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Tender

Defence Medical Services (DMS) Service Provider-Delivery of the Level 3 Senior Healthcare Support Worker English Apprenticeship (ST0217)

Ministry of Defence

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Scope

Reference

714578455-ITT

Description

The Ministry of Defence / Army announce an upcoming contracting opportunity, for a six year contract commencing 1st Aug 26, to support and supplement the delivery of the Level 3 Senior Healthcare Support Worker English Apprenticeship (ST0217) to the Defence Medical Services (Royal Navy, British Army and Royal Air Force) Medics and Health Care Assistants. This is a two-year apprenticeship with the majority of training delivered by the tri-Services acting as an Apprenticeship Employer-Provider with a tri-Service initial military 'foundation medic' programme delivered to all apprentices at the Defence Medical Academy, Lichfield, followed by completion of the apprenticeship at military units UK wide.

There is a requirement for an APAR registered Provider to supplement the military training

delivery of the apprenticeship, provide Functional Skills training where required, support Apprentices (for example by conducting progress reviews and EPA preparation), create and manage DfE compliant learner records. Full definition of the requirement will be in the Uk4 Tender notice. A Bidders Briefing session is planned to be held at the Defence Medical Academy (Litchfield) on the 11 Sep 2025 with details on how to secure a place provided in the Tender Notice. Places are limited and you can pre-register your interest in attending by email to ArmyIDEV-Apprenticeship-Mailbox@mod.gov.uk. (Persons attending and car registrations must be supplied by the 4th of September 2025.)

Total value (estimated)

- £10,000,000 excluding VAT
- £12,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 August 2026 to 1 July 2032
- 5 years, 11 months, 1 day

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services

Participation

Particular suitability

Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

19 September 2025, 5:00pm

Tender submission deadline

13 October 2025, 5:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://contracts.mod.uk/esop/guest/go/opportunity/detail?opportunityId=6022>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

12 February 2026

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Technical response (including social value)	Quality	70%
Commercial	Price	30%

Other information

Payment terms

Payment will be made via the Contracting, Purchasing and Finance (CP&F) system / EXOSTAR.

Payment to be made in the form of quarterly milestone payments, paid within 30 days of invoice received when the service, training and support has been received to an acceptable standard.

Description of risks to contract performance

1. DfE Changes – Potential changes to Department for Education (DfE) policies or funding and apprenticeship delivery and assessment regulations.
2. Apprenticeship Cessation – The discontinuation of specific apprenticeship standards or frameworks.
3. Introduction of New Apprenticeships – The implementation of new or additional apprenticeship standards that may require adjustments to existing contracts.

4. Initial Trade Training (ITT) Changes – Modifications to ITT requirements or delivery methods.
5. Army/Cap Badge Restructuring – Organisational changes within the Army or cap badge structures that could impact apprenticeship delivery

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

Ministry of Defence

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHVX-4316-ZVGZ

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government