

CHALLENGE EAST 08

NOT YOUR ORDINARY SUMMER JOB



Introduction

Challenge East is an exciting new approach to recruitment into the Territorial Army (TA). You can fast-track your training and become a qualified soldier within just four weeks - earning £975 gross. If you decide to do an extra two weeks trade training you can earn £1,535 gross.

You'll be outdoors doing shooting, adventurous training, first aid, weaponry, drill and field exercise as well as loads more. This is your chance to earn money, enhance your CV, make new friends and take the first step into a whole new world of opportunity.

Who knows, if you enjoy it, you may in time be visiting Cyprus, New Zealand, Canada or even be deployed on an operational tour to Afghanistan or Iraq.

Challenge East takes place at Grantham, Lincolnshire between July 25 - August 22 2008. There will be an optional two weeks trade training between August 24 - September 7 2008 for those who can make it.

Being in the TA is part-time which means you can combine college, university or even a Monday to Friday.

What qualifications do I need?

No formal qualifications are necessary to take part in Challenge East although you do need to be enthusiastic, willing to learn and interested in a career in the TA. New recruits must pass the TA selection fitness test. To join the TA you need to be aged between 17 years and six months (on commencing training) and 43. In certain circumstances the TA accepts higher age limits for those joining as professionally qualified or specialist entrants. Ex-regulars may be enlisted up to 52 years of age. For details of a fitness programme to help you pass this test click here.



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How do I register?

There are three ways to register interest in Challenge East as set out below. Remember registering interest does not commit you to participate in the event.

- 1) By visiting www.challengeeast.co.uk and completing the online application form
- 2) Text 'east' followed by your postcode to 60300
- 3) Contacting your local careers' adviser direct (see website for details of your careers officer)

Once you have registered an interest a careers' adviser will be in touch soon. Registering an interest does not obligate participation. In other words, you are not committed to take part.

How much will I earn?

You will have the opportunity to earn either £975 gross approximately (for the four week programme) or £1,535 gross approximately (for the six week programme).

Where will I stay during Challenge East?

The majority of your training will be based at Grantham, Lincolnshire. The centre is well equipped with a variety of facilities. Recruits will sleep in bunk-style accommodation. However, as part of the action-packed programme of activities you'll travel to other areas in the region. Recruits will be expected to stay on site throughout the training programme.

What will I need to bring with me?

Kit needed for Challenge East, such as military uniform, boots and training equipment, will be provided. Personal belongings are permitted. All recruits will be fully advised by their sponsored units before the event.



What's different about Challenge East and normal TA training?

Challenge East is a fast-track training programme after which you'll be a qualified volunteer soldier. TA soldiers are expected to complete 27 or 19 days a year depending on your unit. By successfully completing Challenge East you will complete this annual requirement in just four to six weeks. Normally your annual training is made up of mid-week drill nights, some weekend training and an annual 15 day camp.

What happens after Challenge East?

If successful, you'll be passed out at a special parade at Grantham on August 22 2008. After this recruits will be offered an extra (optional) two week trade training session, again at Grantham. On completion of the four, and, or six week programme you'll return to your unit. From here you may, after further training, travel the world, be deployed on operations or assist in many other activities.

What happens if I am not selected for Challenge East 08?

Places at Challenge East are limited. If, for whatever reason, you can't participate in the event we are still very interested in recruiting you. Challenge East is just one way of joining the TA. You can join through a local unit direct. Speak to your local careers adviser for more information (details of your local careers adviser can be found at www.midlandschallenge.co.uk).

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Territorial Army entry requirements at a glance

Territorial Army	Soldier	Officer
Age	17-43 (see notes 1,3 & 5)	17-33 (see notes 1 & 3)
Qualifications	No specific requirements - except for technical jobs	Must demonstrate the ability to study at tertiary education level
Medical and Physical Condition	Moderate level of fitness required	Moderate level of fitness required

1. Parental or guardian consent required if aged under 18
2. Exact age limit is 17 years and 9 months
3. Higher age limits for those joining as professionally qualified or specialist entrants
4. Including at least a Grade C (or equivalent) in English, mathematics and science or a foreign language. General IT competency required
5. Ex-regulars may be enlisted up to 52 years of age

Citizen Requirements for Territorial Army

Territorial Army	Soldier	Officer
British citizen	Yes	Yes
Citizen of the British dependant territories	Yes	Yes
British subject under the British Nationality Act 1981	Yes	Yes
Citizen of an independant commonwealth country	Yes (must have been resident for 5 years)	Yes (must have been resident for 5 years)
A British Protected Person	No	No
A citizen of the Irish Republic	Yes	Yes