



The Naval Experience Program

One year. Fully paid. Adventure awaits!

Who is this program for?

Not sure if the Royal Canadian Navy is for you? This is the perfect way to find out. The Naval Experience Program is for anyone seeking adventure, meaningful employment, and who is willing to try something new but only looking for a one-year commitment at this point. Think of it as a Navy 'gap year' except it's fully paid and can lead to amazing career opportunities.

What is the program?

This new, one-year program is aimed at providing Canadians with exposure to the Royal Canadian Navy.

Candidates will receive or participate in:

- A general Navy onboarding period
- A four-week Naval Environmental Training Program (including Damage Control School) followed by periods at sea
- Opportunities to shadow a number of Navy jobs and exposure to a wide variety of skills both ashore and at sea
- Visits to units, ships/submarines and bases
- Opportunities for additional Navy training
- A full salary

All qualifications earned and time-in-service will count towards a future military career.

Where is it held?

Basic training takes place at a Canadian Forces Leadership and Recruiting School. The rest of the program takes place in Halifax, Nova Scotia or Esquimalt, British Columbia, and participants can make their coastal preference known early in the application process. Participants will have free accommodations with meals included (taxable benefit).

When?

The Naval Experience Program is offered continuously. There are no cut-off dates, and applicants can begin the program year-round.

Why?

Unlike other entry plans, the Naval Experience Program gives participants the opportunity to shadow a variety of Navy jobs *before* applying for a trade.

At the end of the program, participants will have the choice to continue serving in the Navy (full or part-time), transfer to another element, or leave the Navy, no strings attached.

For those who choose to stay, they will apply for a trade based on their preference and qualifications, and for those who choose to leave, they'll get an amazing experience and something great to put on their resume.

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