

# ARMED FORCES SECTOR

40,000

There are over 40,000 people in the RAF

98

The Royal Navy's fleet includes 98 ships

You could be part of a worldwide organisation, and travel round the world



Coded messages, fast jets and humanitarian rescues are all part of a good day's work

Paid training, skills for life and loads of perks

The honour of defending your country



There are over 140,000 people serving in the regular and territorial armies

The Armed Forces offer loads of Apprenticeships and paid training for new recruits...



## ARMED FORCES

## Careers Insight

They defend our country and also offer a broad range of Apprenticeships and on the job training. If you're up for the challenge, there are plenty of benefits to joining the RAF, Royal Navy or Royal Army.

### GET INTO THE ARMED FORCES!

#### The Royal Air Force (RAF)

If you want a high-flying career, then you might be interested in the RAF. They defend our skies and also help out with humanitarian aid, disaster relief and search and rescue missions. It's not just for pilots, either – there are roles for ground crew, navigators, maintenance crews and more.

#### Training opportunities

Your initial training will focus on preparing you – physically and mentally – to take on the challenges and responsibilities of RAF life. This is followed by specialist training in the skills you'll need to do your particular job. After that, there are vocational qualifications available, like NVQs and Apprenticeships, as well as the chance to study for a degree.

**Earnings:** New recruits earn around £13,700 a year, and get paid while they train.

#### Royal Navy

Despite what you might think, the Royal Navy isn't just about ships. They have submarines, jets, planes and helicopters too – not to mention an ultra-elite Marine Corps. The Royal Navy keep our seas protected and also provides support to other military operations. There are roles both onshore and out at sea.

#### Training opportunities

You'll start out with basic training that will prepare you for life in the Royal Navy. After that, you'll get specialist training in the skills you'll need to do your chosen job. Along the way, there's the opportunity to gain vocational qualifications like NVQs and Apprenticeships. You could even get a degree while in service.

**Earnings:** New recruits earn between £13,000 and £14,000 a year, and get paid while they train.

#### The British Army

The Army carries out tasks given to it by our government. Its main job is to protect our country at home and overseas – soldiers may be deployed on UN operations and used to help in other emergencies. There are lots of branches in the Army, from infantry soldiers to artillery and engineering.

#### Training opportunities

There are lots of training and education opportunities with the Army, from the day you join and start basic training to career courses where you learn a trade and gain NVQs and HNC qualifications.

**Earnings:** New recruits earn between £14,000 and £16,000 a year, and get paid while they train.

### JOBS ON OFFER

It takes more than pilots to support the RAF, and more than navigators to steer a ship. The Armed Forces offer careers and training in many areas, like:

- Air traffic control
- Engineering (civil, mechanical, marine and electrical)
- Office support (like HR, admin and finance)
- IT & Telecoms
- Logistics
- Catering
- Medical (like doctors, dentists and nurses)

### USEFUL LINKS

[www.opendoorsmedia.co.uk](http://www.opendoorsmedia.co.uk) - The best careers site on the web.  
[www.army.mod.uk](http://www.army.mod.uk) - The Army.  
[www.raf.mod.uk/careers](http://www.raf.mod.uk/careers) - The RAF.  
[www.royalnavy.mod.uk/careers](http://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/careers) - The Royal Navy.  
[www.careersbox.co.uk](http://www.careersbox.co.uk) - Home to a fantastic library of free careers videos.