

# Media Operations Officer (Reserves) People Operations

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

Capable of working at an operational to strategic level within a joint or multinational media centres or public affairs cell. Alternatively, they can augment wider Defence and/or M&C plans and delivery staff on operations and during media campaigns in the UK and overseas. Typical roles include media planner/project officer, Mobile News Team (MNT) Leader, senior video journalist, media advisor and media ops instructor.

## Profession

The specialisation of Media Operations Officer 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.

## Initial Officer Training

RAF Reserve Officers then complete Reserves Officer Initial Training (ROIT) at the RAF College Cranwell in Lincolnshire. This course comprises of 4 weekend and a 15-day residential period designed to develop your robustness, fitness, leadership and academic skills through a number of indoor and outdoor exercises across the UK.

## Media Ops Training

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

## Locations

No 7644 Squadron, RAF Halton, Aylesbury  
No 502 Squadron, Aldergrove Flying Station, Co Antrim  
No 611 Squadron, RAF Woodvale, Merseyside  
No 614 Squadron, Cardiff, Glamorgan

## REWARDS FROM RAF LIFE

- Paid a daily rate during your training and for the days you work based on your designated rank, branch 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 Officer

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

#### Qualifications:

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

In addition, two A2 Levels / three Highers at grade C or above (excluding General Studies, Critical thinking and Citizenship Studies), which must total a minimum of 64 UCAS points.

Alternatively, if you hold a UK degree at Grade 2:2 or higher (or acceptable alternative), you only need English Language and Mathematics GCSEs at a minimum of Grade C (Grade 4 to 5 with effect from Aug 17) or Scottish National 5 (Grade 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 Reserves for a period of 12 years (or up to age 60 if aged 48 or over). Promotion to the rank of Flying Officer and subsequently Flight Lieutenant is on a time served/satisfactory service basis. Further promotion to Squadron Leader and above is by competitive selection.

### 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 Media Operations Officers, Media Escorts, Event Planners, 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.

#### 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 must pass a specialist interview where your professional suitability will be assessed. You will then be invited to the Officer and Aircrew Selection Centre (OASC) at RAF College Cranwell for the one-day selection process where we will assess your potential 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 28 Jul 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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