'll head back to HMS Raleigh for another four months' training in the Submarine School. As well as learning about submarine operations, including warfare, weapons, nuclear propulsion and escape training, you'll also spend time at sea in a submarine. When you pass the final test to check your knowledge 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 Warehousing. You can also become a member of

a number of professional organisations such as the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport. 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 spend time at sea in a submarine. With some experience and further training, you could be promoted to Leading Hand and may change to a different type of submarine. After that, you may go on to become a Petty Officer running your own department at sea or on shore. And then later you could become a Chief Petty Officer heading up a busy shore department or serving at sea again. Finally you could become a Warrant Officer working in a headquarters. If you show the right commitment, skills and academic 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 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.

