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Ministry
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Finance Apprenticeship Scheme



Defence Equipment & Support

About DE&S

Defence Equipment and Support (DE&S) acquire and support a wide range of equipment and services for the armed forces. We are a major UK employer and play a vital role in maintaining military operational capability.

Finance within DE&S

There are in excess of 1,000 Finance staff working in DE&S, with the majority based at Abbey Wood, Bristol. Day-to-day most DE&S finance officers work within the Operating Centre (OC) Project and Delivery Teams that procure and support the equipment that MoD requires. This could be anything from army boots to warships, or ration packs to aircraft. Financiers work alongside project managers, commercial officers, inventory managers, technical experts, risk managers and military colleagues to ensure that the equipment the MoD purchases is fit for purpose and achieves the best possible value for money.

Roles are varied and may include:

- Managing in year budgets
- Supporting changes to finance policies and processes
- Developing effective and efficient management information tools to support the DE&S finance community
- Financial governance

What we offer

Career development

We are a large organisation, and in terms of career development, our finance staff have the opportunity to obtain skills and experience from a variety of different environments. We promote on merit and in fair and transparent ways, so regardless of your background you will have the chance to achieve your maximum potential.

Finance Apprenticeship Scheme

The DE&S Finance Apprenticeship Programme is a 2 year training & development programme for the MoD. The portfolio of MoD's business is unique. We acquire and support a huge range of equipment, services and infrastructure: from the latest vehicles used on the front line in Afghanistan to new accommodation for service personnel. We have by far the largest and most diverse acquisition activity of all government departments, and are comparable to any of the main private sector companies.

About you

Apprenticeship Eligibility Criteria and Salary

The Civil Service is aiming to ensure that its workforce reflects the society in which we serve in all aspects of diversity. Therefore applications are welcome from young people aged 18-21, in line with section 158 of the Equality Act 2010; this means that positive action is being taken as this age group is currently under represented in the Civil Service workforce.

It is a requirement of the DE&S Finance Apprenticeship Programme that you become AAT professionally qualified to level 4 standard. You will be expected to attend South Gloucestershire and Stroud College for one day per week and complete a range of mandatory and optional training during your time on the Programme.

Your starting salary will be £16,028. Progression to the second phase of the programme is dependant upon successful completion of the first phase. The second phase attracts a salary of £17,760 (based upon current 2014 pay scales).

Qualifications:

Essential

5 GCSE's grades A - C including Maths and English, or equivalent.

Desirable

2 A Levels grades A – E in any subject, or equivalent.

How to apply

To meet the academic year catchment phase, we anticipate advertising in February 2015 on www.apprenticeship.org.uk and a link to the advert will be promulgated locally (inc JobCentre Plus) by South Gloucestershire and Stroud (SG&S) College. DE&S is not actively marketing outside the travel-to-work area so Apprentices Living Away From Home Allowance (ALAFHA) will not apply.