

ROYAL AIR FORCE

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APPLY TO JOIN THE ROYAL AIR FORCE

Ready to join the Royal Air Force? Want to find out if you've got what it takes? You've come to the right place.

Apply now

Apply now
Start filling in your application online now. You can stop and save it whenever you want.

You can login to the Application Zone and return to your form to finish, change or submit it later.

You can cancel your application at any point before you submit it.

Completing an online application does not commit you in any way to joining the Royal Air Force. Please note, in the interest of data protection and security, your online application user account will be deleted within 3 months of the date it was created if you do not start or submit an application in that time period. Once deleted you will need to re-create a new account to start or submit an application.



You can apply online to

Join the Royal Air Force or RAF
Reserves as an Officer or
Airman

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About the application process

Completing your application online should take no more than 15 minutes.

Welcome

To change your email address or password or sign up for more information from the Royal Air Force use [edit profile](#).

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If you are stuck, confused or are experiencing any technical difficulties with the form then please visit our [FAQ Page](#). For RAF Reserves application enquiries please email CRN-RecruitSelect-Reserves-Eng@mod.uk.

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About the application process

Completing your application online should take no more than 45 minutes.

You will need a number of details to hand. [See what details you need.](#)

Save your application to view, change and submit whenever you're ready.

We will call you to discuss next steps when we receive your completed application.

Find out more about life in the Royal Air Force

Get a taste of what it's really like to be in the Royal Air Force

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About The Application Process

Thank you for your interest in joining the Royal Air Force.

- To start with, you'll be asked a few simple questions to check that you are eligible to join. You'll then go straight into the application form
- It will help if you have some information to hand before you start. [Find out what you need](#)
- Your application should take no longer than 45 minutes to complete
- You can make a start, then save and come back to it later or save your completed draft in case you want to cancel or make any changes before submitting
- Before submitting the completed application form, you will be asked to confirm that you meet the basic [medical requirements](#) to join the Armed Forces
- Once you've sent us your form, we will contact you to discuss your application and the next steps.

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Before We Start

We must be sure that we have the correct email address for you

Email address

If you change your email address, we need to verify it. We will send you an email containing a link you need to click on before you can continue with your application. You will need to use the new email address and your current password to login.

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We will use this email address to contact you about your application.

You will use this email address to login to the Application Zone on the Royal Air Force Careers website.

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Choose Your Role to Apply For

I would like to join the Royal Air Force (select one)

- As an Airman ☐ Royal Air Force
☐ Royal Air Force Reserve

- As an Officer:
Non-Commissioned Aircrew ☐ Royal Air Force
☐ Royal Air Force Reserve

About You

- Country of residence ☐ UK
Where do you live now? ☐ Overseas, with a British Forces Post Office (BFPO) address
☐ Overseas

- ☐ I am applying to join the Royal Air Force for myself
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Eligibility Check

We need to ask a few questions to check that you may apply for your chosen options online.

About You

Name

Title

Please select



First name(s)

Middle initial(optional)

Surname / family name

Gender

☐ Male☐ Female

Date of birth

You must be at least 15 years and 7 months to complete this form.

The minimum age for making an application is 15 years & 9 months, however, the minimum age for entry depends on the trade. There are also upper age limits, but these differ depending on the trade. Not 15 & 9 months yet? Check out [RAF Altitude](#) to find out more about RAF life and how to prepare for it.

Nationality

Second nationality
(if you have dual nationality)

[What is dual nationality?](#)

Contact Details

Address
(Where do you live now?) ☐ UK address ☐ Overseas address ☐ or BFPO address

Postcode

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Is this your
permanent home
address? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Home
Phone Number

Contact
Phone Number

Mobile
Phone Number

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We would like to send you information about Royal Air Force careers from time to time. Please select if you are happy to receive news & events details:

☐ by post

Postcode

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Is this your
permanent home
address? ☐ Yes
☐ No

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Phone Number

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Phone Number

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Welcome back. Please ensure that the information you have already entered is still correct and make any changes if necessary. You can quickly see which sections you still need to complete by clicking the Check & Send tab above.

