

# Passport Course Review

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Leaving the army after five years has been a very daunting experience but this course has given me a lot more confidence and has revealed some of the good opportunities open to me.

The first week of my course started with the climbing phase and I gained the required qualifications needed to actually undertake a job in



the rigging and climbing side of telecoms. I had to learn how to trust the equipment and my own abilities, learn how to rescue a colleague from height and be able to perform initial first aid at height. I found that my military experience helped me with this side of the course.

The next three weeks of the course encompassed a variety of classroom and on the job experiences. Opportunities arose to go out and perform some Line of Site (LoSS) work and there were many occasions like this throughout the course and so I had the chance to get some real experience doing a variety of jobs using different kit. This is what separates this course from all the others available to service leavers like me. This course has given me the knowledge and experience that I need to actually get out there and start earning money.

While on the course I found the accommodation to be of a very high standard. I enjoyed living with the other members of the course as this allowed us to compare notes and discuss the day's events. The food throughout the course was varied from nights eating out to good meals in with the other members of the course and staff from the company. This gave me a chance to ask them all the questions I had about the

telecoms industry.

I would fully recommend this course and already have to any service leaver thinking of working in telecoms.