

Working in the Armed Forces with GCSEs

Members of each service are trained as specialists, often through an apprenticeship.

Some jobs are specific to the armed forces, such as intelligence operative or infantry soldier. Other jobs may be more familiar, such as driver or bricklayer. As well as your profession or trade, you will have military tasks that will include handling weapons.

Working in the Armed Forces with A levels

If you have a vocational qualification already, you may be able to use your qualification to join the armed forces.

This is most likely to be in a technical, medical or nursing job. With A levels or other Level 3 qualifications, you can apply to be an officer, although most officers are graduates.



Working in the Armed Forces with a degree

With a degree, you can enter as an officer in the Royal Navy (including Marines), the British Army, RAF or Merchant Navy.

After several months of training, you will command a group of Royal Navy ratings, British Army soldiers or RAF airmen/women. You may have a specialism too, for example in engineering, accountancy, catering or logistics

