

Logistics Officer

Logistics is fundamental to the delivery of Air Power in Royal Air Force.

As a Logistics Officer, you will lead airmen and airwomen to provide the logistics support required to keep RAF aircraft in the air. You will manage elements of the whole supply chain including: the purchasing and storage of equipment and fuel; logistics IT management systems; and global distribution by road, sea and air. You will be responsible for organising the airlift of equipment and troops worldwide and for delivering catering and hospitality services to the RAF, both in the UK and overseas. Logistics support is critical to the success of the modern RAF, both in the UK and overseas, on operations and exercises. Put simply, you will be responsible for ensuring that the RAF has the right equipment in the right place at the right time.

Within your first couple of years, you could travel overseas for anything from a few days to a few months, either in support of operations or on exercise. You would gain experience at one of our UK Main Operating Bases or within an Air Combat Service Support Unit such as our Air Mobility Wing, Tactical Supply Wing, Expeditionary Logistics Squadron, Mobile Catering Squadron or Mechanical Transport Squadron, all of which provide essential overseas logistic support to air operations.

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

Specialist training is delivered during Logistics Officer Training (LOT) at Defence College for Logistics, Police and Administration (DCLPA) at MOD Worthy Down, Winchester. You will undertake a 12-week specialist training course designed to give you a thorough grounding in logistics. You will study supply chain management, fuels management, transport management, catering, mobility (the function of preparing, deploying, sustaining and recovering RAF flying squadrons from overseas) and management topics such as Quality management, personnel management, change management and contract management. You could also gain a BSc in Logistics Management (accredited by the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT)) by successfully passing the course and completing five assignments. Following successful completion of this course you will be posted on your first tour, undertaking further training in catering management, transport management, fuels management or mobility, as required by your new role. Later in your career you may also opt to specialise in a number of specialisations including air movements or fuels management.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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Age: 17½ - 47*

*Must have entered IOT before 48th birthday. Bursaries are available - please ask for more information.

Qualifications:

You will need a minimum of 5 GCSEs (or acceptable equivalents) at a minimum of Grade C (Grade 4 to 5 with effect from Aug 17), including English Language and Mathematics or Scottish National 5 (Grades 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 English Language and Mathematics GCSEs at a minimum of Grade C (Grade 4 to 5 with effect from Aug 17), or Scottish National 5 (Grades A-C).

Foundation Tour

Logistics Officers will enjoy a diverse, varied and operationally focused career, whilst being part of an active Branch community with a strong identity. On your first tour, you will probably be a Flight Commander on a flying station. From your first day, you could be responsible for leading a Flight of up to 120 personnel.

Your responsibilities could include providing the equipment and aviation fuel to keep fast jets flying; delivering catering and hospitality services; providing drivers for all kinds of vehicles; and organising the deployment of station personnel and equipment overseas by air and sea.

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' service or age 40, whichever is the later, during this time. Promotion to the rank of Flight Lieutenant is on a time served/satisfactory service basis after 3½ years from completing IOT. Further promotion to Squadron Leader and above is by competitive selection. Whatever rank you achieve, you will have the opportunity to enjoy an incredibly exciting and rewarding career, both in the RAF and within the wider UK Defence community.

Ongoing Development

As a Logistics Officer, you will have extensive opportunities for further professional and personal development throughout your career. You will receive instruction on command and staff roles and will have the opportunity to undertake numerous adventurous training activities such as climbing, skiing and diving. Later on in your career, you may also have the opportunity to gain a Masters qualification.

Transferable Skills

RAF Logistic Officers gain a wealth of commercially-attractive experience and skills. This makes them highly sought after by civilian employers. Logistics Officers leaving the RAF will have acquired senior positions in management, procurement, aviation operations, transport management, logistics and distribution, catering and hospitality, supply chain management and project management.

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. Employment restrictions may be imposed within the Logistics Branch and Trades in relation to the rapid and effective deployment of RAF personnel to countries that apply travel restrictions to non-UK personnel. Non-British personnel applying for these fields of employment are required to certify that they have been advised of the imposed employment limitations and the consequences of not naturalizing as a British citizen.

Pay: For current information visit:

<https://www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment/roles/roles-finder/logistics/logistics-officer>

Selection:

You will be invited to the Officer and Aircrew Selection Centre (OASC) at RAF College Cranwell 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/logistics/logistics-officer>

or

Telephone:

0345 605 5555

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