

Intelligence Officer

Lead the analysis and delivery of intelligence in order to support, inform and influence decision making in Defence.

As an Intelligence Officer you could find yourself leading a team of highly motivated, bright and flexible personnel as part of a Royal Air Force unit or within Strategic Command alongside the British Army, Royal Navy and MoD Civil Servants. Your training will ensure that you are equipped to develop a range of products using the latest reporting from a variety of sources. These sources include imagery, signals, human, cyber and open-source intelligence.

Very quickly you will be responsible for collecting, collating and evaluating vast quantities of information to produce actionable reports and prepare threat assessments for current and future operations. You may then brief senior officers, planning or operations staff to influence matters of international significance. You could lead a team of analysts in the management and production of reports and assessment from satellite or aerial imagery, or the collection of complex signals in order to provide details on known or potential threats. Within your first few years you can expect to be deployed frequently overseas in various roles. This could include supporting a front line flying squadron or providing tactical mission and intelligence support.

Your job will take you to new locations and test you in different roles every few years, working alongside counterparts in the Royal Navy and the Army, or in a NATO Position. There are opportunities to work overseas, including Europe and the US. Whatever role you are employed in, your contribution will be vital to on-going or future operations around the world.

Initial Officer Training

RAF officers begin their career by completing Modular Initial Officer Training Course (M)IOT at the RAF College Cranwell in Lincolnshire. You will complete a challenging modular 24-week course, split into 4 distinct terms designed to develop your robustness, fitness, leadership and academic skills through a number of indoor and outdoor exercises across the UK.

Specialist Training

You will then undertake an 18-week specialist training course at the Defence Intelligence Training Group, Chicksands, Bedfordshire. This course will teach you how to provide Operational Intelligence. You will be taught a breadth of subjects including: the components of intelligence work, different intelligence sources, various analytical techniques, the principles of air-defence systems, and the details of complex equipment that pose a threat to aircraft. By the end of the course you will be able to collect and evaluate relevant information and produce actionable intelligence through your assessments, in both written reports and formal verbal briefings. You will be able to provide intelligence support to senior commanders and contribute to the planning of air operations and force protection of airbases. Your final exercise will test your ability to work within a deployed or HQ intelligence environment in a range of mutually supportive and varied roles.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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Age: 17½ - 47*

*Must have entered IOT by 48th birthday.

Qualifications:

You will need a minimum of 5 GCSEs (or acceptable equivalents): at a minimum of Grade 4 (Grade C prior to Aug 17), including English Language and Mathematics, or Scottish National 5 (Grade A – C) in 5 subjects including English Language and Mathematics.

In addition, two A2 Levels / three Highers at grade C or above (excluding General Studies, Critical thinking and Citizenship Studies), which must total a minimum of 64 UCAS points.

Alternatively, if you hold a UK degree at Grade 2:2 or higher (or acceptable alternative) you only need Mathematics and English Language GCSEs at a minimum of Grade 4 (Grade C prior to Aug 17) or Scottish National 5 (Grade A – C) in English Language and Mathematics.

Foundation Tours

Your foundation tour will be at one of a range of military units and will focus on Operational Intelligence. You could be posted to any of the front-line RAF flying stations, where you would keep the squadrons, the station commander and station personnel aware of the latest threats. You could also be posted to the Joint Force Air Component Headquarters at RAF High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, or the Air and Space Intelligence Centre at RAF Wyton, Cambridgeshire. Here you would provide threat assessments and intelligence updates on current operations and worldwide areas of concern to senior commanders and their planning staff.

Your Career Prospects

You will join the RAF on an Initial Commission of 12 years and may be selected to serve on a pension-earning commission of 20 years or age 40; whichever is the latter during this time. Promotion to the rank of Flight Lieutenant will occur on a time served/satisfactory service basis 3½ years after completing IOT. Further promotion to Squadron Leader and above is by competitive selection.

Ongoing Development

Initially you will move jobs every 2 to 3 years to develop your experience as an Intelligence Officer, and you should expect to deploy on operations regularly throughout your career. You could work in a range of employment areas which provide extensive opportunities for further professional and personal development throughout your career. Undergraduate and postgraduate degree schemes in Intelligence and Security or International Relations are affiliated to the Branch. You could also undertake further training and gain qualifications in Operational Intelligence, Targeting, Cyber, Electronic-Warfare, Space and Air Operations. Further employment could involve a specialist discipline such as Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) management, imagery, signals or human intelligence. You will manage a team of RAF and other military and civilian Intelligence Analysts, producing intelligence reports in support of current operations and strategic decision-making.

Transferable Skills

The analytical and leadership skills as well as the experience you gain throughout your career as an Intelligence Officer, could equip you for a number of civilian jobs. These include jobs such as Police Inspector, Criminologist, or various roles within the Civil Service.

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 be a citizen of the United Kingdom since birth and must not hold (and must never have held) any nationality or citizenship (including joint nationality) other than British, British Overseas Territory or dual British Irish citizenship.

Security: All Intelligence Officers will be required to achieve Developed Vetting Security Clearance. For Further information visit:

[https://www.gov.uk/guidance/security-
vetting-and-clearance](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/security-vetting-and-clearance)

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[https://www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment/roles/
roles-finder/intelligence/intelligence-officer](https://www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment/roles/roles-finder/intelligence/intelligence-officer)

Selection: Initially, you must pass the aptitude tests at the Officer and Aircrew Selection Centre (OASC) at RAF College Cranwell. If you pass the aptitude tests, you will be invited to return to the OASC for the one-day selection process where we will assess your potential for training.

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/intelligence/intelligence-officer](https://www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment/roles/roles-finder/intelligence/intelligence-officer)

or

Telephone:

0345 605 5555

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

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

This information was last updated on 05 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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