



Commanding Officer  
Dinner

## ROYAL FLEET AUXILIARY

# STEWARD APPRENTICE

The Royal Fleet Auxiliary (RFA) delivers vital logistical and operational support to the Royal Navy, wherever they are in the world. As a Steward Apprentice you'll be part of the highly trained team that's tasked with planning and providing Front of House hospitality in diverse surroundings. You could be facilitating a diplomatic reception one day, and supporting an embarkation of Royal Marines the next.

Unlike a civilian hospitality apprenticeship, you'll also have to turn your hand to everything from working with helicopters on the flight deck, to providing medical support to your crewmates as part of the advanced medical team. This is the perfect role for people seeking both personal development and a progressive career at the highest levels of the hospitality industry.

### 01 Who we're looking for

#### In a nutshell

- A passion for hospitality
- First rate organisational skills
- Team players

This role is for committed, enthusiastic people, who are passionate about hospitality and have lots of common sense. You'll be expected to provide service of the very highest standard (sometimes in demanding conditions), so you'll need to be friendly and personable with a keen eye for detail.

### Why RFA Steward Apprentice?

- ▶ Get paid to travel the world
- ▶ Earn over £14,600 as soon as you start training
- ▶ Fulfil your potential through recognised qualifications, including a Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Hospitality.
- ▶ Hands-on, on-the-job training, leading to internationally recognised maritime qualifications
- ▶ Seven days of paid holiday for every 28 days at sea, increasing to 21 days leave for every 28 days spent at sea on completion of training
- ▶ Gain experience with the full range of hospitality functions, from accommodation management to food delivery (including professional Silver Service) and even basic cookery skills.

## 02 Training

The apprenticeship programme consists of a number of training phases in which you will develop your knowledge and skills. The hospitality skills that you learn will be of the highest standard, from accommodation management to food delivery (including professional Silver Service) and even basic cookery. On successful completion of the programme, you will be awarded a Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Hospitality.

In addition to this, you will complete Level 1 qualifications in functional skills Maths and English as well as the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) accredited Basic Safety Training certificate.

## 03 Skills for life

Training will be a constant feature of your time with us. During your initial training we will help you gain the following qualifications:

- Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Hospitality
- Level 1 NVQ Diploma in Functional Skills Maths & English
- Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) qualifications

We will pay all the fees for these courses and any study leave you need.

## 04 Further opportunities

On successful completion of your apprenticeship and if offered a Company Service Contract you'll continue your career as a Rating. In this role, you'll immediately put all the skills you've learnt into practice and with some experience and further training you could be promoted up through the ranks.

Should you decide that life at sea is not for you, you will be able to leave at the end of the programme, and keep all the qualifications and skills that you have earned.



The job revolves around hospitality services, looking after cabins, serving food, generally making sure the crew are looked after. We're also trained in handling weapons to defend the ship, to work on flight decks lashing down helicopters and being an active part of the RAS (Replenishment at Sea) team.

James, RFA Apprentice



## 05 Pay and benefits

- Starting salary of over £14,600 as soon as you start training
- An initial 18 month - 2 year contract with the potential to progress
- Seven days of paid holiday for every 28 days at sea, increasing to 21 days leave for every 28 days spent at sea on completion of training
- Free phone calls home when you are deployed outside of the UK
- Subsidised travel and accommodation throughout your apprenticeship
- A choice of excellent pension schemes
- Access to superb sports and fitness facilities at Royal Navy shore bases

### Not just a job. A way of life.

Being in the Royal Fleet Auxiliary is a job like no other, with a life - and lifestyle - to match. You'll make friends for life, and go to places you've never been. From the moment you join, you'll be part of a close-knit team that lives, works and relaxes together.

There's more to life at sea in the Royal Fleet Auxiliary.

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