



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.



Rule of Law

The Rule of Law Job Family is part of the Political, Peace & Security Job Network. It encompasses specialist areas of Security Sector Reform (SSR); Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR); Corrections; Judicial Affairs and Police. Officers working in these specialisms provide advice to national counterparts on strengthening the rule of law and security institutions in the host country where the peacekeeping or special political mission is located, in accordance with the Mission’s mandate.



Nature of our Work

Specialists who work in a Rule of Law capacity fulfil a range of essential tasks. While policing experts mentor and advise host country police and law enforcement officers, judicial affairs officers advocate against impunity and provide citizens with access to justice. Corrections officers advise and mentor prison personnel on guaranteeing basic rights in detention; DDR specialists help former combatants reintegrate into society; and security sector reform experts help ensure oversight and accountability of security services.



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

The criterion will vary depending on the particular responsibilities of the specialist role. An advanced university degree in either law, criminal justice, social sciences, management, international relations, political science, internal economics or related fields is required. A first level university degree in either of these fields with additional specified work experience may be accepted in lieu of the advanced university degree. Relevant working experience in related field, in department of a government, an international/national organization or a private establishment along with fluency in English, French or another UN language is required



Related Careers

There are various career opportunities related to Rule of Law, such as the following:

- **Judicial Affairs**
- **Corrections**
- **Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration**
- **Security Sector Reforms**



Helpful Links

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

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2013

Senior Rule of Law
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2010

Rule of Law
Coordination
Office, MINUSTAH,
Port-au-Prince

2011

Chief, Justice
and Corrections,
UNMIT, Dili

2008

Judicial Affairs
Officer for
Gender,
UNMIT, Dili

2006

Judicial Affairs
Officer, MINUSTAH,
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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.

Missions Directed by the Department of Peacekeeping Operations*



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.

What are you doing for peace?

Field Personnel Division,
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This is not just a job —
it is a vocation.

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