

# ROYAL NAVY

**WARFARE SPECIALIST**

Your career guide



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# WHAT IS THE ROLE OF A WARFARE SPECIALIST?

General Service Warfare Specialists, who serve onboard ships, are split into four sub-specialisations: Abovewater Warfare Tactical (AWT), Abovewater Warfare Weapons (AWW), Electronic Warfare (EW) and Underwater Warfare (UW). With each role you will either operate state-of-the-art Radar, Sonar, Weapon or Computer Systems to maintain safe and secure waters as well as conducting peace keeping and maritime security operations around the world.



# TRAINING

Training and development are continuous throughout your career within the Royal Navy. It takes place at onshore training facilities and onboard operational ships. On joining, you'll complete 10 weeks of Basic Training (phase 1) at HMS Raleigh, where you'll gain skills that will stay with you throughout your career. After that, you'll go on to complete three months (phase 2) sub-specialisation (AWT, AWW, EW, or UW) training at the Maritime Warfare School at HMS COLLINGWOOD, which is based in Fareham, Hampshire.



# WARFARE SPECIALISTS

## WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR

- Quick thinkers who are calm under pressure
- A passion for working with the latest technology
- A common-sense approach to problems
- Team players
- An adventurous spirit

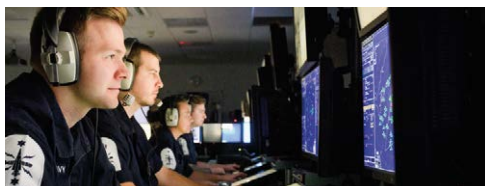
### Joining

As a minimum you will need to complete a:

- Naval Service Recruit Test (NSRT) and interview at your local Armed Forces Careers Office (AFCO)
- Telephone call with a triage nurse to prepare you for medical
- Medical and eye test
- Pre-Naval Fitness Test
- Pre-Royal Navy Acquaint Course (RNAC)

### Benefits

- Competitive salary – Over £20,000 per year on completion of initial training
- Seven weeks' paid holiday per year
- Access to superb sports facilities
- Life-long learning – from GCSEs to higher level education
- Free medical and dental care
- Additional pay for time at sea



### Do I need GCSEs to be a Warfare Specialist?

No, you don't need any GCSEs to join any sub-specialisation of Warfare Specialists.

### Once I start my application, how long will it take until I commence my initial training?

If you meet the required standard during the Recruit Test, Interview, Medical and Security Clearance your Careers Advisor within your Armed Forces Careers Office will be able to inform you of the date you will commence your training at HMS RALEIGH.

### How will I be streamed into a sub-specialisation with the Warfare Specialist branch?

Once you have completed all your mandated joining requirements you will be given a date for phase 1 training at HMS RALEIGH and you will be informed in either week 8 or 9 of training which sub-specialisation you have been streamed (AWT/ AWW/EW/UW).

To find out more call 0345 607 5555

# WARFARE SPECIALIST JOBS

## ABOVEWATER WARFARE TACTICAL (AWT)

**ACTIVE ON:**



Are you looking for a new challenge? Would you like to play a key role in an Operations Room in a multi-threat environment, travel the world, whilst being the first person to identify a potential threat and help to protect our country? Being an Abovewater Warfare Tactical, Warfare Specialist means you are at the heart of every mission and always at the thick of the action. You could work with some of the most advanced and sophisticated kit on the planet. Your day could consist of working on a state-of-the-art RADAR system to detect and locate threats in the Subsurface, Surface and Air environment, whilst playing a vital role, providing key information to enable tactical decisions to be made. If thriving to be the best, travelling the world, with unlimited sporting opportunities, whilst getting paid interests you, then this role is for you.

**Age:** 16 to 39.

**Nationality:** British or British dual national.

**Qualifications:** There are no minimum qualification requirements.

**Salary:** Starting at over £20,000

## ABOVEWATER WARFARE WEAPONS (AWW)

**ACTIVE ON:**



Being an Abovewater Warfare Weapons, Warfare Specialist means you would be the first and often the last line of defence onboard. Protecting the Ship and friendly assets from Air and Surface attacks, you will be trained to operate state-of-the-art Weapon and Missile systems onboard. At the start of your career you will be employed as part of the armed Ship's Protection Force when alongside as well as the Response Force, manning the Close Range Weapons at sea. As you progress in the Royal Navy you will be required to assist in Boarding Operations, direct the Medium Range Gun, become the expert in Naval Military Training onboard and utilise both the Ship's Air Defence and Surface missile systems. Maintaining Maritime Security globally means you could be required to conduct a wide range of tasks, from complex combat operations to being called upon at short notice to defend the Ship operating the formidable array of Weapons onboard.

