



8 Engineer Brigade

Formed under Army 2020, **8 Engr Bde** includes every engineer regiment in the Field Army (less three specialist units¹), Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) and Search (both RLC and RE), the specialist infrastructure engineers, most of the RLC Ammunition Technicians and the Military Working Dogs (MWD) Regiment.

8 Engr Bde is part of **Force Troops Command** which provides combat support, combat service support and command support to the Army, the other Services and the UK Government. Nearly half of the deployable Army, **FTC** comprises nine brigades which contain all the gunners, ISR, sappers, signallers, medics, military police and much of the RLC and REME. It also includes the newly formed 77 Bde (Stabilisation Assistance Group).

8 Engr Bde is built on four Groups, each commanded by a colonel:

- **12 (Force Support) Engr Gp** provides general and specialist engineer support to the Army and the RAF, including the Lead Air Support Squadron. The Group will also provide 'Theatre Entry' in the early stages of a large operation.
- **25 (Close Support) Engr Gp²** provides close engineer support to the battlegroups and brigades in the Army's two Divisions,³ using a mix of armoured and field squadrons.
- **29 EOD & Search Gp** provides EOD and search capabilities to all land forces, to the special forces and to other government departments including the police. The Group also provides technical ammunition support and commands the MWD Regiment.
- **170 (Infra Sp) Engr Gp** provides the technical infrastructure support to operations and is the professional backbone of the Corps of Royal Engineers.

8 Engr Bde is an integrated mix of regular and reserves, operating alongside each other in paired or hybrid regiments. The Brigade comprises over 10,000 people (7,000 regular and over 3,000 reserves and 400 civil servants) in 20 units and in over 65 locations in UK, Germany (to 2018) and Cyprus. The Brigade represents almost 10% of the Army.

8 Engr Bde is also responsible for Defence Engagement in South Asia.⁴ The Brigade will develop understanding and expertise related to the region and generate close ties with the forces in each of the countries. Over time this will lead to opportunities for joint training and overseas exercises in South Asia.

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<u>12 (FS) Engr Gp</u>	<u>25 (CS) Engr Gp</u>	<u>29 EOD & Search Gp</u>	<u>170 (Infra Sp) Engr Gp</u>
36 Engr Regt	21 Engr Regt	33 Engr Regt (EOD)	62 Wks Gp
39 Engr Regt	22 Engr Regt	101 Engr Regt (EOD)	63 Wks Gp
R Mons RE	26 Engr Regt	11 EOD Regt RLC	64 Wks Gp
71 Engr Regt	32 Engr Regt	1 MWD Regt	65 Wks Gp
75 Engr Regt	35 Engr Regt		66 Wks Gp
			20 Wks Gp (Air Support)
<i>Military engineers, EOD and search: every aspect, everywhere</i>			

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¹ 23 Engr Regt (Air Asslt), 16 Air Asslt Bde; 24 Cdo Engr Regt, 3 Cdo Bde and 42 Engr Regt (Geo), JF Intelligence Group.

² Formed in Sep 14 through the combination of the former Divisional Engineer Groups of 1(UK) and 3(UK) Divisions.

³ 3(UK) Division providing the Reactive Force (RF) and 1(UK) Division providing the Adaptable Force (AF).

⁴ The region includes six nations, each with an aligned engineer unit: India (22 Engr Regt), Pakistan (32 Engr Regt), Afghanistan (21 Engr Regt), Nepal (36 Engr Regt), Bangladesh (26 Engr Regt) and Sri Lanka (35 Engr Regt).