

**Conduct Law Enforcement and Security duties to enable Air and Space Operations, supporting Defence activity in the UK, overseas and on deployed operations.**

#### KEY POINTS

- Delivering policing, security and resilience for a global Air Force
- Specialist training in a wide range of law enforcement and security roles
- You will be challenged; no two days are the same

#### TRADE OVERVIEW

The RAF Police plays a critical role protecting, securing and enabling Air and Space operations both in the UK and on operations globally by providing the RAF and Defence with a broad spectrum of Security and Law Enforcement capabilities. Key roles in the RAF Police are criminal and security investigations through the provision of counter intelligence and protective security activities. The RAF Police are also specialists in Military Working Dogs and Aviation Security and maintain very high readiness tactical capabilities for operations worldwide.

#### TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

During initial police training you will have the opportunity to undertake an apprenticeship qualification. Subsequent specialist military and Home Office courses will give you skills that are valuable in the civilian world; when you decide to leave the RAF, you will be well placed to pursue another career in an associated field e.g. Police Officer, Fraud Officer or Aviation Security.

#### 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

The RAF Police Initial Course lasts for 22 weeks and is delivered at the Defence School of Policing and Guarding, MOD Southwick Park, Hampshire. The course covers law enforcement duties including civilian and service legislation, investigations, reporting and recording of Service and civilian offences, Personal Safety Training, arrest procedures, and police interviews. You will also be trained in the principles of security including: personnel security, protective security, information assurance, security risk management, counter terrorism and aviation security. If you are selected for dog-handling duties, further training will follow where you will be taught to work with, and care for, a RAF Police dog.

#### ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATION OPPORTUNITIES

During your specialist training you will be given the opportunity to enrol on the Advanced Level 3 Security First Line Manager Apprenticeship. Further progression in the trade is credited against a BA (Hons) degree in Organisational Capability Development.

#### 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

### RAF Police

**Age:** 17 ½–47\*

\*Must attest before 48th birthday.

#### Qualifications:

GCSE at Grade C (Grade 4 to 5 with effect from Aug 17) in English language or SCE Standard Grade at Grade 2/Scottish National 5 in English (Grade C).

#### Additional requirement:

You must have a Full UK driving licence.

**Pay:** Visit

<https://www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment/roles/roles-finder/force-protection/raf-police>

**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.

### ONGOING TRAINING/DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

As your career progresses, we will continue to train you in new skills. You will have opportunities to attend different courses in areas such as protective security, counter intelligence, cyber security, Close Protection and criminal investigation. These include Home Office police courses such as Crime Scene Investigator, National Suspect Interview and High-Tech Crime.

### YOUR FIRST TOUR

For your first tour, you could be assigned to law enforcement and aviation security duties at a RAF Unit, work as a dog handler or be employed on a Tactical Police Flight. Police work can be physically demanding, and you should be prepared to undertake shift work in all weather conditions and locations.

### YOUR FUTURE CAREER PROSPECTS AND PROGRESSION:

There are early opportunities to travel and operate overseas. You will be relied upon to demonstrate initiative, make decisions and provide Police and Security advice in order to protect RAF personnel and Defence assets.

After 18 months, you could move into a specialist area. Like most people in the RAF, you will probably move jobs every few years; each job is known as a *tour*.

Once you have successfully completed the initial RAF Police training, you will be promoted to the rank of acting corporal. Further promotion to full corporal and beyond is by competitive selection.

**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 UK citizen or holder of dual UK/other nationality.

**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:

<https://www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment/roles/role-s-finder/force-protection/raf-police>

or

Telephone: 0345 605 5555

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