

# Passport Course Article

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Having served 6 years in the Royal Marines and traveled and fought all over the globe I felt the time was right for me to move on and find a new challenge, this was not a decision I took lightly, because I still had the mentality that no-one would want to employ me.



I looked down many routes including security work and the adventure leisure industry. Although both appealed greatly I did some reading and uncovered Telecommunications rigging. On further research I believed this would allow me to link up both aspects that I enjoy of the CP work and climbing. This Industry just

seems to grow and developing countries are doing just that.

I applied for the Passport Course and jumped at the opportunity to try my hand at this new trade. Although the 4 week course is intensive it was well laid out in a professional manner. Omega Solutions Group in partnership with Bacou Dalloz have put together a course like no other on the market, giving you the top of the range climbing qualifications including both Rescue and Advanced Climber along side Emergency Medical Response at Height (EMRAH), and many others.

The latter part of the course consisted of learning the every day 'kit' that you will be using, this is both in the classroom and out on the towers, doing 'real time' (and by this I DO mean Real Time) microwave installs and de-installs, Amp swap outs, Line of Sight surveys among many others. This is raw hands on training producing the results that Vodafone, T Mobile and O2 need at a high standard and many military skills are needed which makes it an obvious and enjoyable transition.

The result of doing the Passport course is that I have had some of the best training available in the industry with a well structured and extremely proud company setting me up for an exciting time ahead.