**Age:** 16 to 39.

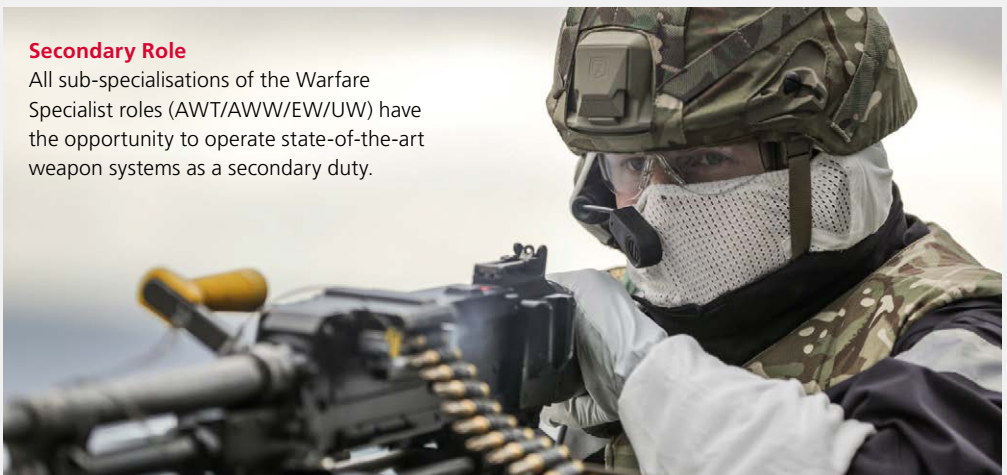
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### Secondary Role

All sub-specialisations of the Warfare Specialist roles (AWT/AWW/EW/UW) have the opportunity to operate state-of-the-art weapon systems as a secondary duty.



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## ELECTRONIC WARFARE (EW)

**ACTIVE  
ON:**



Royal Navy Electronic Warfare involves using specialist equipment to intercept and analyse electromagnetic (Radar) emissions to determine their identity. Once you have discovered what the radar is, you can work out what Ship, Aircraft or Submarine it is fitted to, assess its weapon systems and its intent, therefore what threat it poses to your Ship. Building a tactical picture of what's around us without giving away our position, contributing to the UK's Maritime Security understanding, globally, to achieve offensive and defensive effects. You will use equipment to reduce and/or prevent adversaries use of their radars, while ensuring we can use our radars effectively to gain tactical advantage. As your career progresses you will become an expert in Anti-Ship Missile Defence, in control of launching Counter Measures to defeat incoming threats keeping your Ship safe and operating effectively.

**Age:** 16 to 39.

**Nationality:** British or British dual national.

**Qualifications:** There are no minimum qualification requirements.

**Salary:** Starting at over £20,000

## UNDERWATER WARFARE (UW)

**ACTIVE  
ON:**



One of the biggest potential threats to the Royal Navy silently lurks beneath the waves and comes from submarines. As an Underwater Warfare Specialist, it will be your job to protect our 'Continuous at sea Nuclear Deterrent' and 'Carrier Strike capability'. You will be trained how to operate the most advanced SONAR systems in the world and will be an essential part of the Warfare team. Trained to recognise the unique characteristics of these highly sophisticated vessels you will be able to detect and track submarines to safeguard our Aircraft Carriers and Nuclear Deterrent. You will be part of an elite team of 'Sub-Hunters' playing a dangerous game of cat and mouse using your NVQ accredited analytical skills to provide information that will enable the Command to make tactical decisions. If you believe you have what it takes to be a 'Sub-Hunter' whilst travelling the world and making lifelong friends along the way, then the UW branch is for you.

**Age:** 16 to 39.

**Nationality:** British or British dual national.

**Qualifications:** There are no minimum qualification requirements.

**Salary:** Starting at over £20,000

Please scan the QR below for more information on rates of pay for each job.



# WHAT NEXT?

**We hope this publication has given you an insight into the life and career opportunities open to you as an Warfare Specialist in the Royal Navy.**

Joining the Royal Navy makes you part of something special. Part of a team. Protecting our nation's interests, all over the world. It's the kind of career you can be proud of, and your family can be proud of you for. Being a Warfare Specialist is a way to use your natural skills, and develop new ones that stay with you for life. It's not for everyone, but it could be for you. Could you be made in the Royal Navy?

## VISIT

[royalnavy.mod.uk/careers/roles-and-specialisations/branches/warfare](https://royalnavy.mod.uk/careers/roles-and-specialisations/branches/warfare)

To check your eligibility or find out more about the joining process, preparation, training and choosing the right role for you.

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