



ENGINEERING

SYSTEMS ENGINEER OFFICER (SE)

As a Systems Engineer Officer in the Royal Fleet Auxiliary, you'll be working anywhere onboard from the bridge to the engine room maintaining and repairing the complex and varied electrical equipment and systems on your ship. This includes navigational aids to propulsion systems, communication systems to electrical switchgear and distribution systems and PLC (Programmable Logic Controller) control and automation systems. You'll also be working alongside specialists in the Marine Engineering, Deck and Logistic departments and will have a key role in the ship's damage control and firefighting organisation.

What we're looking for

This role demands intelligence, good communication skills and plenty of common sense. As well as being technically minded, you'll also need to be resourceful and inventive, with the ability to solve problems in demanding conditions. During your training you'll be developing the professional and personal qualities needed to be a Royal Fleet Auxiliary officer so you'll need to demonstrate leadership skills as well as working effectively as part of a team.

Training

You'll begin your career at Britannia Royal Naval College (BRNC) in Dartmouth, developing your leadership, communication and teamwork skills. The eight weeks at BRNC will give you an introduction to the Naval Service and you'll get the chance to put your new skills into practise during exercises on Dartmoor before being part of the passing out parade, where your family and friends will have the opportunity to witness you completing the first element of your training. From BRNC you'll continue your training at a Royal Navy training establishment to prepare you for the complex and varied electrical systems you will be responsible for onboard. Our training is accredited by the Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST) and forms part of the RFA's streamlined route to Chartership.

Pay and conditions

You'll earn a highly competitive salary, plus an extra RFA allowance reflecting our special status, which is paid monthly with your basic salary. We also offer a choice of Civil Service pension schemes. As a qualified officer you'll work for four month appointments earning 84 days leave after each one.

Promotion

You'll start your training in the rank of Third Officer Systems Engineer. With some experience and further training, you could be promoted to Second, then First Officer. As Chief Officer, you're one step away from becoming a Captain. At this rank you would head the RFA Systems Engineering Department. You'll be chosen for promotion on merit, so if you work hard, you can quickly progress up the chain of command. As you move up the ranks you'll have the opportunity to apply for shore posts which provide a wide range of career development opportunities including the management of technical projects, roles in training and human resources and headquarters staff support to the ships of the RFA. These would see you planning a key role in the running or development of the RFA from a MOD or RN base.

Skills for life

During your professional training and throughout your career, you'll gain qualifications accredited by leading professional and industry bodies such as the Maritime & Coastguard Agency (MCA). All are recognised internationally and are highly regarded throughout the shipping industry.

Sport and recreation

When you're in a UK port, you'll be able to use the superb sports and fitness facilities on offer at Royal Navy shore bases. All RFA ships have gyms and other recreational facilities onboard. Working on ship is a physically demanding role therefore it is advantageous to have a good level of fitness as well as being able to meet our medical requirements. Overseas, you'll be free to explore when you are off duty.

DO I QUALIFY?

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Age:	16 upwards.
Nationality:	British.
Qualifications:	HND or equivalent in either Electronic and Communication Engineering or Electrical and Electronic Engineering
Sex:	This job is open to both men and women.
Starting salary:	£27,811 a year. Plus RFA allowance: £3072 a year.

HOW TO APPLY

GET IN TOUCH

1. Go to rfa.mod.uk or call **08456 04 05 20** and ask for an application form.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

2. Application form check.
3. Pass the suitability interview.
4. Pass the Royal Fleet Auxiliary Admiralty Interview Board (AIB).
5. Pass the Maritime & Coastguard Agency (MCA) medical fitness examination (ENG 1) and other pre-employment checks.
6. Join the Royal Fleet Auxiliary.

Salary and pay details correct (as of 1 September 2012).