

RAF Police Officer

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

RAF Police Officers play a vital role in protecting the RAF's personnel, aircraft, infrastructure and information systems from a variety of threats including terrorism, crime and espionage. This is a demanding role which requires the highest levels of personal integrity combined with the ability to assess and act on complex information as a security / policing specialist. You will lead a team of RAF Police and security personnel, including soldiers of the Military Provost Guard Service, routinely providing senior officers with security risk management and law enforcement advice. Although this may sound daunting, your training will provide you with the knowledge and confidence to do the job. You will be expected to deploy on operations overseas, leading RAF Police personnel in a range of challenging operational environments. As with officers in most other branches, RAF Police Officers change jobs every few years. As your career develops, you will have the opportunity to engage in specialist areas such as investigation of serious crime, cyber security/information assurance, counter intelligence, protective security, and operational planning. If selected for promotion, you may command a RAF Police Squadron or Force Protection Wing, commanding large numbers of personnel based at multiple locations around the UK.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

After (M)IOT, you will complete the 20 week RAF Police Officers' Course (RAFPOC) at the Defence School of Policing and Guarding, MOD Southwick Park near Portsmouth. The RAFPOC will continue to build your leadership and management skills whilst covering aspects of criminal law, investigations and security (incorporating counter intelligence and security risk management). All this will prepare you to fulfil the wide variety of operational roles conducted by the RAF Police. With specialist training completed, you will be ready to undertake your first tour.

Foundation Tour

For your first tour, you are likely to be posted to a RAF unit where you will be responsible for the security of RAF assets and the policing of Service personnel. Although you will lead a team of RAF Police and security personnel from the outset, you will be supervised and supported by a RAF Police Squadron Commander.

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Age:

17 ½ - 47*

*Civilian candidates must enter IOT before their 48th birthday.

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 Mathematics and English Language GCSEs at a minimum of Grade C (Grade 4 to 5 with effect from Aug 17) or Scottish National 5 in English Language and Mathematics.

Additional requirement:

You must have a full UK driving licence.

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 (M)IOT. Further promotion to Squadron Leader and above is by competitive selection.

Ongoing Development

RAF Police Officers can expect to be employed on a wide range of operational and staff duties and may be selected to undertake further training in fields such as the investigation of serious crime, counter intelligence, cyber security and information assurance. As a RAF Police Officer, you will develop skills and gain experience similar to those of a senior civilian police officer, corporate security risk manager or information systems security manager. There will be the opportunity to attain professional qualifications that are recognised by the Home Office, Security Industry, civilian agencies and employers.

Transferable Skills

RAF Police Officers who have left the RAF have found jobs in the fields of emergency planning, security risk management and management consultancy as well as counter intelligence, cyber security and information assurance.

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.

Pay: For current information visit:

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

or

Telephone:

0345 605 5555

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