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AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL OFFICER

As an Air Traffic Control Officer, you’ll be part of the team responsible for maintaining the ‘safe and expeditious flow of air traffic’. To achieve it in a sky full of commercial airliners, private planes and many other aircraft is a complex process even in peacetime. Add in the complications of political tension, natural disaster, conflict or bad weather and it’s easy to see why you’ll need a cool head and excellent analytical, communication and decision-making skills. They’ll be equally vital whether you’re operating at a busy shore base or controlling the fleet of helicopters and fast jets on board an aircraft carrier. In both cases, you’ll rely on highly sophisticated radar and communications systems and the skilled team around you to keep the skies safe for everyone.

Skills for life
During your professional training and throughout your career, you’ll gain qualifications accredited by academic institutions and leading professional and industry organisations. All are recognised internationally and will be highly valued by civilian employers. This will greatly improve your prospects of a second career if you decide to leave the Royal Navy.

Promotion
For all officers, the opportunities for promotion are excellent. To help you with your career, we’ll offer you plenty of feedback, encouragement and training. You’ll be promoted to Lieutenant automatically as long as you pass your professional training and perform to the level needed. After that, you’ll be chosen on merit for promotion to Lieutenant Commander and beyond.

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 an initial commission, which is for 12 years. 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.

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HOW TO APPLY

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

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

1. Go to an initial careers presentation.
2. Fill in a short application form.
3. Take the recruit test.
4. Discuss your job options with a Careers Adviser.
5. Pass the medical, eye and pre-joining fitness tests.
6. Attend a formal interview at the Careers Office.
7. Pass the Aircrew Aptitude Test.
8. Pass the Admiralty Interview Board.