



WORK INSPIRATION – Careers in Emergency and Uniform Services

The Emergency and Uniformed Services sector can offer a very rewarding career pathway. With a diverse range of roles across areas of work such as the Police, Armed Forces, Fire Brigade and Ambulance Service, the industry is made up of important jobs that help to aid and protect the public.

Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service (NIFRS)

The NIFRS respond to fires, road traffic collisions and specialist rescue incidents, including flooding, chemical incidents, collapsed buildings, and other types of emergencies.

Find out what career opportunities are on offer in the [NIFRS](#), a service who works in all areas of the Northern Ireland, all 5,500 square miles. Whether this is as a firefighter or in a support role.

- Find [the right role](#) in the NIFRS
- Learn about being [a firefighter](#) – there are 830 Wholtime Firefighters and 882 On-Call Firefighters
- Working in the [Regional Control Centre](#)
- Working as a [Support Employee](#) - this includes specialist, technical and administrative positions
- Explore [volunteering opportunities](#)

Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI)

The [PSNI](#) want to help build a safe, confident, and peaceful Northern Ireland.

What do they do?

- Prevent crime, detect offenders, and protect the most vulnerable in our society.

How will they achieve this?

- By policing with the communities that they serve and by treating all members of the public with courtesy, respect, and fairness.
- By working collaboratively with communities and those in the public, private and voluntary sectors to achieve their vision, being fully accountable to those who we serve.

The PSNI is committed to being representative of the communities they serve and welcomes all applicants interested in a career in policing. Their [recruitment website](#) advertises [police officer](#) roles

and [police staff](#) roles. The website will advise when they are recruiting.

Northern Ireland Ambulance Service (NIAS)

- **NI Direct** have an overview of [Ambulance Service Careers](#)
- **NIAS** website has a section on [careers](#). The work of the Ambulance Service can be broken into 4 areas:
 - [Patient Care Services](#)
 - Role of the [Paramedic](#)
 - [Control and Communications](#)
 - [Management and Support Services](#)
- **National Careers Service** has guidance on the career as a [Paramedic](#)
- **Ulster University** has a 3-year Paramedic Science course at their Magee Campus. Find out all about the course [here](#).

A [recording](#) from May 2022 giving details on the Paramedic Science course.

- **NHS Careers** website - explore a [paramedic career](#)

Armed Forces

The 3 main Armed Forces can be regarded as a career that is in the public sector - find all about the opportunities offered and qualifications need by each of them:

- [Royal Navy](#)
- [Royal Air Force](#)
- [The British Army](#)
- **Prospects** has a section on a range of [armed forces careers](#)
- **National Careers Service** has a section on [careers in the armed forces](#)

General Careers Information

- **National Careers service** has a range of careers profiled in an [Emergency and Uniform Services](#) section

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