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Careers in Uniformed Services

The uniformed services are roles to help aid and protect the public. Job security is generally high, with good starting salaries for graduates and the potential to advance further within your field. There is an element of risk when working within the uniformed services and your actions can directly affect this so good decision-making skills are essential.





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Working for the Police service

There are several ways to join the police, and in 2020 there was a major change to the recruitment process, meaning you'll need to have at least a degree-level qualification by the time you complete your probation.

Police officers work in partnership with the communities they serve to maintain law and order, protect members of the public and property, and detect, prevent and investigate crimes. It is a challenging career that demands a high level of personal integrity and responsibility.

The UK has 45 geographical police forces - that's 43 in England and Wales (Greater Manchester Police, Suffolk Constabulary, Gwent Police, etc.) plus Police Scotland and the Police Service of Northern Ireland.

In addition, there are four special police forces:

British Transport Police - responsible for policing the railway network.

Civil Nuclear Constabulary - protects civilian nuclear facilities.

Ministry of Defence Police - security for the UK's defence assets.

National Police Air Service - air support for English and Welsh police forces.

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Working in the Fire and Rescue Service

As a firefighter, you will be called upon to tackle various emergency situations where your problem solving skills and initiative will be vital to resolve issues quickly and calmly. Incidents vary from tackling fires and rescuing people from burning buildings to dealing with chemical spillages and Road Traffic Collisions (RTCs).

There are certain personal attributes you will need to fulfil within your role as a firefighter. These include confidence, resilience, adaptability, ability to communicate effectively, integrity and have a commitment to diversity. The role of the firefighter is continually changing as new techniques and equipment are introduced. As well as responding to emergencies, you will also be expected to work closely with the community.

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[Advice about becoming a firefighter](#)

[Meet 6 firefighters and their journey to become a firefighter](#)



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Working for the Ambulance service

If you have a caring nature, good communication and organisational skills and an ability to stay calm, an ambulance service career could be the one for you. As a paramedic, you'll often be one of the first to arrive when a patient needs help. It's a fast-paced and vital role where you'll need to quickly take charge of the situation to save lives. As well as a paramedic, there are many other roles available, from ambulance care assistant and patient transport service, to call handler to emergency medical technician. There are 11 ambulance services in the UK, with South Central Ambulance Service serving the Berkshire area.

"There is no ordinary day in SCAS – it's dynamic, exciting and full of new experiences. Likewise there are no ordinary people – there is an extraordinary team committed to delivering the best care to our patients."

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[In depth look at careers in the ambulance service](#)

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Hear from a newly qualified paramedic [here](#)

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Find out about all these roles and more [here](#)



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Uniformed Services – RAF

A career in the Royal Air Force is like no other. From the speedy role progression to the unrivalled skills and training you receive; all whilst travelling around the world and making friends for life, it really is No Ordinary Job.

Visit the website for more details

<https://www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment/>

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Uniformed Services – Navy

A job in the Naval Service means adventure, camaraderie – and lifelong prospects.

Every day you make a difference. And no two days are the same.

You could be policing the world's oceans, delivering humanitarian aid when natural or man-made disasters strike. Or you could be deployed in combat.

No matter what job you do, you'll be a key part in operations around the world. Are you ready to go places?

<https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/careers>

View the videos for more ideas of careers in the Royal Navy

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Uniformed Services – Army

The Army has many different careers available for people wanting to join as a soldier or officer. The types of roles available are combat; engineering; HR, finance and support; intelligence, communications and IT; medical; logistics and support; and music. There are over 100 different roles available, for people looking for a job either full time or part time. Explore our roles, and find your perfect Army career.

<https://apply.army.mod.uk/roles>

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