

*Custodians for the complex and diverse range of equipment currently in use across the Royal Air Force in the UK and worldwide. As an RAF Supply, Storage and Distribution Specialist, you will be responsible for the management of RAF assets, from the receipt, storage, handling and distribution of equipment to its ultimate disposal.*

### KEY POINTS

- Deliver vital equipment to the operational front line.
- Operate one of the most diverse, comprehensive and versatile equipment management IT systems in the world.
- Work on Airfield fuel installations and in specialist storage areas.
- World class training providing the opportunity for a varied and dynamic portfolio of transferable skills.
- An exciting, rewarding and diverse career including world travel, sports and adventure training.

### TRADE OVERVIEW

The official name for a Supply, Storage & Distribution Specialist in the RAF is Logistics Supplier. As a Logistics Supplier, you will be a key component within the RAF. You will play a vital role in the logistical support required by the RAF to fulfil its operational and peacetime obligations. Responsible for the distribution, accounting, stock control and data analysis of a diverse range of commodities such as aircraft parts, fuels, explosives, ammunition and many other materials required to sustain a modern Air Force. You will use complex IT stock control systems, stock level modelling software, modern storage solutions and operate mechanical handling equipment and other specialist vehicles. You will support Operations in the most challenging locations across the globe; sustain real-life support to personnel and support the most technologically advanced aircraft in the Royal Air Force.

### TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

Logistics skills and qualifications are eagerly sought after by civilian organisations. Therefore, on leaving the RAF you are extremely employable and well placed to find a new job such as:

- Aerospace Logistics Supply Support Specialist
- Material and Inventory Specialist
- Auditor (including Health & Safety, Quality Assurance)
- Supply Chain Manager
- Distribution Manager
- Fuels Storage/Distribution Operator
- Aircraft Refuelling
- Forklift Operator
- Dangerous Goods Consignor
- Stock Control Accountant
- Product Coordinator
- Production Team Member
- Large Goods Vehicle Driver

### 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 Supplier

**Age:** 16–47\*

\*Must attest before 48th birthday. (If you are under 18 years of age, you will need consent from a parent or guardian before you apply however you may commence your application from 15 years and 9 months).

#### Qualifications:

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

**Pay:** Visit

<https://www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment/roles/roles-finder/logistics/supply-storage-and-distribution-specialist>

**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 AFCCO to a standard appropriate to your choice of trade.

### 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

Continuing at MOD Worthy Down, you will enter the specialist trade training environment. The Logistics Basic Training course is 10 weeks long and it is here that you will be taught the necessary skills required to do your job. On leaving Logistics Basic Training you will have gained the skills and knowledge required to ensure equipment is kept in the right environment and that the stockholding IT system accurately reflects physical holdings and locations. You will be able to take customer orders and provide delivery solutions; you will have the skills to pack, document and despatch/deliver equipment to the end user in the UK and across the world.

## ONGOING TRAINING/DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

As your career progresses, we will continue to train you to the highest standard and equip you with the skills you require to take on new responsibilities. This means that there are opportunities for management, leadership, health and safety training and a wide range of driving qualifications. A hugely diverse trade, some of the more specialised areas within Supply include:

**Storage, Handling and Distribution of Fuels.** Issuing aviation fuel to aircraft and helicopters, receiving fuel into bulk storage tanks from pipelines, road tankers and ocean tankers. Be solely responsible for an installation, at times storing more than 1 million litres of high-octane aviation fuel. If employed in the tactical fuels environment, you may also be required to undertake parachute training and construct fuel installations in austere locations. Of course, with fuel there comes a responsibility for environmental protection, so you will also learn how to deal with spillages to avoid environmental damage, both on land and possibly at sea.

**Dangerous/Classified Goods.** Packaging, storage, handling and transportation of hazardous goods, including explosives for transport by air (to Civil Aviation Authority standards), road and sea. Learn how to complete the myriad of different customs paperwork required for distribution of sensitive equipment across the globe. Ensure the secure handling and distribution of classified assets, ensuring security regulations are met.

**Mobility.** Work alongside our Mover colleagues in a Mobility Flight where you will be trained to assist with loading and stowing equipment being moved by our transport aircraft. You will learn the skills required to successfully deploy to challenging areas of the world whilst supporting the various aircraft platforms, possibly aboard the very latest Royal Navy Aircraft Carriers supporting 5<sup>th</sup> generation stealth aircraft.

**MJDI.** The system used to account for the majority of equipment in use within the Ministry of Defence. Extremely versatile, you will become one of the skilled 18000 worldwide operators, tracking the billions of pounds worth of complex equipment currently in the RAF and MoD inventory.

**Qualification Opportunities.** All students will be awarded a Level 3 Diploma in Supply Control & Accounting and are offered the opportunity to enrol in the Level 2 Supply Chain Warehousing Operative Apprenticeship.

**Residency:** Whether or not you were born in the United Kingdom, you should have resided there for the 5 years immediately preceding your application.

**Nationality:** You must be a citizen of the United Kingdom or the Republic of Ireland, holder of a dual UK/other nationality or have been a Commonwealth citizen from birth. Employment restrictions may be imposed within the Logistics Trades in relation to the rapid and effective deployability of RAF personnel to countries that apply travel restrictions to non-UK personnel. Non-UK personnel applying for these fields of employment are required to certify that they have been advised of the nationality-imposed employment limitations and the consequence of not naturalising as a UK 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.



### To register your interest in this role online:

<https://www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment/roles/roles-finder/logistics/supply-storage-and-distribution-specialist>

or

Telephone:

0345 605 5555

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

## YOUR FIRST TOUR

During your first tour, you will consolidate your training and gain valuable experience that will prepare you for your first operational tour of duty. To ensure you become a confident Supplier with broad knowledge and experience, you will be employed within at least 2 different departments within your first tour. A first tour is always memorable and demanding but also highly rewarding; you will be given the time to develop your skills and become an effective member of an extremely close-knit team. As a Logistics Supplier, you should expect to experience your first 4 month deployed tour of duty within 18 months. Your subsequent operational tours will be varied and dependant on where in the world RAF assets are deployed in support of Defence Policy. You will be provided with the opportunity to undertake Adventure Training (skiing, rock climbing, mountain biking etc) and be able to participate in all major sports at every level.

## YOUR FUTURE CAREER PROSPECTS AND PROGRESSION

After completing one year's total service and providing you have completed basic Trade Ability Assessments, you will be eligible for promotion to Senior Aircraftman. Further promotion to the rank of Corporal and beyond is on merit by competitive selection annually. The Supply trade offers an exciting, diverse and challenging opportunity for an individual to excel in support of the UK's most advanced aircraft types, but requires high calibre individuals to succeed.

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<https://www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment>



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