

Support aircrew, Air Operations Controllers and Air Operations (Systems) Officers to facilitate the successful planning and execution of flights and missions, both in the UK and on worldwide operations.

KEY POINTS

- The coordination of airspace, military and civilian aircraft, and airfield operations.
- A key member of Station and Squadron Operations teams in direct support to Air Operations Controllers, Air & Space Operations Managers and Air Operations (Systems) Officers.
- Management of mission planning systems and aeronautical data to support aircrews in peacetime and conflict.

TRADE OVERVIEW

Air & Space Operations Specialists (Flight Operations) provide direct support to aircrew, Operations Managers and air traffic control in a variety of roles. In support of aircrew, you could be employed in a squadron operations room, responsible for maintaining aeronautical information, operating the mission support IT used by aircrew, managing airspace bookings; all of which are critical to the safe and expeditious conduct of the mission. You could also be required to operate ground to air radio equipment and provide specialist knowledge and advice during the mission planning stages of flights.

Alternatively you could be employed in station operations and flight planning. These roles could see you responsible for coordinating military and civilian aircraft operations, managing the submission and amendments of flight plans and associated flight messages, in addition to utilising your specialist knowledge to give advice to visiting aircrews. You could also find yourself monitoring and managing the Station flying programme as well as acting as a focal point for aviation related queries and information coming into and out of the Unit.

In a limited capacity you may be employed in an air traffic control tower, filtering information, managing IT systems with real-time flight information while providing support to controllers. In the future there may be roles available within Space Operations and Aerospace Systems.

There may be opportunities to operate in locations away from your Squadron either in the UK or overseas. This could be for a few weeks on Exercise supporting military training activities, or up to several months on detachments as part of a mobilisation, supporting the wider Defence and global operations. These duties will be similar to those at your home Unit but will be more demanding and may involve working with other services and nations.

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

Service as an Air & Space Operations Specialist (Flight Operations) will develop your professional and personal skills such as problem solving, teamwork and communication skills. The leadership & management training, accredited to the Chartered Management Institute are as valuable in the civilian world as they are in the RAF, meaning that whenever you decide to leave the RAF Reserves, you will be well placed to find a job in civilian airport operations.

REWARDS FROM RAF LIFE

- Competitive pay
- Training and lifelong learning
- Medical and dental care when mobilised
- Subsidised food and accommodation when mobilised
- Free gym and sports facilities on units
- Adventurous Training opportunities

RECRUIT TRAINING

Your training will start with Basic Recruit Training Course (BRTC) consisting of 8 days modularised training at your chosen RAuxAF Squadron, followed by a 15 day residential training course at RAF Halton in Buckinghamshire. This training course will prepare you for Service life in one of the most respected military forces in the world; it is also designed to help you tune into the military environment and way of life. As well as military training you will learn about the core values, code of conduct and history of the RAF, as well as its unique lifestyle.

RESERVE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

**Air & Space Operations Specialist
(Flight Operations)
(RAF Reserves)**

Age: 18-54 (Must attest before 55th birthday)

SPECIALIST TRAINING

Your specialist training is split into two phases. Part 1 is a theory phase and part 2 is a practical phase. Specialist theory training is conducted at either 606 (Chiltern) Sqn RAF Benson, 600 (City of London) Sqn RAF Northolt or 602 (City of Glasgow) Sqn Glasgow.

During part 1 you will be taught the basic theory and regulations of flight operations and air traffic control as well as aircraft and airfield operations, meteorology, navigation and airspace. This theory will give you an understanding of Flight Operations duties and will be conducted over approx. 10 days of modularised training at your nominated training unit.

Part 2 is a 11 day residential at RAF Shawbury in Shropshire, where utilising the knowledge gained in Part 1 of your specialist training, you will practise carrying out your role using the flight operations and flight planning simulators.

ONGOING TRAINING/DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

As your career progresses, we will continue to train you in new skills that include training & standards roles and higher trade management skills. There are opportunities to undertake the Meteorology Observer course provided by the Met Office, and Airfield Wildlife Control to further enhance your professional training.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER PROSPECTS AND PROGRESSION

You will join the RAF Reserves on an initial engagement of 12 years or up to age 60. After completing your first year of service from Attestation and following successful completion of BRTC you will be promoted to Leading Aircraftman. On completion of Specialist Training and Trade Ability Tests, you will then be eligible for promotion to Senior Aircraftman.

Further promotion to the rank of Corporal and beyond is on merit and by competitive selection. For each rank you will require a minimum of 3 annual appraisals and a positive promotion recommendation. The more effort and enthusiasm you put into the RAF and your trade, the easier you will find it to progress. Support, guidance and mentoring is afforded to all personnel, however for those who wish to progress this is the individual's responsibility.

COMMITMENT AND MANDATORY TRAINING

As a Reservist you will be expected to commit to a minimum of 27 days each year split between Annual Continuous Training (ACT) and Additional Training/Non Continuous Training (AT/NCT). ACT is a maximum of 15 consecutive days and AT/NCT is a minimum of 12 days. You will be required to carry out mandatory training either at your Squadron or through the online Defence Learning Environment. You will also need to maintain a level of fitness that allows you to pass the annual RAF Fitness Test.

Qualifications:

You must have a minimum of GCSEs at Grade C (Grade 4 to 5 with effect from Aug 17) or equivalent in English Language and Mathematics or SCE Standard Grades at Grade 2/Scottish National 5 (Grade A – C) in English and Mathematics. Applicants will also be expected to achieve the required Airmen's Selection Test (AST) score for the Air & Space Operations Specialist (Flight Operations) Trade.

Pay: Visit

<https://www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment/roles/roles-finder/air-operations-support/air-space-operations-specialist-flight-operations>

Selection: You will be assessed on physical fitness and medical eligibility. You will be required to complete the Airmen's Selection Test to a standard appropriate to your choice of role. You will also be required to successfully undertake a Selection Interview.

Residency: Whether or not you were born in the United Kingdom, you should have resided there for the 5 years immediately preceding your application but candidates with a minimum of 3 years will be considered.

Nationality: You must be a citizen of the United Kingdom or the holder of dual UK/other nationality.

A Modern Force: The RAF recognises the value of a person's ability no matter their ethnicity, social background, religion or belief, gender identity, sexual orientation or marital status/civil partnership.



Register your interest in this role:

Online:

<https://www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment/roles/roles-finder/air-operations-support/air-space-operations-specialist-flight-operations>

or

Telephone: 0345 606 9069

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