**Job title: Army Officer**

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| **Entry requirements:**  | You can do a **degree course** before you apply for officer training although it's not essential.**Entry requirements**You'll usually need:* 2 to 3 A levels for a degree

You could work towards this role at **college** by doing a relevant subject like Level 2 or 3 Diploma in Public Services. This would teach you some of the skills and knowledge you need in this career.**Entry requirements**You'll usually need:* 2 or more GCSEs at grades 9 to 3 (A\* to D) for a level 2 course
* 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A\* to C) for a level 3 course

You can work towards this role by starting with an **intermediate apprenticeship** as a HM Forces Serviceperson.You'll need to apply directly to the army to find the best apprenticeship route for you.**Entry requirements**To do this apprenticeship, you'll need:* some GCSEs, usually including English and maths, for an intermediate apprenticeship
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| **Skills required:**  | You'll need:* leadership skills to manage and motivate soldiers
* excellent verbal communication skills
* thinking and reasoning skills for making quick decisions
* persistence and determination
* patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
* concentration skills and fast reactions
* the ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure
* the ability to work well with others in a team
* to be able to use a computer and the main software packages competently

You'll need to:* meet the British army nationality and residency rules
* pass a fitness test
* pass a full army medical
* pass security checks
* pass enhanced background checks
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| **What you'll do:**  | You could work in a combat role as:* an infantry platoon commander leading a team of trained soldiers on operations
* a helicopter pilot officer with responsibility for your crew and ground troops
* a tank troop officer in charge of men and their vehicles
* an artillery troop officer leading a team of soldiers

You might work in medicine and healthcare as:* an adult nurse caring for injured soldiers
* a dental officer for army personnel and their families
* a veterinary officer working with military animals

You could also be:* a logistic troop commander managing the supply of things like petrol and ammunition
* an engineering troop commander managing engineering projects
* an intelligence officer specialising in intelligence and security
* a military police officer managing military police soldiers
* a chaplain giving support and guidance to soldiers and their families
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| **What you’ll earn:**  | * Starter: £26,504
* Experienced: £40,826

*These figures are a guide.* |
| **Working hours, patterns and environment:** | * You could work at a military base or in a warzone.
* Your working environment may be physically and emotionally demanding and outdoors in all weathers.
* You may need to wear a uniform and protective clothing.
* You will work a variable amount of hours, away from home, at any time.
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| **Career path and progression:** | * With training and experience, you could rise up through the ranks from lieutenant to captain, major, colonel and beyond.
* On leaving active service, you could use your skills, qualifications and experience to go into a new career, for example in management, planning or teaching. The Officers' Association gives advice and support to officers on finding a career outside the army.
* The Career Transition Partnership, Quest and Troops to Teachers also have more information on career options outside the armed forces.
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