

ARMY MARINE SPECIALIST

In this role, you'll operate a variety of specialist watercraft, including amphibious craft and perform operator maintenance on Army marine vessels. You'll also transport all forms of cargo across the sea, inland water ways and ship to Logistic Over The Shore (LOTS) operations. Postings can include Land Unit and Specialist Forces.



YOUR DAY-TO-DAY

You'll operate the Army fleet of landing craft and amphibious vehicles, many forms of road transport, and work as part of a team that delivers cargo and combat supplies across the marine domain. To perform these tasks, you'll have access to a selection of amphibious and Army landing craft, such as LCM-8 watercraft, LARC V, small watercraft up to 6m and Noosa Cat. You'll also potentially have the opportunity to operate light, medium and heavy cargo trucks.

Your duties may include:

- operating Army watercraft and amphibious craft
- performing deck hand duties on board Army watercraft
- operating weapons fitted to amphibious and landing craft
- operating communication and electronic navigation equipment.

In addition, tasks performed by deckhands include:

- general seamanship duties and cooking duties
- lookout duties and watches in port or at sea under all weather and sea conditions by day or night
- assisting the coxswain
- basic navigation procedures including steering a vessel under direction of the officer of the watch
- correctly applying collision regulations
- operating military and civilian communication radio equipment
- compiling craft documentation
- emergency drills including those for water survival, fire, abandon ship, damage control and man overboard
- undertaking command responsibilities in an emergency including command of allocated life rafts

- maintaining splicing of mooring lines
- assisting with emergency propeller and shaft changes
- carrying out basic fault finding on outboard motors and general equipment
- undertaking supervised maintenance of craft and equipment
- employing marine anti-pollution techniques
- operating and maintaining craft armament and ancillary equipment
- docking procedures and operating watercraft hydraulic winches and capstans during mooring, anchoring and well dock operations
- supervising embarked passengers
- assisting with the loading and unloading of watercraft and amphibious craft.

HOW YOU'LL PROGRESS

Opportunities for progression and upskilling continue throughout your career. As you progress, the Army will provide you with development opportunities to assist you with your increasing leadership responsibility, as well as further education and specialised training to strengthen your skillset. This will help you to command and run a highly skilled team of soldiers and the employment of their equipment.

WHERE YOU'LL WORK

Following training, you could be posted to Townsville in Qld. Other posting opportunities may become available as you progress in your career, these include

- Holsworthy Barracks, Sydney, NSW
- Larrakeyah Barracks, Darwin, NT
- Lavarack Barracks, Townsville, Qld
- Regional Force Surveillance Group (RFSG), Cairns, Qld, Darwin, NT and Karratha, WA

- Robertson Barracks, Darwin, NT
- Ross Island Barracks, Townsville, Qld
- Swanbourne Barracks, Perth, WA.

From 2026, there may also be future location opportunities within Brisbane, Qld, Cairns, Qld, and Darwin, NT.

HEALTH AND FITNESS

To join the ADF, you must be healthy and physically fit. You'll also be required to successfully pass a physical fitness assessment as part of the entry requirements based on the following:

Female:

- Sit-ups (feet held): 20
- Push-ups: 4
- Shuttle Run Score: 6.1.

Male:

- Sit-ups (feet held): 20
- Push-ups: 8
- Shuttle Run Score: 6.1.

Once you join, you will be required to maintain your fitness standards throughout your career, including at Initial Military Training where you will complete another fitness assessment.

MILITARY TRAINING

- Course:** Army Recruit Course
- Duration:** 13 weeks
- Location:** Kapooka, Wagga Wagga, NSW

During training, you'll take part in physical training, weapon handling, and shooting, first aid, drill, and field craft. You'll be challenged both mentally and physically.

Although it can be demanding, most recruits gain a sense of achievement, purpose, and confidence during basic training, and on completion of the course feel justifiably proud of what they have accomplished. The priority of our instructors is to help you succeed.

Key components of the course include:

- **Physical fitness:** Structured training to improve strength, endurance, and overall fitness, preparing you for the physical demands of Army life.
- **Field Craft:** Learn how to live and operate in field conditions, including camouflage, movement techniques, and working in outdoor environments.
- **Weapons Handling and Marksmanship:** Safe handling, maintenance, and use of Army-issued weapons, and participating in live-fire exercises.
- **Drill and Discipline:** Develop attention to detail,

teamwork and discipline through parade drill and military routine.

- **First Aid and Battlefield Casualty Care:** Gain essential life-saving skills and learn how to respond to injuries in both training and operational environments.
- **Military Skills and Knowledge:** Introduction to Army structure, values, customs, and basic soldier responsibilities.
- **Resilience and Teamwork:** Build mental resilience and learn to work effectively within a team in high-pressure situations.

On successful completion of the Army Recruit Course, you'll participate in a Graduation Parade and have the opportunity to invite family and friends to view the parade. You'll then move on to your Initial Employment Training (IET), where you'll learn the specific skills required for your chosen role.

EMPLOYMENT TRAINING

- Course:** RACT Royal Australian Corps of Transport Initial Employment Training (IET) Driver Course
- Duration:** 54 days
- Location:** Road Transport Wing, Army Logistic Training Centre, Puckapunyal, Vic

Medium Rigid Truck (40M) and Heavy Rigid (HX77) qualification pending suitability.

- Course:** Marine Specialist Basic Course
- Duration:** 36 days
- Location:** Maritime Wing, Army Logistic Training Centre, Townsville, Qld

Note: Course duration may vary depending on public holidays and other Army requirements.

SALARY

You'll be paid while you train, and on completion of your Initial Military Training and Employment Training, you'll earn at least:

YOUR STARTING SALARY



FROM
\$60,517 AUD PER YEAR

YOUR SALARY ONCE TRAINED



FROM
\$86,453 AUD PER YEAR