



ENGINEERING

AIR ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN

As a vital part of our air operations team, you'll take charge of scheduled maintenance and pre- and post-flight servicing and inspections for the Fleet Air Arm's aircraft. Later in your career, you'll have the chance to specialise in the latest mechanical technology, such as airframes, engines, control and fuel systems, or state of the art avionics, including radar, communications, weapons and electronic warfare systems. Throughout your career, you could serve on board a frigate, destroyer, aircraft carrier, at a Royal Naval Air Station (RNAS) or with a front-line squadron based overseas.

What we're looking for

You'll need commitment, enthusiasm and common sense. You should also have mathematical ability, communication skills and an interest in engineering systems – all of which you can develop during your training.

Initial training

Your Royal Navy career begins with 10 weeks' basic training at HMS Raleigh. It sounds like a ship, but in fact it's a shore base near Plymouth. The discipline, teamwork, organisational, firefighting and weapon-handling skills you'll learn here will stay with you right through your Royal Navy career. Aim to get yourself as fit as you can before you arrive. You'll be doing a lot of physical exercise, and you'll find it much easier if you're already in good shape. There's also a swimming test, so if you can't swim, make sure you've learned by the time you join us. You can find out more about HMS Raleigh at royalnavy.mod.uk/careers

Professional training

You'll complete six months' professional training at the Defence College of Aeronautical Engineering at HMS Sultan in Gosport as part of a modern apprenticeship, before being posted to your first operational squadron.

Skills for life

As an Engineering Technician you will be embarking on one of the country's top Modern Apprenticeship Schemes, voted as such in the 2011 City and Guilds Apprenticeship Awards. Training will be a constant feature of your time with us. You will gain National Vocational Qualifications as you progress through each stage of your early career and will have the opportunity to gain a Foundation Degree. We can also help you gain academic qualifications such as GCSEs and A-levels. As well as helping you develop your Royal Navy career, everything you achieve will be valued by a future civilian employer and has been recognised by the Professional Institutions so that it can streamline your route to registering as an EngTech or an IEng.

Promotion

You'll 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, Chief Petty Officer, then a Warrant Officer. 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.

Pay and conditions

Royal Navy pay compares well with similar civilian jobs. As well as basic pay, you'll get extra money for special skills, when you're promoted and when you're away at sea. We also offer an excellent pension scheme, six weeks' paid holiday a year and free medical and dental care.

You'll generally join us on a full career, which is 18 years or to age 40, whichever is later. You may have the opportunity to serve beyond this, depending on what you want and the needs of the Royal Navy. If you want to leave, you can send us your request one year before completing your specified return of service. How long this return of service is, will depend on the branch you join. You will need to give 12 months' notice.

Not just a job, a way of life

There is a lot more to joining the Royal Navy than doing a job. For a start, all our ships and shore bases have superb sports and fitness facilities. We can offer a fantastic range of sports and other activities. You'll also have the chance to go on adventurous training, which could be anything from a jungle expedition to mountaineering and caving to parachuting. From the moment you join, you'll be part of a team that lives, works and relaxes together, forming friendships and experiences that can last a lifetime. It's a unique way of life, and the opportunities we offer will allow you to reach your career potential and enjoy the time you spend with us to the full.

DO I QUALIFY?

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Age:	16 to 29.
Nationality:	British or British dual citizenship.
Qualifications:	No specific qualifications are needed for this job. However, fast-track opportunities may be available if you have GCSEs or Scottish Standard grades or equivalent or A-levels or Higher grades or equivalent.
Sex:	This job is open to both men and women.
Starting salary:	For current information, visit royalnavy.mod.uk/careers

HOW TO APPLY

GET IN TOUCH

1. Go to royalnavy.mod.uk/careers or call **08456 07 55 55**.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

2. Go to an initial careers presentation.
3. Fill in a short application form.
4. Take our recruit test.
5. Discuss your job options with a Careers Adviser.
6. Pass the medical, eye and pre-joining fitness tests.
7. Attend a formal interview at the Careers Office.
8. Pass the Pre-Royal Navy Course.
9. Join the Royal Navy.