

To produce the diagnostic images required to aid the treatment of patients.

KEY POINTS

- Be treated, trained and supported as a professional.
- Join the RAF, get paid whilst undertaking a fully funded BSc (Hons) in Diagnostic Radiography.
- Opportunity for further study.

TRADE OVERVIEW

As a Radiographer, you will provide clinicians with images of the body to help them diagnose. Just like a civilian fulfilling the same role, you will normally work under the clinical direction of a radiologist and produce images using a range of hi-tech equipment.

Like most people in the RAF, you will probably move jobs every few years, and each job is known as an *assignment*. For most of your assignments, you will be based in an NHS hospital as part of a military team. Current assignment opportunities include Royal Centre for Defence Medicine (RCDM) Birmingham or RCDM Oxford.

Within your first few years of service, you will probably be detached overseas for anything from a few days to a few months. It is on operations and exercises that your skills as a military radiographer will become most apparent: it will be your role to produce images as near to NHS-hospital standard as possible in a range of challenging environments anywhere in the world.

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS:

The graduate and postgraduate qualifications you can earn are the same as those for your civilian counterparts – whenever you decide to leave the RAF, you will be well placed to find a job in radiography.

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

If you are joining without qualifications in radiography, you will study for a BSc (Hons) in Diagnostic Radiography at the Birmingham City University (BCU), a 3 year course with clinical placements within the Midlands area. This degree will qualify you for state registration as a Radiographer with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC). When you have completed your degree, you will get your first assignment.

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATION OPPORTUNITIES

You will have opportunities for further professional development throughout your career, including postgraduate qualifications.

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

Radiographer

Age: 17-47*

*Must attest before 48th birthday.

Qualifications:

Qualified Applicants:

State-registered radiographer, BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Radiography, registered with HCPC as a Diagnostic Radiographer.

Unqualified Applicants:

Min of 120 UCAS tariff points at A Level or equivalent (including a recognised science subject). It is important to check Birmingham City University website for current entry requirements.

Pay: Visit

<https://www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment/roles/roles-finder/medical-and-medical-support/radiographer>

ONGOING TRAINING/DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

As a Radiographer, you will need to maintain your registration with the HCPC, and the RAF is therefore keen to support your attendance at radiography training days and conferences.

YOUR FIRST TOUR

Your first posting will be to RCDM Birmingham or RCDM Oxford, where you will gain confidence and experience. You will work as part of a team of military radiographers fully integrated within an NHS imaging department.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER PROSPECTS AND PROGRESSION:

You will initially join the RAF for a period of twelve years on a Notice Engagement. Unqualified entrants will be promoted to Senior Aircraftman after 1 year total service, once qualified and HCPC registered as a diagnostic radiographer will be promoted to Corporal. Those already qualified will be promoted to Corporal on posting to their first productive unit. Subsequent promotion to Sergeant is subject to the completion of service courses, will be on a time promotion basis with positive promotion recommendation. Further promotion is based on merit and promotion opportunities.

Selection: You will be assessed on physical fitness and medical eligibility. A Trade Specialist Interview will also be conducted.

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.

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/roles-finder/medical-and-medical-support/radiographer>

or

Telephone: 0345 605 5555

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

Air-Health-SO2 Med Pers

This information was last updated 03 Aug 21, but may have changed since. If you have any queries, please check with RAF Staff at any Armed Forces Careers Office.

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