



## 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.



## Transport

The Transport Occupational Group is part of the Logistics Job Family which belongs to the Management and Operations Support Job Network. The Surface Transport Section supports global peace operations by planning, coordinating, monitoring and executing all surface transport requirements. The UN utilizes both its own transport services in addition to third party logistics resources and those provided by Troop Contributing Countries under “Letter of Assist” arrangements. The fleet consists of light, heavy and armoured vehicles. Its responsibilities include the handling of materiel as well as engineering and airfield equipment. Currently, Transport operates a fleet of around 17,100 vehicles across peace operations worldwide.



## Nature of our Work

Activities typically include the provision of surface transport services to ensure freedom of movement of UN and authorised non-UN personnel including VIP, deploying troops/ military observers/civilian police and their equipment during start up, deployment, rotation, withdrawal phases, medical/casualty evacuations, as well as food, fuel and cargo re-supply, military operations support and “Search & Rescue” operations. Surface Transport liaises with governmental interlocutors, UN agencies, non-governmental organizations and companies contracted by the UN. Transport also ensures the serviceability of UN owned transport equipment.



## 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

Advanced university degree (Master’s degree or equivalent) preferably in business administration, mechanical engineering logistics, or transport management is required. Training in the planning, coordination and control of large vehicle fleet operations is also required. A first level university degree with a relevant combination of education, professional training, certification in surface transport operations, and two additional years of work experience in surface transportation related occupation, may be accepted in lieu of the advanced university degree. A high school or equivalent diploma is required for positions in the Field Service category. English and French are the working languages of the United Nations. All Transport positions require fluency in oral and written English. Knowledge of a second official United Nations language is an advantage.



## Related Careers

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

- **Logistics Officer**
- **Movement Control Officer**



## Helpful Links

- [careers.un.org](https://careers.un.org)
- [hr.un.org](https://hr.un.org)
- [inspira.un.org](https://inspira.un.org)
- [point.un.org](https://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

My career with the United Nations has been fulfilling, challenging, full of variety and ultimately the most rewarding experience of my life.



**Birgir GUDBERGSSON**  
Transport Asset Manager  
Bamako, Mali

**Present**  
Transport Asset Manager, MINUSMA, Bamako

**2005**  
Chief, Driving Testing, Training and Accident Unit, Fleet Maintenance Manager, UNMIL, Monrovia

**1999**  
Officer in Charge, Dispatch Unit/Driving, Testing and Training, UNMIK, Pristina

**1998**  
Driver/Convoy Leader/Driving Testing Officer, MINURSO, Laayoune

**1997**  
Dispatcher, VIP Driver, UNTAES, Eastern Slavonia

**1994**  
Seconded International IC Driver, UNPROFOR, Former Yugoslavia



## 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](mailto: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.