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Additional information to support your application

You can use the box at the end of each section of the form to provide additional information about your application.

Saving your application

You may save your application at any point and return to it as many times as you wish.

Completed applications

After you have sent your application, you will not be able to change it again. You will be able to download and print it for your own records.

Your application[About You](#) ☒ **Incomplete**[More About You](#) ☒ **Incomplete**[Armed Forces Experience](#) ☒ **Incomplete**[Education & Employment](#) ☒ **Incomplete**[Career Interests](#) ☒ **Incomplete**[Check & Send](#)**Changed your mind?**

Want to apply for a different role? You need to change this application. You may need to enter some different information, but most of your details will be transferred.

[Change application](#)**Decided not to join the Royal Air Force?**

You may cancel your application. Your form and personal details will be deleted. This information will not be used by the Royal Air Force to contact you in the future.

[Cancel application](#)[save & exit](#) [change application](#)[NEXT](#)



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Personal Details

Name

Title

First name(s) - these must be your full legal names

Preferred first name or nickname (optional)

Surname / family name

Surname / family name at birth (if different)

Other name used for official purposes (optional)

Letters after your name (optional)

e.g. BSc

Gender



Male



Female

Date of birth



You must be at least 16 years and 7 months to complete this form

Date of birth

You must be at least 15 years and 7 months to complete this form

Additional Personal Details

Religion UK National Insurance number (optional) [How do I find my National Insurance number](#)Birth Certificate Number (optional) Passport Number (optional) Passport Expiry Date (required when passport number provided)

Address & Contact Details

Home Address (your permanent address) UK address Overseas address or BFPO address

Postcode

HP14 4UE

FIND ADDRESS

Address line 1

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town

RAF High Wycombe

Walters Ash

High Wycombe

Contact Address **UK address** Overseas address or BFPO address

Postcode

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Address line 1

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town

County

Preferred UK rail station (optional)

Dates when you will be at this address

From

To

From

To

From

To

Phone numbers Home phone number
(provide at least one of the
following numbers): Contact phone number

Mobile phone number

Email address

We will use this email address to contact you about your application. If you want to use a different email address, you will need to [edit your profile](#) before continuing with your application

Alternative email address
(optional)Fax number
(optional)

Nationality & Ethnic Background

Nationality British

Second Nationality
(if you have dual nationality)Nationality at birth
(if different) Please choose if applicable

Place of birth Town / city

County / Region / State / Province

Country

National Identity

Ethnic Background

It is a Government requirement that we ask about national identity and ethnic background for ethnic monitoring purposes

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Residency

Do you have unrestricted right of residency in the UK or Ireland?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If no, enter the following information about your Visa or Entry Stamp

Issue Date

Expiry Date

Category:

Have you been resident in the United Kingdom or Ireland on a continuous basis for the last 5 years, ignoring continuous periods abroad of 28 days or less?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If no, list all countries of residence, with dates, for last 5 years

Country:	<input type="text" value="Please select"/>
from	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
to	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>

ADD MORE

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from

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Your Family and Other Relationships

Marital status Please choose

Dependants - does anyone depend on you for money or help with everyday care? (optional)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If yes, provide details on the number of dependants - Adults and Children

0 0

Additional details

Nationality of Parents

Please give the nationality of your parents

Father

Nationality

2nd nationality (if dual nationality)

Mother

Nationality

2nd nationality (if dual nationality)

Mother

Nationality

2nd nationality, (if dual nationality)

Next of kin - who should we contact in case of an emergency? (optional)

Title

Please choose

First name(s)

Surname / family name

Relationship to you

Please choose

Address

☐ Same as my home address (tick box)

UK address Overseas address or BFPO address

Postcode

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Phone number

Mobile number

Have you ever been under a Care Order? (optional)

☐ Yes

What is a Care Order?

