

Just the Job Information Sheet

Job title

Communications Warfare Specialist

Job description

The primary role of a naval Communications Warfare Specialist is to provide secure, reliable and effective communications using Tactical, Strategic and Information Technology (IT) for the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) within New Zealand and deployments overseas.

Communications Warfare Specialists utilise and administer a variety of specialised networks in a secure classified environment which include, Satellite, LAN/WAN, Radio Networks and Warfare Manoeuvring (Visual Morse Code by flashing light and Tactical flag signalling).

Qualifications required

- You must have completed at least three years at secondary school.
- You must have a minimum of 12 NCEA level 1 credits in English and Maths.
- It is desirable that you have a minimum of 12 NCEA level 1 credits in a Science.

General requirements

- You must be at least 17 years of age.
- Meet the [citizenship & security](#) requirements to gain **TSV security clearance** for this trade.
- You must be free of any criminal convictions.

Training costs

The NZDF pays for all training.

Career path

Throughout your career you will continue to gain experience and be provided with the resources necessary to work in the Communication, Information and Warfare environment which includes IT industry training through the NZDF IT Academy CCNA 1-4 additional Trade Training as well as Command and Management courses for personal, professional and promotional advancement.

Salary range

Careers in the Navy are well-rewarded, as well as being diverse and exciting. As you become more experienced and move up through the ranks, gaining additional skills and qualifications, you will see your salary rise accordingly.

While undertaking Basic Recruit Course you will be paid as a Recruit (see attached [pay table](#)). On completion of your Recruit Course you will be paid as an Ordinary Rate and your pay will continue to increase as your career progresses.

How to increase the chances of successfully entering this industry

Each trade within the NZDF has specific academic, aptitude, and fitness entry requirements. Joining the NZDF is a very competitive process and it is rare for anyone to be selected who only has the minimum entry requirements. Best advice is to aim to excel in these areas which will make you a more desirable candidate.

Other places to source information about this job

www.defencecareers.mil.nz/navy