



ERDAL CANKAYA

FIREFIGHTER, CHESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Advice for applicants:

- don't give up your dreams
- be positive
- ask for help if you need it

I'm originally from Turkey and wanted to give something back to the community who had accepted me. My brother-in-law was already a firefighter and suggested that I join.

The recruitment process was difficult for me as English is not my first language, but the fire service is an inclusive employer and I was successful.

I love helping others in their time of need.

My family are very proud of what I have achieved so far and I am keen to progress in my career. I am working to achieve that by studying for professional exams with the support of Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service.