



Job Specification

For: Corps Mess Events & Hospitality Operations Manager

Ref: VR/01389

Job Description

Location: Chatham, Kent

Salary: £35,000 to £40,000 based on experience and qualifications

Contract Type: Permanent

Closing Date: 9 June 2025

Are you an expert in high-end hospitality, event management, and formal protocol? Do you thrive in a fast-paced, ceremonial environment where attention to detail and tradition matters?

We're seeking a Royal Engineer Corps Mess Events & Hospitality Operations Manager to lead the delivery of prestigious military functions, manage heritage assets and uphold ceremonial standards for the Royal Engineers Headquarters Officers Mess. This is a unique and rewarding opportunity to play a central role in Corps life—liaising with VIPs, managing fine wine collections, and ensuring every event reflects the excellence and heritage of the British Army.

What You'll Do:

- Coordinate all Corps events, from high-profile dinners to official ceremonies.
- Manage bookings, budgets, catering, and protocol from concept to completion.
- Oversee valuable ceremonial assets, including silverware and artwork.
- Serve as the key liaison with dignitaries, senior officers, and service providers.
- Maintain a fine wine collection, monitor stock, and plan future procurement.
- Support governance by attending Mess committees and advising on standards.

What You Bring:

- Proven experience in hospitality, hotel, or event management (military or civilian).
- Outstanding organisational and interpersonal skills.
- Familiarity with formal protocol, ceremonial standards, and high-level hosting.
- Financial acumen and asset management capability.
- Confidence working with senior stakeholders and managing sensitive items or events.

Desirable:

- Qualifications in Event Management, Hospitality, or Business Admin.
- Experience in Defence or Armed Forces environment.

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- Knowledge of fine wine, formal dining etiquette, and traditional military functions.

This is more than a job--it's a chance to be part of history in action. Join us in shaping the ceremonial and social life of the Corps. Apply now and make your mark.

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