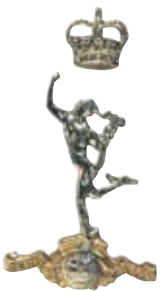


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Engineers and maintains the Army's wide area communication networks

AT A GLANCE

ROLE Territorial Soldier
TERRITORIAL ARMY OPTION Yes
SEX Male/Female
AGE RANGE 17–43 yrs
MIN SERVICE Initial 12-year contract with ability to leave at any time
QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED None

The job

Area Systems Operators form the backbone of the Army's wide area communication systems, providing commanders and staff with secure and reliable voice, data and IT networks. Using systems such as Ptarmigan and a variety of commercial systems, you will be integral to the flow of information and orders across the battlefield.

The right job for me?

You do not need to be super-fit to join the Territorials but the training can sometimes be physically challenging so you need a good standard of health and stamina. As part of a larger unit, an ability to take orders is essential, but you must also be able to act on your own initiative if the situation calls for it. It is

important that Area Systems Operators have no form of speech or hearing defect. You will need to be resourceful, with a flair for improvisation, and have an interest in IT and communications.

What skills will I learn?

The key skills you will acquire cover the establishment and maintenance of the tactical communications systems used by the Army.

What training will I do?

■ Initial training

Recruits carry out a number of training weekends with their new unit and the nearest Regional Recruiting Team. After completing this series of weekend courses, you then attend a two-week residential course at an Army Training Regiment, where you complete your

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initial training. The whole process takes around 12 months, and will equip you with the skills needed to fight and survive in the field, as well as boosting your fitness.

■ Further training

On completion of initial training, you will go on to complete your trade training which, for all units in 12 Signal Group, takes nine days at a central location.

As a member of a Territorial unit that recruits on a regional basis, your minimum annual training commitment is 27 days. This is broken down into 15 days of continuous training with your unit, either on exercises or on a course, and 12 days made up of evening and weekend training and other activities. You will normally be expected to attend for training on one evening a week, and might at first have to exceed the minimum requirement so you can get your qualifications.

What qualifications can I get?

You will have access to a Continuous Professional Development Plan and Personal Development Record. Together, these will help you identify and develop your skills, which may be of help to you in your civilian career and may lead to recognised civilian qualifications.

What future prospects and transferable skills will I have?

You will have opportunities to deploy with Regular units and undertake sporting and adventurous training activities in various parts of the world.

As well as keeping you fit and helping you make friends for life, being in the Army gives you a major advantage in the increasingly competitive job market. Employers recognise Territorial soldiers as committed individuals who work well in a team and who are always looking for challenges and opportunities to extend their skills. They will know you are flexible, self-motivated, dependable, confident and responsible. Above all, being a Territorial soldier demonstrates that you can handle

pressure, and have professional expertise backed up by solid experience.

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