



About Peacekeeping

Peacekeeping is a calling that demands both personal dedication and sacrifice. Service in the cause of peace offers real opportunities to help peoples and countries recover from conflict, rebuild their societies, and enjoy the benefits of peace.

United Nations peace operations offer opportunities to make a difference, both in the world and in your own life. Working and living conditions in the field vary. If you serve in a peacekeeping or political mission, or in a humanitarian field operation, the country or region that you work and live in is likely to be emerging from conflict or an emergency situation where the conditions are more arduous; the infrastructure is weak and electricity and clean water are often in short supply. In addition, most peacekeeping, political or humanitarian missions are categorized as “non-family” duty stations, and therefore family members are unable to join the staff member at the relevant location.



Finance

The Finance Occupational Group is part of the Job Family which belongs to the Management and Operations Support Job Network. Finance and budget experts are concerned with the conceptual and practical application of the UN's financial rules and regulations, in accordance with International Public Standard Accounting Standards (IPSAS) accounting requirements and they operate across multiple duty stations in peace operations worldwide.



Nature of our Work

Finance and Budget staff have expertise in the preparation of comprehensive budgets both from a mission and Headquarters perspective. They apply results-based budgeting principles and prepare financial reports aligned with annual cycles. Officers provide inputs to audits and other enquiries; participate in formal oversight and decision making bodies such as the Local Committee on Contracts and Local Property Survey Board. Facilitate the deployment and management of IPSAS and Umoja (Enterprise Resources Planning) as required.



Working in the Field

United Nations peacekeeping and political missions have evolved over time to respond to different conflicts and changing political landscapes. Civilian peacekeepers work as administrators and engineers, police officers and legal experts, economists and electoral observers, specialists in civil affairs and gender, as well as experts in information technology and public information among other specialized functions. International positions have two categories, Professional and Higher and Field Service, which are distinguished by levels of responsibility as well as education and work experience requirements.



Gender

The United Nations fosters gender equality and encourages applications from suitably qualified and experienced women across the full range of career opportunities particularly in the more “non-traditional” field careers such as Aviation, Logistics or Engineering.



Education

An advanced university degree (Master's degree or equivalent) in business administration, accounting, finance, education or related field area is required for positions in the Professional and Higher category. A first-level university degree in combination with qualifying years of relevant experience may be accepted in lieu of the advanced university degree. For positions in the Field Service category, a High School or equivalent diploma is required. Technical or vocational certificate in human resources management, administration or related area is required in addition to the specified experience. English and French are the working languages of the United Nations. Knowledge of a second official UN language is an advantage.



Related Careers

There are various career opportunities related to Finance, such as the following:

- Accountant
- Finance Risk Officer
- Financial Information System
- Financial Analyst
- Financial Management Officer
- IPSAS Project Specialist
- Treasurer



Helpful Links

- careers.un.org
- inspira.un.org
- hr.un.org
- point.un.org

Missions Directed by the Department of Peacekeeping Operations*



What are you doing for peace?

Field Personnel Division,
United Nations
Department of Field Support

Working in many different missions has strengthened my skills as a finance expert and enhanced my ability to adapt to multiple situations, which is a key attribute in peace operations

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Present

Budget & Finance Assistant, MINUSMA, Bamako

2014

Finance Assistant, ONUCI, Abidjan

2013

Finance Assistant, UNMIT, Dili

2010

Finance Assistant, MINUSTAH, Port-au-Prince

2001

Various Finance roles (UNMIT, UNMISSET, UNTAET), Dili

2000

Industrial Engineering, Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala

1995

Bachelor's degree in Information Technology, Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala



Global Workforce

Over time, the United Nations has increased its presence in locations all over the world. There are over 130 field offices, which include peacekeeping and political missions and humanitarian field operations, and they play an essential role in identifying, highlighting, and responding to emerging challenges. While the work may vary greatly, the one unifying factor is the opportunity to make a difference, both in the world and in your own life. Together with its partners, the UN is tasked with a variety of responsibilities, such as providing and coordinating humanitarian assistance; promoting and protecting human rights; promoting the wise stewardship of the global environment; assisting countries to combat the supply of illicit drugs, crime and corruption and; providing information on the Organization and its activities in the various locations in which it operates.



UN Field Careers

Before you navigate through the existing job opportunities available online, we strongly advise that you read carefully the description of each current UN operation through the links to the mission website.

Please apply for the positions that best match your expertise, qualifications, experience and aspirations. The necessary education background/training, experience and skills to perform a specific job are explained in the qualification section of each vacancy announcement.

If you are interested in working for Peacekeeping Operations, please send your resume to Outreachforpeace@un.org and write "WRUD4P" in the subject line of your email.

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** political mission

Disclaimer: due to the mobile and dynamic nature of field careers, profilees may not necessarily feature in their current positions.

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