

The principle objective when responding to an aircraft crash is to save life by creating and maintaining survivable conditions

KEY POINTS

- Exciting role with fantastic career opportunities, in the UK and overseas.
- World class training for incidents involving all types of aircraft.
- Working in a close-knit team towards a common vision and goal.

TRADE OVERVIEW

RAF Firefighters provide a deployable Aerodrome & Rescue Firefighting capability to Defence in the UK and overseas. When in the UK your role will be to maintain immediate readiness to respond to fight fires and effect rescue from military aircraft. You will also provide a first response to emergencies on the Defence estate and assist in providing fire safety awareness to Station personnel. As the deployable arm for Defence you will be required to deploy within short time frame in the UK and overseas to support operations and exercises in potentially austere environments. You will be trained to use highly specialised vehicles and equipment including the new Defence capability of High Reach Extendable Turrets. You will work in a close-knit team on the aerodrome and your daily tasks will include ensuring that specialised vehicles and equipment are tested and inspected whilst also maintaining and honing your professional firefighter skills.

Note: Due to the sophistication and efficiency of aircraft, and advancements in early fire detection on MOD establishments, fire crews spend significantly less time responding to aircraft and structural fires.

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

Your trainee firefighter course and workplace development package including the completion of an Operational Firefighter Apprenticeship will ensure you have the skills required of a professional Firefighter. If you decide to leave the RAF these skills and accreditation will assist in creating opportunities within the civilian fire sector.

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

As part of specialist training you will be enrolled on to a **Level 3 Operational Firefighter Apprenticeship**. You will continue the 12 - 24 month apprenticeship development programme into the workplace, where you will complete it as part of your daily duties.

The 14 weeks specialist Firefighter training course takes place at the Defence Fire Training Unit, Moreton-in-Marsh (Ofsted Outstanding). The specialist course will teach you:

- Fire Extinguisher Maintenance
- Fire Service Drill
- Breathing Apparatus Operations
- Structural Firefighting Operations
- Road Traffic Incident Techniques
- Aircraft Construction
- Aviation Firefighting Operations

You will deal with 'live' practice fires and gain experience of specialist aviation rescue fire-fighting vehicles.

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

Fire-Fighter

REGULAR ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Age: 17– 47*

*(Must attest before 48th birthday)

Qualifications:

You must have a minimum of GCSE at Grade C (Grade 4 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 or equivalent.
A clean full driving licence is also required.

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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.

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATION OPPORTUNITIES

- Level 3 Certificate in Assessing (Cpl)
- Level 3 Certificate in Assessing Vocational Achievement (Cpl)
- Level 3 Award in Education and Training (Cpl)
- Technician Membership Institute of Fire Engineers (Self-Funded)
- Post Graduate Certificate (PGCert) in Emergency Planning, Resilience and Response (Self-Funded)
- Post Graduate Diploma (PGDip) in Emergency Planning, Resilience and Response (Self-Funded)
- Masters degree (MSc) in Emergency Planning, Resilience and Response (Self-Funded)

ONGOING TRAINING/DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

As your career progresses, we will continue to develop you in new skills. Early in your career you could achieve your Category C Large Goods Vehicle driving licence and learn the specialist skills needed to drive specialised aviation firefighting vehicles by completing an Emergency Response Driver (Airfield) course.

YOUR FIRST TOUR

For your first tour you will be posted to one of eight UK RAF bases where you will work as part of a close-knit team, on call to handle on Station emergencies. You will focus on understanding the operation of a busy military aerodrome and routine tasks to support the running of the Fire Station. During this time expect to deploy to one of the ongoing deployment locations for a period of 4 months.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER PROSPECTS AND PROGRESSION

After a year, you will be eligible for promotion to Senior Aircraftman, if you pass a series of Trade Ability Tests. Further promotion to the rank of Corporal and beyond is by competitive selection. Opportunities also exist for suitable individuals to apply to Commission into the Air Operations (Systems) Branch and be employed as a specialist Commissioned Fire Officer.

Selection:

Your eligibility will require you to pass a medical, have a clean full driving licence and pass a series of tests, the first of which will be held at your AFCE. If you are successful, you will then be sent on a 2-day Specialist Interview at the Defence Fire Training Unit in Gloucestershire. During your visit you will be put through a series of mandatory assessments, some must be passed prior to progressing with the course. The assessments include working from height, confined spaces, equipment carry, and elements designed to test your teamwork, dexterity and communication. Some of the tests will be carried whilst wearing and using standard fire service equipment and can be physically demanding. A good standard of fitness is essential for the role and you will also be expected to complete a Multi Stage Fitness Test, press ups, sit ups and weighted pull down. The Firefighter Trade expects high standards and candidates need to prepare well to offer the best chance of selection.

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.



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