Armed Forces and Emergency Services

**Armed forces** in the UK are the Army, Royal Navy (and Royal Marines) and Royal Air Force. The serving members of the forces range from combat roles to technical roles, learning development officers to musicians, military police to pharmacist officers, and many more. These roles are further supported by civilian personnel, working at the Ministry of Defence, or one of its agencies (e.g. the intelligence services) or sub-contractors (e.g. Capita).

**Work experience** for the armed forces comes in the form of affiliated university societies which provide paid weekly experiences for students, as well as training, challenges and a title and uniform. The University of Reading is accepted to join the Oxford University Officers' Training Corps, Oxford University Air Squadron, or the Oxford University Royal Naval Unit.

**Emergency services** in the UK are the Police, Fire and Rescue, Ambulance and Coastguard services, each of which may be supported by emergency planning officers and civil service roles in a variety of government agencies (such as Public Health England or HM Prison Service).

**Key Resources**

**Working for MOD - Careers in the Ministry of Defence**

Ministry of Defence careers, with information on armed forces careers sites, joining the reserves (part time, paid) and MOD civilian jobs

**Armed forces officer: job description**

UK graduate advice for armed forces careers

**Graduate jobs roles law enforcement and security**

Useful list of roles in related fields, with key information for each

**College of Policing - police recruitment**

General police recruitment site including PCSOs, special constables (volunteering) and direct entry schemes (for graduate career changers)

**Police Now**

Police Now is the National Graduate Leadership Development programme for the police and has recently expanded to work with seven police forces

**National Offender Management Service**

Some years a graduate scheme has been offered for prison officers (news expected September 2016)

**Health Careers - ambulance service team**

Ambulance service career information, including paramedic, emergency care assistant, call handlers/dispatchers
Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service

Our local fire brigade - each regional fire and rescue service in the UK is a separate entity, but most have a volunteering programme, jobs board and some have a graduate entry scheme (such as the London Fire Brigade)

The Maritime and Coastguard Agency

Jobs and volunteering opportunities for coastguard and rescue work

Target Jobs Emergency Planning Officer role

Useful overview of Emergency Planning Officer role

You may also be interested in...

- Charity and Development Work
- Energy and Utilities
- Engineering and Manufacturing
- Government and Public Administration
- Healthcare
- Leisure, Sport, and Entertainment
- Social and Community
- Tourism, Travel, Transport and Logistics