



## 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.



## Security

The Security Occupational Group is part of the Safety & Security Job Network.

Over 1,300 security personnel support peace operations serving in multiple duty stations missions worldwide. UN security officers play a pivotal role in providing clear guidance on how to enable the safe conduct of UN operations in typically volatile environments while ensuring the safety, security and well-being of all UN personnel, premises and assets worldwide.



## Nature of our Work

Security-related experts perform various functions which include ensuring the security of UN compounds, providing close protection in typically volatile environments, investigating incidents, ensuring fire safety and training UN staff on safety and security policy and procedures. They are also responsible for assessing local security conditions, identifying security trends as well as developing and implementing security plans and ensuring crisis preparedness in liaison with key partners.



## 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

Professional positions require an advanced university degree (Master's degree or equivalent) in security management or business administration, political/social science or international relations, with focus on security management. A first-level university degree with additional years of qualifying experience may be accepted in lieu of an advance degree. Field Service positions require a high school diploma with progressively responsible experience in the military, police or security management. English and French are the working languages of the United Nations. All Security-related positions require fluency in oral and written English or French. Knowledge of a second official United Nations language is an advantage.



## Related Careers

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

- Security Operations Officers
- Security Investigations Officer
- Security Training Officer
- Security Information Analyst
- Close Protection Officers
- Fire Safety 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\*



### 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.

\* Source: Map No. 4259 Rev. 20(E), Cartographic Section, Department of Field Support, UNITED NATIONS, April 2014

\*\* 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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Department of Field Support

As a Security expert,  
every detail is important  
and no achievement  
is ever too small.



Lihong SHEN  
Chief Security Officer  
Duty Station:  
Laayoune,  
Western Sahara

**Present**

Lihong SHEN  
Chief Security Officer  
Laayoune, Western Sahara

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**2011**

Chief Security Officer, MINURSO, Laayoune

Chief, Security Planning and Training, UNIFIL, Naqoura, Lebanon

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**2009**

Chief, Security Training and Development Unit, UNMIS, Khartoum

**2007**

Field Security Coordination Officer, UNMIS, El Damazin, Sudan

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**2005**

Officer in Charge, UNPOL Induction Training and Deputy Contingent Commander of Chinese UNPOL, UNMIL, Monrovia, Liberia

**1985**

Bachelor's degree in Communication Engineering, Chinese People's Police Officer University, Beijing



### 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.