

Drive and Operate the RAF's fleet of Specialist Vehicles, Articulated Trucks, Coaches and Dedicated Airfield Support Vehicles to deliver the RAF's operational output, worldwide.

KEY POINTS

- Gain civilian driving licences and ADR Driver Training Certificate during your driver training
- Gain driving experience in the UK, Europe and Worldwide
- Undertake an Apprenticeship in Large Goods Vehicle (LGV) Driver

TRADE OVERVIEW:

Logistics (Driver)s are required to drive and operate a wide range of general and specialist vehicles, from Passenger Carrying Vehicles (PCV, which include cars, minibuses and coaches), to both rigid and articulated Large Goods Vehicles (LGV) and mobile cranes; you will also refuel aircraft using tankers, clear runways using specialist de-icing vehicles and move specialist freight with complex trailers. It will be your responsibility to make sure that RAF personnel, equipment and vehicles get to the right place, at the right time to meet Defence's operational output. You will be driving or operating on exercises, operational deployments, on and off airfields throughout the world, both on roads or rough terrain. You will drive an array of different passengers (including VIPs), LGVs containing equipment, which will include hazardous materials using the Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) qualification you gained during your Initial Trade Training. Within your first few years, you will probably be detached overseas from a few days, up to several months. As a specialist and professional vocational driver, you will be expected to maintain the highest standards of dress, deportment and driving technique. You must work as part of a team, whilst having the capability and confidence to work and make decisions independently. Full training and support is available to the Logistics (Driver) throughout their career.

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS:

The qualifications you can earn are as valuable in civilian industry as they are in the RAF, which means that whenever you decide to leave the RAF, you will be well placed to find a new job. For example:

- Large Goods Vehicle (LGV) Driver (Categories C and C+E)
- Petroleum Tanker Driver (Airfield and Road)
- Chauffeur / VIP Driver
- Coach / Bus Driver (Category D)
- Driver of hazardous loads (with ADR Driver Training Certificate in Packages and Tanks, Classes 1 - 6 and 8 - 9)
- Fork Lift Operator
- Vehicle Dispatch Clerk / Transport Controller
- Driving Instructor (Cpl and above)
- Mobile Crane Driver / Operator (Cpl and above)
- Transport Management or Transport Operator (Cpl and above)

RECRUIT TRAINING:

Your career will start with a 10-week Basic Recruit Training Course at RAF Halton in Buckinghamshire. The course is designed to help you adjust to a military environment. As well as fitness and military training, you will also learn about the RAF lifestyle.

SPECIALIST TRAINING:

Your next step will be the specialist driving course at the Defence School of Transport at Leconfield in East Yorkshire, which takes up to four months. During this course you will be trained to pass driving tests in Categories B, C, C+E and D; you will also learn additional military driving skills such as Vehicle Loading and Restraint, Off Road Driving, Skid Avoidance and Recovery Techniques as well as the procedures and regulations for carrying dangerous goods by road (ADR).

REWARDS FROM RAF LIFE

- Competitive pay and pension
- Training and lifelong learning
- Six weeks paid leave and public holidays
- Free medical and dental care
- Subsidised food and accommodation
- Free gym and sports facilities
- Adventurous training opportunities

REGULAR ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Logistics (Driver)

Age: 17-47*

*Must attest before 48th birthday.

Qualifications:

Applicants will be expected to achieve the required Airmen's Selection Test (AST) score for the Logistics (Driver) Trade.

Additional Requirement:

You must have, at least, a UK DVLA provisional driving licence. You must not have any endorsements (penalty points) or a driving ban which would prevent you from holding an LGV licence, if you are under the age of 21. A maximum of 3 penalty points for Minor Traffic Offences (such as SP30) will be accepted for over 21 years of age. Any serious driving convictions (such as DR 10 to DR 30) are not acceptable due to the limitations on the type of employment you will undertake.

SPECIALIST TRAINING Cont'd:

At the end of the course, you will have passed your driving tests (if you haven't already done so before you join) and earned the SQA ADR Driver Training Certificate for Carrying Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR). You will also be well on the way to achieving a Level 2 Large Goods Vehicle Driver Apprenticeship Standard.

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATION OPPORTUNITIES:

Opportunity to gain further qualifications and advanced driver training with such courses as Tanker Anti-Rollover, requalification in ADR every 5 years and Digital Tachograph training. As you progress through the ranks, there are opportunities to advance your skills; Corporals gain Instructional, Leadership and Management qualifications; opportunities exist for instructors to complete recognised civilian training such as Certificate in Education (Cert Ed) at a reduced cost. In addition, there is a Foundation Degree (BA/BSc) Level 5, BSc (Honours) Level 6 in Logistics Management available through Lincoln University and further opportunities for a Master's Degree (Level 7) with the use of your Enhanced Learning Credits.

ONGOING TRAINING/DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

As your career progresses, we will continue to train you in new skills. As your experience grows, you will be trained to drive/operate more specialist vehicles and, from Corporal onwards, be required to instruct on many vehicle types. You may be required to drive emergency response vehicles, specialist heavy lift trucks and work with cranes as an operator, Supervisor and Appointed Person for Lifting Operations.

YOUR FIRST TOUR:

Your first assignment will probably be at an RAF Main Operating Base. You will drive the vehicles for which you hold licences that you achieved during Initial Trade Training; this will consolidate your experience and enhance your professionalism. You will also be given the opportunity to complete your Apprenticeship in the workplace. Tasks will include the movement of loads and personnel coupled with the associated processes that must be followed in order to achieve these both legally and safely; everything from initial tasking, driver's brief from the Controller, documentation, vehicle checks, loading and load restraint, load checks on route, driving hours and rest breaks, the final off-load/delivery, documentation processes and customer feedback. Dependent upon the Unit's role, you may also be trained in aircraft refuelling using the aircraft refuelling vehicles / tankers.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER PROSPECTS AND PROGRESSION:

Further promotion to the rank of Corporal and beyond is on merit by competitive selection and demonstration of your abilities in both driver and general service skills. The more effort and enthusiasm you put into the RAF and your Trade, the easier you will find it to progress. Progression is the individual's responsibility however, support, direction, guidance and mentoring will be afforded to assist those who wish to progress, gain more experience and ultimately further promotion.

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Selection: You will be assessed on physical fitness and medical eligibility. Additionally, you will also be required to complete the Airmen's Selection Test at your local AFCO to a standard appropriate to your choice of trade.

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. Employment restrictions may be imposed within the Logistics Branch and Trades in relation to the rapid and effective deployability of RAF personnel to countries that apply travel restrictions to non-UK personnel. Non-British personnel applying for these fields of employment are required to certify that they have been advised of the nationality imposed employment limitations and the consequences of not naturalizing as a British citizen.

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:

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or

Telephone: 0345 605 5555

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