

NAVY AVIATION SUPPORT SAILOR

As a Navy Aviation Support Sailor, you'll manage the ground movements for Navy and foreign helicopters and prepare for safe aviation operating environments onboard the ship's flight decks.



YOUR DAY-TO-DAY

You'll provide support by planning, executing, securing and overseeing all helicopter ground handling and take part in directing flight lines in versatile environments and weather conditions. You'll also support aviation capabilities and humanitarian missions at sea, also assisting with aviation operations ashore at the Naval Air Station.

Your duties may include:

- aircraft marshalling (visual and hand signalling with pilot)
- moving aircraft using tow motors and aircraft lifts
- launching and landing procedures
- stowing aircraft
- fuelling operations
- utility and vertical replenishment operations
- aircraft rescue procedures (firefighting and aviation emergencies)
- inventory management.

Your duties may include:

- ship security, firefighting and replenishment at sea
- boarding party, first aid, flood repair and flight deck
- assisting with medical, ammunitioning or ceremonial duties
- shift work, or on-call duties as required.

HOW YOU'LL PROGRESS

Opportunities for progression and upskilling continue throughout your career. As you progress, the Navy will provide you with development opportunities to assist you with your increasing leadership responsibility, as well as

further education and specialised training within your chosen role. This will set you up to run a highly skilled team of sailors in a variety of tasks, both at sea and ashore.

WHERE YOU'LL WORK

On completion of Recruit School, Basic Aviation Initial Employment Training (IET) is conducted at HMAS Albatross in Nowra, NSW. On completion, you'll receive a posting onboard HMAS Adelaide, HMAS Canberra or ashore based on the Navy's needs. Individual preferences for posting location will be taken into account where possible.

HEALTH AND FITNESS

To join the Navy, it's important that you meet the necessary medical and physical requirements. Regular exercise prior to joining will set you up for success as it is an important part of training and service life.

Once you join, Navy will support your physical conditioning to ensure you're prepared to serve. You'll also have access to chef-made meals, gyms, sports and fitness sessions run by physical training instructors. Throughout your Navy career, you'll be expected to conduct an annual fitness test which includes a plank as well as either a beep test or run/walk or swim.

During the application process you'll be assessed through a questionnaire about your medical history and a physical examination.

The Navy swim test

During Navy Military Training, whether heading to the New Entry Sailor Course (Recruit School) or the New Entry Officer Course, you'll need to pass a swim test wearing your uniform to graduate. This includes:

- safety jump off a 3m tower
- 10m underwater swim
- 50m swim using survival strokes
- treading water or floating for 15 minutes.

MILITARY TRAINING

Course: New Entry Sailor Course (NESC)

Duration: 10 weeks

Location: Recruit School at HMAS Cerberus, Vic

You'll conduct your initial sailor training at the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) Recruit School prior to commencing specific category training. The NESC course is designed to prepare you to conduct basic duties as a sailor.

NESC Course

- **Physical fitness:** General fitness and the Navy swim test.
- **Military life:** General service knowledge including drill and ceremonial procedures.
- **Specialty skills:** Weapons training, workplace safety, first aid and sailing.
- **Navy skills:** Seamanship, corrosion control, survival at sea and fire and flood control.

After successfully completing all components of the course, you'll participate in a Graduation Parade to mark the occasion. You'll have the opportunity to invite family and friends to view the parade.

On completion of your NESC course, you'll proceed to your respective employment training.

EMPLOYMENT TRAINING

Course: Basic Aviation Support Course

Duration: 19 weeks

Location: HMAS Albatross, Nowra, NSW

Following completion of NESC, you'll complete the Basic Aviation Support Course.

The course consists of theory/practical instruction in both classrooms and practical procedural trainers with associated assessments. These assessments include aircraft ground handling, live aircraft operations and aviation emergency response. Course content has been designed to meet naval requirements for operational maritime tasks and also for aviation capability ashore.

- aviation safety and hazards

- aviation support maintenance administration
- operation of tow motors (aircraft tugs) to conduct the safe movement of helicopters on-board Canberra Class Amphibious Assault Ships (CCASS) and ashore
- basic maintenance and servicing of support equipment
- conduct of helicopter controller operations including flight deck preparations for helicopter launch and recovery, loading of personnel and stores, conduct of fuelling operations, vertical transfer of stores and personnel, and emergency procedures
- specialised helicopter rescue and firefighting techniques, including the use of advanced firefighting and casualty rescue equipment
- technical training for Squadron Support Operations.

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
\$82,322 AUD PER YEAR