

Provide combat support to deployed air operations anywhere in the world – fighting on the ground to ensure control of the air.

The RAF Regiment is a highly-specialised force with responsibility for providing Force Protection to enable and support air operations. Specialists in ground combat operations, the RAF Regiment contributes to the defence of RAF airfields in the UK and overseas, Forward Air Controlling, ceremonial duties and support to Special Forces operations.

As an RAF Regiment Officer, you will become a specialist in all facets of Force Protection which range from dismounted close combat tactics and fieldcraft to security and understanding how air operations are delivered. Learning how to operate and employ a variety of weapons and surveillance systems, you will provide specialist advice and planning to enable the safe conduct of air operations both at home and overseas.

Above all, leadership is the quality that we seek in RAF Regiment Officers. From the outset of your career you will be placed in positions of command, responsible for RAF and RAF Regiment personnel and it will be your responsibility to provide leadership through demanding situations. Within your first few years, you will almost certainly be deployed on an overseas operations or exercises to locations including Canada, Cyprus, Middle East and Africa.

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

Next, you will undertake the demanding Junior Regiment Officers' Course (JROC) which is 26 weeks of tough ground close combat training. Your fitness will step up a level as you are taught how to operate in austere environments; commanding and leading Gunners whilst protecting the RAF. Building on your individual skills you will progress to Section / Multiple level and end up leading a flight of some 30 Gunners. What you achieve on JROC will live with you for the rest of your lives. The friendships forged will last a lifetime and you will have been fortunate enough to have shared experiences with people from many different backgrounds.

RAF Regiment training is a real test of character, determination and the will to succeed. By the end of the course, you will be physically and mentally robust ensuring that you can deliver Force Protection around the Globe, operating with state of the art equipment. You will take tough decision and lead men and women in the face of adversity. The training is hard and there will be periods of self doubt; but you will be prepared by the very best instructors – trust them, they are there to help you reach your full potential in the RAF.

RAF Regiment Officer

Age:

17½ - 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) **or** 5 Scottish Certificate of Education (SCE) Standard Grades at a minimum of Grade 2 **or** 5 Scottish National Equivalent (SNE) grades at a minimum of Grade 5, 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), SCE at a minimum of Grade 2 or SNE at Grade 5 (Grade A – C).

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.

Pay:

For current information visit:
<https://www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment/roles/roles-finder/force-protection/raf-regiment-officer>

Your First Tour

For your first tour you will be posted to an operational RAF Regiment squadron based in the UK. Here you will consolidate your training on squadron exercises and also have the opportunity to undertake adventurous training and sport. The most important thing is for you to get to know those under your command and for them to know and respect you, so that when you are on operations they trust you and have confidence in the decisions you make.

Your Career Prospects

You will join the RAF on an Initial Commission of 12 years. 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.

Ongoing Development

JROC is only the beginning; as you undertake new roles you will complete courses to help you meet any challenge, be it Forward Air Controlling, Jungle or Arctic Warfare courses, Heavy Weapons courses or military parachuting. Life as an RAF Regiment Officer is never predictable, and a new challenge is always just around the corner. Much will be demanded of you, but in return, you will go to places and experience a world your civilian friends can only dream of. The challenge is there, the rest is up to you.

Transferable Skills

The qualifications and experience you will gain as an RAF Regiment Officer are valuable to civilian life – which means that whenever you decide to leave the RAF you will be well placed to find a new job. On completion of JROC you will receive a Level 5 Diploma in Leadership and Management. As you move up the ranks you will gain a great deal of practical management and leadership experience which you can develop into related civilian qualifications.

Female Applicants

With effect from 1 Sep 2017 this Trade opened to female applicants.

Nationality:

You must be a citizen of the United Kingdom or holder of dual UK/ other nationality.

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. If you pass this element, you must then pass the **Potential Regiment Officers Course (PROC)**.

PROC is held at RAF Honington over three days and contains the following:

- **Swim Test** – The assessment is a 100m swim followed by 2 minutes treading water then exit the pool unaided.
- **Press Ups/Sit Ups** – This test is Age and Gender fair. The physical standards for each are to RAF Green Standard.
- **Multi-Stage Fitness Test** – This test is Age and Gender fair. The physical standards are to RAF Green Standard.
- **RAF Regiment Applicant Selection Test (RAST)**
- **2 Km/1.25 mile run:** PTI led 500m warm up to be completed within 5 mins. Followed by the 2km/1.25 mile individual effort test. Candidates are to complete this test in 9:30 mins or under.
- **Medicine Ball Throw:** Complete a throw of a Medicine Ball weighing 4kg, in a seated position, to a distance of 3.1m. Candidates are allowed 3 attempts only. The best scored is to be recorded. All throws count as an attempt - there are no practice throws. The test is complete once a candidate achieves 3.1m or uses all 3 attempts. Candidates will be graded Pass/Fail.
- **Static Deadlift:** A Mid-Thigh Pull (static deadlift) of 95 kg. Candidates are allowed 3 attempts at this test and the best score will be recorded. The first pull is a range finder/practice.
- **Interview.**

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-regiment-officer>

or

Telephone:

0345 605 5555

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.

Search online for other branches both Regular and Reserve

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



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