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| **Job title: Army Officer** | Army officers command, manage and motivate teams of soldiers. |
| **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 |
| **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 |
| **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 |
| **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. |
| **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. |