



## WARFARE

# WARFARE SPECIALIST

As a Warfare Specialist in the Royal Navy, you're the person who identifies our targets, and our threats. You're there at the start of every mission, and play a vital role throughout. There's no place to hide. No room for error. This job comes with serious responsibility as you take part in crucial operations, all over the world. You could be working with your team in the Ops Room of a Type 45, or preparing or manning essential weaponry on deployment to the Indian Ocean.

You're the eyes and ears of the ship. On a daily basis, you'll work with some of the most advanced radar equipment in the world, and directly influence major tactical decisions. As your career progresses, you'll have the opportunity to specialise in Above Water, Underwater or Electronic Warfare. And from day one, you'll be making friends for life, in a world where teamwork is vital.

Warfare Specialists are split into four sub-specialisations: Abovewater Warfare Tactical (AWT), Abovewater Warfare Weapons (AWW), Electronic Warfare (EW) and Underwater Warfare (UW).

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## 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 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
- Seven weeks of paid holiday every year

## 02 Qualifications

- You don't require any qualifications
- You must be aged 16 – 39

## 03 Training

Training and development continues throughout your career with the Royal Navy. It takes place at onshore training facilities and onboard 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. During week 8 or 9 you will be streamed either AWT, AWW, EW or UW. After that, you'll go on to complete three months of specialist training at the Maritime Warfare School, focussing on:

- Setting up and operating systems that monitor the surface and air space
- Gaining information about flight paths, landmarks and shorelines
- Learning to detect and report radio jamming
- Using radio circuits to pass vital information
- Gaining hands-on experience of life on board a warship

## 04 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.



**Our work takes us all over the world, which means I've managed to experience a lot in a short time. Working with people across all the different roles on board keeps things interesting and means I've always got mates to chat to.**

*Barry, Warfare Specialist*

## 05 Promotion



You'll typically 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.

## 06 Pay & Benefits

- Earn at least £20,000 after Basic Training, rising to over £51,000 as your career progresses
- Seven weeks of paid holiday every year
- Free medical and dental care
- Subsidised travel and accommodation
- Excellent pension scheme
- Sports and adventurous training opportunities

## 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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