



ENGINEERING

ACCELERATED APPRENTICE SCHEME (WEAPON ENGINEERING)

Joining the Royal Navy on the Accelerated Apprentice Scheme (Weapon Engineering) means taking a streamlined route to the highest levels of the engineering industry. You'll be fast-tracked to real responsibility, getting your hands on some of the most advanced kit on the planet, and guaranteeing your warship's potency as a state-of-the-art fighting force. That might mean operating complex detection and communication equipment on a Type 45 Destroyer, or maintaining cutting-edge weapon systems on a Type 23 Frigate. This is engineering at its most exhilarating.

The Royal Navy will take you all over the world, as you play a central role in protecting our nation's interests. From counter-narcotics operations in the Caribbean, to combatting piracy in the Indian Ocean. You'll constantly have the chance to build on your existing qualifications, gaining new ones, and getting all the experience you need to become a world-class engineer. Unlike comparable civilian roles, you'll quickly find yourself in charge of some of the most sophisticated electronic equipment in existence, as you join as a probationary Leading Hand, two ranks higher than most Engineering Technicians.

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Who we're looking for

In a nutshell

- Quick thinkers, with an affinity for maths and engineering
- Problem-solvers
- A passion for working with the latest technology
- Team players
- A sense of adventure

You'll need commitment, enthusiasm, common sense and an interest in mechanics, systems and electronics. Strong teamwork is essential as you work with your crewmates to solve complex problems in unique and challenging environments, all over the world.

Why Accelerated Apprentice Scheme (Weapon Engineering)?

- Be a vital part of a professional weapon engineering team
- Maintain, service and operate our weapons, sensors and communication equipment
- Salary of £33,000 rising to over £51,000 as your career progresses
- Six weeks of paid holiday every year
- Travel the world
- Operate at the highest levels of the engineering industry
- Get free EngTech and IEng

02 Qualifications

- You need to be aged 17 - 25
- A minimum of three GCSEs (or equivalent) at grade 4 or above including English Language, Mathematics and at least one science
- You must be a British or British 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](#)

PLUS

A National Qualifications Framework Level 3 Diploma (with a minimum of a Merit Pass) in engineering discipline

OR

At least 48 UCAS points in A-levels (or equivalent) in Mathematics and STEM subject

03 Training

Your Royal Navy career begins with 10 weeks' Basic Training at HMS Raleigh, a shore base in Plymouth. The discipline, teamwork, organisational, firefighting and weapon handling skills you learn here will stay with you right through your career.

You'll be embarking on one of the world's top apprenticeship schemes, which means training will be a constant feature of your time with us. As well as helping you develop your Royal Navy career, everything you achieve will be valued by a future civilian employer. It will also be recognised by Professional Institutions, so you can take a streamlined route to registering as an EngTech or an IEng.

04 Skills for life

- An Advanced Apprenticeship in Engineering Manufacture (Engineering Maintenance)
- The opportunity to complete a Foundation Degree

The Royal Navy will support you with world-class training throughout your career, helping you to learn and develop as a professional engineer. As you gain a number of nationally accredited qualifications, you'll be laying the foundations for a successful career as an engineer.

05 Promotion

You'll start your career as a probationary Leading Engineering Technician. Providing you meet the required standards, you will have the opportunity to be promoted to Petty Officer Technician and beyond.

Initially you'll be offered an 12-year career with the option to apply to extend it to 20 years. You may have the opportunity to serve beyond this, depending on what you would like to do and the needs of the Royal Navy. At the end of the scheme you can either stay in the Service and seek further promotion, or leave with plenty of experience and engineering knowledge.

06 Pay & Benefits?

- Starting salary of £33,000 rising to £51,000 as your career progresses
- Six weeks of paid holiday every year
- Help with housing and education
- Free medical and dental care
- Adventurous training opportunities
- Access to superb sports and fitness facilities
- One of the best pensions available
- Free professional registration with a recognised engineering council

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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