

Intelligence Officer (RAF Reserve)

To deliver capable and ready RAF Intelligence Reserves to support RAF Strategic Objectives through integration with RAF Intelligence for routine tasks, augmentation of UK and overseas

Suitably qualified and experienced RAF Reserve Intelligence Analysts (Int An) may consider applying for commissioning as Intelligence Officers or, alternatively, regular serving commissioned officers may choose to transfer into the RAF Reserve as Intelligence Officers.

RAF Reserve Intelligence Officers lead and manage Intelligence Analysts and are trained to develop a range of intelligence products. Very quickly you will be expected to perform to the same standards as your full-time RAF colleagues, making predictive assessments and delivering intelligence briefings on a wide range of subjects.

Your role could involve support to current Operational tasking at weekends alongside exercises and mobilisations in the UK and overseas. For example, you may be deployed to a HQ or a flying Sqn providing intelligence support to real operations. You will have the opportunity to receive additional specialist training which will enable you to work in data science, imagery exploitation, space operations or cyber.

Should you choose to work with Intelligence, Surveillance, Targeting and Reconnaissance (ISTAR) staff, you will be responsible for exploiting imagery, including real-time video from a range of sensors, to supply operational commanders on the ground with intelligence about enemy force movements and capabilities.

Profession (Intelligence)

The branch of Intelligence Officer is part of the Intelligence 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 disciplines in their Profession depending on their aptitude, qualifications, career aspirations and the Service need.

Initial Officer Training

Experienced RAF Reserve Intelligence Analysts who are successful in applying for a Commission as an RAF Reserve Intelligence Officer will attend the Reserve Officer Initial Training (ROIT) Course at the RAF College Cranwell in Lincolnshire. The course lasts for 24 days delivered over 4 weekends and includes a 2-week Residential Phase. It is designed to develop your leadership and management skills. The course includes fitness development, military training and academic study, as well as practical outdoor leadership challenges.

Intelligence Training

All RAF Reserve Intelligence Officers will complete the Operational Air Intelligence Course (Reserve) (OpAIC(R)) unless having already completed the course whilst serving as an RAF Reserve Intelligence Analyst.

The OpAIC(R) is a 39-day course split over 12 months. It consists of 12 training weekends and a 15-day block at the Joint Intelligence Training Group (JITG), Chicksands in Bedfordshire. The course is designed to train you as an intelligence analyst and gives you an understanding of the different sources of intelligence, such as imagery intelligence and open source intelligence.

RESERVE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Intelligence Officer (RAF Reserves)

Age: 18-54
(Must attest before 55th 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** 5 SCE Standard Grades at minimum of Grade 2, including English, and Mathematics **or** Scottish National 5 in 5 subjects including English Language and Mathematics.

In addition, you need at least 2 A2 Levels/3 Highers at Grade C or above (excluding General Studies or Critical Thinking) which must total a minimum of 160 UCAS points.

Alternatively, if you hold a UK degree at grade 2:2 or higher (or acceptable alternative) you only need Mathematics and English Language GCSEs at a minimum of Grade C (Grade 4 to 5 with effect from Aug 17) **or** Mathematics and English SCE Standard Grades at minimum of Grade 2 **or** Scottish National 5 in English Language and

Nationality: You must be a citizen of the United Kingdom since birth and must not hold (and must never have held) any nationality or citizenship (including joint nationality) other than British, British Overseas Territory or dual British Irish citizenship.

The course also teaches the techniques for processing intelligence and the skills required to disseminate intelligence effectively, either through written or graphical means or by delivering an intelligence briefing. The course covers the roles of UK intelligence organisations and the RAF intelligence structure within the wider MOD. You will also learn about digital applications and research techniques.

Specialist Training

Those chosen to specialise in imagery intelligence will complete the Reserve Forces Imagery Analysis Course (RFIAC) which is a 42-day course conducted over an 8 month period. The course is delivered at the Imagery Intelligence Wg, DITG Chicksands and consists of a 15-day block followed by 6 weekends and a further 15-day block. The course will train you in the production of imagery-derived intelligence and targeting materials.

Upon completion of this course, your duties may involve managing the production of imagery-derived intelligence and target materials. This work requires a combination of visual-cognitive skills, intellectual attributes and practical abilities. On some units the task requires detailed research into specialised subjects to produce complex written reports and illustrative materials, while on other units the task requires rapid mental and practical work to produce brief written reports under strict time constraints.

Additional Qualification Opportunities

RAF Reserve Intelligence Officers can undertake a Masters qualification in Intelligence & Security.

Training/Development Opportunities

As an RAF Reserve Intelligence Officer, you will have extensive opportunities for further professional development throughout your career. As well as leadership training, there are courses in security, weapons, targeting, electronic warfare and air operations – which you may undertake depending on the training you need to prepare for future Operational Deployments. To broaden your personal development and expansion of professional knowledge, you will be actively encouraged to undertake further education and training. The opportunity to move between different Int Reserve squadrons and flights will also be encouraged to offer greater variety, experience and opportunities for career progression.

Your Career Prospects

You will initially join the RAF Reserve for a period of 12 years. 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.

Residency:

Whether or not you were born in the United Kingdom, you should have resided here for the 10 years immediately preceding your application, but candidates with a minimum of 7 years will be considered.

Pay:

For current information visit: <https://www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment/lifestyle-benefits/life-as-a-reserve/>

Pre-Selection:

All ex-Regular Officers wishing to apply for a branch transfer and all RAF Reserve Int An personnel wishing to apply for a Commission, must complete the following prior to attending Officer Selection at the Officer & Aircrew Selection Centre (OASC).

- Submit a RAF Reserve application via the RAF Recruitment webpage: <https://www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment/how-to-apply/>
- Pass the Computer Based Aptitude Testing (CBAT).
- Pass a Filter Interview with OC Intelligence Reserves Wing

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 call:

0345 606 9069

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This information was last updated on 27 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 Reserves Squadron.

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Regular and Reserve <https://www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment>



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