JOINT OPERATIONAL PLANNING COURSE (JOPC)

AIM OF COURSE
To study, from the UK perspective, the principles, planning and conduct of Joint, Combined and Multi-National operations in a cross government setting and at the Operational level. The course is practitioner based.

OUTLINE SYLLABUS
- Crisis management in the UK
- Campaigning – an introduction
- Joint understanding including C2
- Campaign planning tools
- The UK operational level estimate based on NATO doctrine
- Red teaming/wargaming
- Information Operations including media planning at the operational level
- Targeting and influence activity
- Risk
- Campaign effects assessment
- Rules of Engagement (ROE)/Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC)
- The role of Political Advisor (POLAD)
- The Integrated (cross government) Approach
- Civil/Mil Co-op in planning & conduct of Peace Support Operations (PSO)
- Stabilisation, International Development and Foreign Office
- The UK Joint Force Headquarters and PJHQ J3/5
- Interactive lectures supported by 2 case studies and reinforced by 2 practical syndicate exercises

ENTRY STANDARDS
- This course is suitable for officers of Major to Colonel and equivalent of all services serving in Joint Operational Level Headquarters who require a broad knowledge of the principles and application of Joint Operational Level Planning. This course is predominantly aimed at Joint Expeditionary Force Partner Nations but is also open to other NATO/EU officers on a prioritised availability basis. Interested parties from other countries should apply for the IJOPC.