

# Intelligence Analyst (Linguist)

*Monitor and analyse foreign language material. Direct, collect, process and disseminate intelligence. Disseminate tailored intelligence to support, inform and influence commanders, aircrews or ground troops.*

## KEY POINTS

- Get paid to learn new languages.
- The opportunity to have a real-time impact on operations.
- Access to supported undergraduate and post-graduate degree schemes.

## TRADE OVERVIEW

As an Intelligence Analyst (Linguist) (Int An (L)) you will find yourself working within a highly trained team, who have the important responsibility of providing timely intelligence to military forces deployed on operations around the world. Int An (L)s play a vital role in protecting the security of UK, National and International interests by interpreting, analysing and disseminating intelligence. You will listen to intercepted foreign voice transmissions, using state-of-the-art receiving and recording systems. From this you will provide valuable intelligence about actual or potential adversaries and their strengths, weaknesses, movements and locations. There is also the opportunity to act as an interpreter for troops on the ground, translating from native speakers. You will learn at least one foreign language to a high degree of proficiency and will spend much of your RAF life honing these skills or learning new ones. Whatever role you are employed in, your contribution will be vital to success by supporting operations across the globe and assisting senior commanders in making key decisions.

## TRANSFERABLE SKILLS:

The qualifications and experience you can gain are as valuable in the civilian world as they are in the RAF. This means that whenever you decide to leave the RAF, you'll be well placed to find a job in a number of fields. This could include telecommunications, languages including interpreting, analytical work, research, media, information technology or the Civil Service.

## 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

## 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.

## REGULAR ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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**Age:** Minimum 17. Younger candidates cannot normally be accepted because of current security vetting requirements. Maximum age is 47 yrs i.e. must have attested before their 48<sup>th</sup> birthday.

## SPECIALIST TRAINING

The next step is a language training course at the Defence Centre for Languages and Culture (DCLC) at Chicksands, which lasts approximately 18 months. Here you will learn a modern language, such as Arabic, Farsi or Russian to a high level. Following this you will complete the Applied Course which better prepares you for beginning your new role. Due to the high-quality training, Int An (L)s are eligible to become a member of the Chartered Institute of Linguists (CIOL); the leading UK-based membership body for language professionals. As part of continuous professional development, you will be able to apply for membership of the CIOL at different grades throughout your career.

### Qualifications:

Minimum of 2 GCSEs at Grade C (Grade 4 to 5 with effect from Aug 17) or above or SCE Standard Grades at Grade 2/Scottish National 5 (Grade A – C) in English Language and Mathematics.  
No prior language training is required.

### University Bursary:

We could provide a bursary of up to £3000 a year during your 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> years of your studies plus approximately £1200 for 30 days of training, if you, gain entry to a UK university for an acceptable degree and aim to join the RAF. See the Sponsorship page on the RAF website for more detail.

### ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATION OPPORTUNITIES

During trade training, and at later stages in your career, you may have the opportunity to sit GCSEs and higher examinations in the relevant language(s). Some courses are recognised by universities and may be counted towards a degree. During your career, you will have the opportunity to gain technical or managerial NVQs to Level 4.

### ONGOING TRAINING/DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

As your career progresses, we'll continue to train you in new skills. As well as management and leadership training, there are opportunities to learn additional languages or to reach a higher level of proficiency in your core foreign language.

### YOUR FIRST TOUR

Your first tour as an Int An (L) could be at one of a few select UK locations where you will utilise state-of-the-art equipment and software to carry out your mission in direct operational support to platforms such as RIVET JOINT and REAPER. Alternatively, you could be employed in a more strategic role at 54 Signals Unit or Joint Service Signals Unit Digby, Lincolnshire. Dependent on future operational requirements, you may spend your first tour with the Defence Human Intelligence Unit (DHU) where you will get the opportunity to work in both mobile and static roles. This includes being deployed as part of their unit in support of the UK's exercises and operations.

As the Int An (L) Trade can be viewed as being one of those at the forefront of the Joint Services environment, you may find yourself working alongside members of the other Armed Services, civilian analysts or coalition partners. At some of these locations you may be required to work shifts which include unsociable hours and weekends but with subsequent stand down periods.

### YOUR FUTURE CAREER PROSPECTS AND PROGRESSION:

After completing one year's total service, you will be eligible for promotion to Senior Aircraftman, providing you pass a Trade Ability Test. Most of an Int An (L)'s employment is likely to be spent within the Joint Services environment working with similarly trained Royal Navy and Army specialists in both the static and mobile roles. You should also expect to be deployed on an operational tour of up to six months at various stages in your career, which could be onboard Royal Navy surface or sub-surface vessels as well as with a deployed Army unit working under field conditions. In preparation for these duties, personnel will be required to carry out the appropriate military training. Further promotion to the rank of Corporal and beyond is on merit by competitive selection and based upon your performance as reflected by your annual report. For junior tradesmen, some duties will entail shift working. However, as personnel progress through JNCO and SNCO ranks, there will be an increasing number of opportunities to fill day working posts.

Commanders cannot make decisions without reliable intelligence, and as an Intelligence Analyst in the RAF you will play a key role in this process.

**Pay:** Visit

<https://www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment/roles/roles-finder/intelligence/intelligence-analyst-linguist>

**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. Attendance at a specialist interview, briefing and testing is mandatory for all candidates. This will include the Modern Languages Aptitude Test (MLAT) and an interview with Phase 2 Training Instructors. A UK driving licence is desirable.

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

**Nationality:** You must have been a citizen of the United Kingdom from birth or a dual British Irish 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.

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**Online:**

<https://www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment/roles/roles-finder/intelligence/intelligence-analyst-linguist>

or

**Telephone:** 0345 605 5555

**To access the Trade Ambassador Network (TAN) Scheme and connect with a specialist in your local area, please contact:**

[CRN-RecruitSelect-SET-INT@mod.gov.uk](mailto:CRN-RecruitSelect-SET-INT@mod.gov.uk)

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