



WARFARE

MINE WARFARE SPECIALIST

As a Mine Warfare Specialist, you'll clear a path for our warships, and make the seas safer for civilian vessels. You might be disposing of historic devices in a Mediterranean port, or on operations in the Persian Gulf, where you'll lead the way for our fleet, clearing any active mines as you go. It's a vital role that makes every mission possible, from delivering essential humanitarian aid, to conflict operations.

As you progress through the ranks, you'll work with unmanned vehicles to investigate and dispose of devices. This equipment is the most advanced of its type on the planet, and you'll be the one who drives it. Responsibility like that is hard to find in a civilian career. You'll get real variety too. Our Minehunter vessels are much smaller than our other warships, which means you'll gain a wide range of skills, from basic seamanship, to manning light weaponry.

Female applicants should be aware that when considering this branch they will be initially assigned to ships which are based in Faslane, Scotland. As we transition to a new way of hunting mines opportunities will open up to serve in other regions.

01 Who we're looking for

In a nutshell

- 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

Being a Warfare Specialist is a rewarding role for people who want to be at the heart of the mission. You're crucial to the ship's Warfare branch and function, so you'll need a cool head under pressure, but will enjoy the sense of pride and purpose that comes from knowing you help the Royal Navy do what it does best.

Why Mine Warfare Specialist?

- Work with some of the most advanced kit on the planet
- Experience diverse environments all over the world
- Gain recognised qualifications that are funded by us
- Start on a salary of at least £20,000 after Basic Training, rising to in excess of £51,000 as your career progresses
- A wide range of benefits including a House Purchase Scheme
- Six weeks of paid holiday every year

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Qualifications and age

- You must be aged 16 - 39
- No qualifications are required for this role
- A National of the United Kingdom, a Commonwealth citizen or Dual National
- A Body Mass Index (BMI) between 18 and 28 (between 17 and 27 if under 18)
- You must pass the [Naval Swimming Test](#)

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Training

Training and development continues throughout your career with the Royal Navy. It takes place at onshore training facilities and on board operational ships. On joining, you'll complete 10 weeks of Basic Training 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 of specialist training at the Maritime Warfare School, focussing on:

- Various types of mines and how they operate
- Understanding how different mines are used in war
- Learning mine disposal techniques
- Becoming skilled in mine detection, including using a mine-hunting sonar
- Learning to launch and operate a remote-controlled unmanned vehicle

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Skills for life

- Study for GCSEs, A-Levels, NVQs or a degree
- Gain specialist vocational qualifications as your career progresses

Training will be a constant feature of your time with us. We'll help you gain academic qualifications like GCSEs, A-levels, even a degree. You can also work towards NVQs and other vocational awards. As well as helping you develop your Royal Navy career, everything you achieve will be recognised and valued by a future civilian employer.



Working with the unmanned systems is a real thrill. We're world-leaders in the mine disposal field, which means we get to work in partnership with lots of different nations and meet lots of interesting people.

Omar, Mine Warfare Specialist



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Promotion

You will start your career as an Able Rate. With some experience and further training, you could be promoted to Leading Hand. After that, you may go on to become a Petty Officer or beyond. If you show the right commitment, skills and academic ability, you may also have the chance to become a Commissioned Officer. You'll be chosen for promotion on merit, so if you work hard, you can quickly rise through the ranks.

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Pay and benefits

- Earn at least £20,000 after Basic Training, rising to in excess of £51,000 as your career progresses
- Six weeks of paid holiday every year
- Free medical and dental care
- Subsidised travel and accommodation
- Excellent pension scheme

Not just a job. A way of life.

Being in the Royal Navy is a job like no other, with a life – and lifestyle – to match. You'll make friends for life, go to places you've never been and do things that civilian dreams are made of. From the moment you join, you'll be part of a close-knit team that lives, works and relaxes together. On top of on-ship and onshore sports facilities, you'll also have the opportunity to go on adventurous training, which means anything from mountaineering, caving and parachuting, to jungle expeditions.

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