



Organisation for Joint Armament Co-operation Executive Administration

VACANCY NOTICE

Post	AC07 – PRODUCT QUALITY OFFICER & PLATFORM ASSISTANT
Grade	A3
Division	PPA Programme Division
Section	Technical Section
Management of Staff	0
Location	La Spezia, Italy
Initial Contract Duration	3 years
Closing Date for Applications	04/09/2025
Start Date	01/01/2026
Interview Date	Week commencing on 29/09/2025

1. Background

The aim of the Programme is the definition, development, production and initial in-service support of 7 Patrol Ships (Pattugliatori Polivalente d'Altura - PPA).

The PPA Programme Division is located in La Spezia.

2. Duties and Responsibilities

The post holder shall be responsible for all the product quality matters for which they shall report directly to the PM.

Furthermore, they will support the Platform Officer (PO) for all Platform matters and shall report to them for all Platform contractual activities in the following Areas/Systems/Equipment:

- Areas:
 - Resistance and Power Prediction;
 - Hull and Structure;

- Sea-keeping and Manoeuvrability;
- Trim and Stability;
- Damaged Stability;
- General Arrangements.
- Systems:
 - Hull Structure;
 - Propulsion Plant;
 - energy generating systems;
 - propulsion units;
 - transmission and propulsion systems;
 - propulsion support systems (including fuel and lube oil);
 - special purpose systems.
- Electric Plant
 - electric power generation systems;
 - power distribution systems;
 - lighting system;
 - power generation support systems;
 - special purpose systems.
- Command And Surveillance
 - Command and Control Systems;
 - Ship and safety Management System.
- Auxiliary Systems
 - climate control;
 - sea water systems;
 - fresh water systems;
 - air, gas and miscellaneous fluid systems;
 - ship control systems;
 - replenishment systems;
 - mechanical handling systems;

- safety systems (fire fighting, CBRN, flooding control);
- special purpose systems.
- Outfit and Furnishings.

As far as Platform is concerned, the post holder, as directed by the PO, shall:

- monitor the development and production progress;
- monitor Industry activities “throughout the contract” (Working Groups, Technical meetings, Progress meetings, Contractual reviews...);
- manage, co-ordinate and monitor the acceptance for all contractual deliveries, in liaison with Qualification and Acceptance Officer and technical experts from the Nation;
- modify/update technical and operational requirements, in liaison with the PS;
- monitor and collect evidence of technical compliance with the technical specification as defined in the contract;
- take part in the preparation and negotiation of any new contract/amendment, for technical issues related to Platform;
- give technical briefings and presentations during PC meetings or other formal meetings;
- support the PO in the process to assess the achievement of the contractual Technical Keys related to Platform;
- coordinate Nation/Industry for what concerns their field of work;
- support the qualification/acceptance process;
- evaluate the Engineering Change Proposals requested by the Nation and provided by Industry;
- support the Risk Officer in the management of risks related to Platform.

Furthermore, they shall also support the Platform Officer in the management of the following design transversal aspects and contractual activities:

- Platform physical and functional integration;
- C/S physical integration;
- Passive survivability: vulnerability and signatures (IR, acoustic, magnetic);
- Standards definition and compliance.

As far as Product Quality activities are concerned, the post holder shall:

- define, monitor and control the Quality Assurance Systems applicable to PPA Programme;
- approve and control, in coordination with the GQAR, the specific Quality Plans issued by the Contractor;

- coordinate the relationship between PPA PD and the bodies of the Nation, responsible for Quality Assurance;
- organize and chair meetings concerning the Quality Assurance process;
- contribute to all activities resulting from the application of Quality Systems as defined by relevant contracts;
- contribute to all activities necessary to define and maintain the contractual requirements;
- validate the deliveries and/or the performances concerning the quality management;
- contribute to In Service Support activities interfacing with relevant GQA representatives;
- issue/update the RGQA;
- monitor RGQA implementation;
- incorporate RGQA information within reporting and Q&A activities;
- support the Risk Officer in the management of risks related to products quality matters.

As far as other transversal activities are concerned, they shall participate to them, consistently with the responsible post-holders, for the part dealing with areas of their competence.

The post holder shall perform any related duty as directed.

3. Key competences and skills required for the grade

(You must provide evidence of meeting these key competences and skills in your Application, Section 12).

- CS 1** The ability to establish and maintain excellent working relationships at all levels in a multicultural context and with respect for diversity;
- CS 2** Excellent interpersonal and team working skills with the ability to interact and communicate at all levels within OCCAR as well as with Nations;
- CS 3** The ability to work in a changing, developing and demanding environment;
- CS 4** The ability to implement clear, efficient and logical approaches to work, to manage assignments, objectives and time;
- CS 5** The ability to use Computer and Information Technology (ICT) facilities and be able to demonstrate a good working knowledge of MS Office software.

4. Specialist knowledge and experience required for the post

(You must provide evidence of meeting these specialist requirements in your Application, Sections 10 and 11).

4.1 Essential:

- ES 1** Competencies and deep knowledge of all what is listed in the area of their duties and responsibilities, with specific focus on platform equipment and systems, naval defence procurement and contract management;
- ES 2** Broad experience in trials/testing, qualification and acceptance of technically complex deliverables;
- ES 3** Previous experiences in contract management and Knowledge in applying programme management disciplines in a Through Life Management sense;
- ES 4** Excellent knowledge of the national and international standards for quality assurance;
- ES 5** Former experience in the Navy General Staff and/or the Naval Armament Directorate and/or other Navy Offices.

4.2 Desirable:

- DS 1** Previous experience in International Programmes or co-operation activities and intercultural relationships;
- DS 2** Awareness of other defence related structures and organisations;
- DS 3** A previous appointment as Marine Chief Engineer Officer of a naval vessel and/or a former significant experience in the area of ship's design and/or shipbuilding is highly desirable and will be considered as an advantage;
- DS 4** Experience of performing Qualitative and Quantitative assessments;
- DS 5** Experience of internal and external quality audits.

5. Language Requirements

- ADVANCED level¹ of ENGLISH both oral and written.
- Additional knowledge of another OCCAR Member or Participating State's language will be considered as an asset.

6. Qualifications

A university degree in Naval Engineering² (or equivalent educational level qualification) with experience in activities directly related to the prescribed tasks is highly desirable.

Medical certificate type "fit for embarkation" or equivalent is essential in order to participate in trials at sea.

¹ The language levels can be found on the OCCAR website, www.occar.int Careers / Applying.

² It is a University degree of five or six year second cycle (master's) degree (300 or 360 ECTS)

7. Security Clearance

Security clearance at OCCAR Secret level is required for this post.

8. Applications and Points of Contact

For further information regarding this Post, please contact:

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Applications for this Vacancy Notice should be submitted through the appropriate National Administrations.

Applicants who are **not** Ministry of Defence staff wishing to apply for this Post should email the completed application and supporting documentation to application@occar.int.

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