



## ENGINEERING

# ACCELERATED APPRENTICE SCHEME (AIR ENGINEERING)

Joining the Royal Navy on the Accelerated Apprentice Scheme (Air Engineering) means being fast-tracked to working with our most advanced aircraft. You'll receive accelerated training, so you can be part of the team that maintains, services and inspects the Fleet Air Arm's helicopters and fighter jets. You'll be involved before and after every flight, working with our world-class pilots, and ensuring all their equipment is in top condition. They can't fly unless everything is safe – and that's where you come in. Without you, we're grounded.

Life in the Royal Navy will take you all over the world, as you work on our sophisticated aircraft, in some of the most challenging environments imaginable. From adjusting the landing gear of the future F-35 Joint Strike Fighter on deck in the North Atlantic, to maintaining the rotor blades of a Merlin helicopter on a landing platform in the Persian Gulf. 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

- A quick thinker, with a passion for working with the latest equipment and technology
- A problem-solver who can work well as part of a team
- An affinity for aircraft and avionics
- Enthusiasm for fixing and maintaining electronic and mechanical system

You'll need commitment, enthusiasm, common sense and an interest in aviation, 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 (Air Engineering)?

- Be a vital part of the air engineering team
- Maintain, service and inspect the Fleet Air Arm's aircraft
- A starting salary of £33,000, rising to £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 registration
- Sports and adventurous training opportunities

## 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, who has lived in the UK continuously for the 5 years prior to applying
- You need to be a minimum height of 151.5cm
- A Body Mass Index (BMI) between 18 and 28 (between 17 and 27 if under 18)
- You must pass the [Naval Swimming Test](#)

There are 2 options for acceptable vocational qualifications which are required in addition to the basic academic criteria above:

### Option 1

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

### Option 2

At least 48 UCAS points in A-levels (or equivalent) in Mathematics and a 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 apprentice 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

- Certificate of Higher Education in Aeronautical Engineering
- 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?

- A 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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