

# Media Operations (Reserves) People Operations

**Ensuring the actions of our Armed Forces Personnel are communicated and understood.**

**Media Operations Specialists (Writer / Journalist / Social Media / Radio / Podcasts / vlogging)** are the voice of the RAF. They support media operations officers and HQ Air Command with the delivery of national and international communications campaigns to make sure the RAF's stories are communicated corrected and fairly.

Typical Responsibilities: Produce articles for magazines and newspapers, as well as audio and video packages; Support media operations officers with planning communication campaigns; Conduct evaluation of communication campaign outcomes; Support the RAF's social media team with its online presence; Working alongside Photo/Video personnel to ensure written content reflects the imagery captured.

**Media Operations Specialists (Photographer / Videographer)** support media operations officers and HQ Air Command with the delivery of national and international imagery to make sure the RAF's stories are shown corrected and fairly.

Typical Responsibilities: Carry out the capture, manipulation and production of all types of photo/videography tasking; Support media operations officers with capturing the correct imagery for their campaigns; Ensuring that all pertinent documentation is accurately and correctly completed; Support the RAF's social media team with its online presence.

## Profession

The specialisation of Media Operations is part of the People Ops Profession within the RAF. Professions in the RAF are distinct areas of defence expertise where common skills and attributes are required to deliver on demand. Service Personnel may be employed within any of the specialisations in their Profession depending on their aptitude, qualifications, career aspirations and the Service need.

## Recruit Training

Your training will start with a Basic Recruit Training Course (BRTC) Module 1 consisting of 4 weekends. This is then followed by BRTC Module 2, which is 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'll learn about the core values, code of conduct and history of the RAF, as well as its unique lifestyle.

## Media Ops Training

Individuals are required to attend a 12-day residential Defence Communicators Course at RAF Halton within the 7644 Squadron building.

## REWARDS FROM RAF LIFE

- Paid a daily rate during your training and for the days you work based on your designated rank, trade and level of experience.
- Receive an annual tax-free lump sum 'bounty' after completing minimum training requirements.
- Training and lifelong learning.
- Earn one day of paid holiday for every 10 days worked.
- Free gym and sports facilities.
- Adventurous training opportunities.

## RESERVE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

### Media Operations

**Age:** 18 – 54  
(Must attest before 55<sup>th</sup> birthday)

#### Qualifications:

You will need a minimum of 2 GCSEs (or acceptable equivalents) at a minimum of Grade C (Grade 4 to 5 with effect from Aug 17), in English Language and Mathematics or Scottish National 5 (Grades A – C) in English Language and Mathematics.

#### Additional requirements:

You must have a Full UK driving licence.

## Your Career Prospects

You will initially join the RAF Reserve for a period of 12 years (or up to age 60 if aged 48 or over). Promotion to Leading Aircraftsman (LAC) will be granted after completing Recruit Training. Promotion to Senior Aircraftsman (SAC) is after a period in the rank of LAC and successful completion of relevant Trade Ability Tests. Further promotions are as vacancies become available and are competitive at all ranks. Established Media Operations (Reserves) may later in their careers consider applying for commissioning as Media Operation Officers in the Branch.

## Ongoing Development

On Operations – Media personnel regularly travel around the world planning and delivering media operations.

Support to the RAF – You'll also provide communications support, in the UK and overseas, to the RAF and wider UK Defence as Writers, Journalists, Photographers, Videographers, Media Escorts, Media Trainers and Mobile News Teams.

Training – Maintaining a high level of professional and subject-matter knowledge is essential our professionals, and Continuous Professional Development for our Personnel forms a key part of the training objectives.

## Locations

No 7644 Squadron, RAF Halton, Aylesbury  
No 502 Squadron, Aldergrove Flying Station, Co Antrim  
No 611 Squadron, RAF Woodvale, Merseyside

### 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 Republic of Ireland, holder of dual UK/other nationality or have been a Commonwealth citizen since birth.

### Pay:

For current information visit:  
[www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment](http://www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment)

### Selection:

You will be assessed on physical fitness and medical eligibility. Additionally, you must pass a selection and specialist interview where your professional suitability will be assessed for training.

### 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.



### To register your interest in this role online:

<https://www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment>

or

Telephone:

**0345 606 9069**

This information was last updated on 01 Oct 21 but may have changed since. If you have any queries, please check with RAF Staff at any Armed Forces Careers Office or RAF Reserve Squadron.

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