Are you currently under a Care Order? (optional)

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If yes, please provide details

Care Order Expiry Date

Care Order Authority:

Do you have a current account with a UK bank or building society? (optional)

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Do you have any debts that you would have difficulty repaying if you joined the Armed Forces? (optional)

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Have you ever been bankrupt? (optional)

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Physical Fitness, Sport & Other Activities

Please provide details of any sporting activities you take part in (optional)

	Sport	Level or Qualification	Hours spent per week
1	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	0 <input type="text"/>
2	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	0 <input type="text"/>
3	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	0 <input type="text"/>

ADD MORE

If you have participated in any adventurous pursuits or training, please provide details (optional)

e.g. Outward Bound, Duke of Edinburgh, Raleigh, BSES, World Challenge, etc.

	Adventurous activity	Level or Qualification	Date
1	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
2	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
3	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

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Can you swim? (optional)

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If you have any other hobbies or interests, please provide details (optional)

	Hobby or Interest
1	<input type="text"/>
2	<input type="text"/>
3	<input type="text"/>

ADD MORE

Please provide details of any positions of responsibility you have held (optional)

e.g. Team captain, Student rep, Scout leader etc.

1	<input type="text"/>
2	<input type="text"/>

ADD MORE

Please provide details of any uniformed organisations of which you have been a member (optional)

Organisation 1

Organisation Type

Please select

If other, please specify

Dates From

To

Position/Rank

Achievements

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Medical

Height
(optional)

cm

[Feet and inches to centimetres
conversion chart](#)Weight
(optional)

kg

[Stones to kilograms conversion chart](#)

Do you wear glasses? (optional)

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Do you wear contact lenses? (optional)

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

UK National Health Service Number (optional)

> What is my NHS number?

Contact details for your Doctor/GP

Surgery/practice name

UK address

Postcode

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Phone number

How long have you been registered at this surgery?

▼ ▼

Tattoos, Body Piercing and Drugs

Do you have any tattoos? (optional)

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- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Do you understand the Armed Forces policy on tattoos?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

> Armed Forces policy on tattoos

Do you have any body piercings? (optional)

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Do you understand the Armed Forces policy on body piercing? (optional)

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

> Armed Forces policy on body piercing

Do you understand the Armed Forces policy on the misuse of drugs? (optional)

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

> Armed Forces policy on the misuse of drugs

Driving Licence

Do you hold a driving licence?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Ask me later

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Ask me later

Are you currently disqualified from driving?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, when are you disqualified until?

Your Relatives in the Armed Forces

Please provide details of any close relatives who are currently serving in the Armed Forces, or have served in the Armed Forces in the last 20 years (optional)

Do not include relatives who have or are currently serving with Special Forces, SAS, or SRR.

Relation 1

Relationship to applicant

Service

Regiment/Corps

Highest rank

Approximate dates

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Additional Information

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Relation 1	
Relationship to applicant	Please select
Service	Please select
Regiment/Corps	Please select
Highest rank	
Approximate dates	From To

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Current Service in British or Foreign Armed Forces

Are you currently serving in any British or Foreign Forces Regular or Reserve Armed Forces, including voluntary service as an Adult Cadet Instructor?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Ask me later

Previous Service in British or Foreign Armed Forces

Have you previously served in any British or Foreign Forces Regular or Reserve Armed Forces, including voluntary service as an Adult Cadet Instructor?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Ask me later

Previous Applications To Join The British Armed Forces

Have you previously applied to join the Royal Air Force? (where the application did not lead to service)

☐ Yes
☐ No

If yes, please provide details of your previous applications to join the Royal Air Force (please list up to 5 applications)

Application 1

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Application 1

Date of application

Where did you apply? ☐ Online (using this website)
☐ Other - please state the town / city where you applied

Service applied for ☐ Royal Air Force
☐ RAF Reserves

Application was for ☐ Commissioned (Officer)
☐ Non Commissioned (Airman)

Board result/Reason for not joining [ADD MORE](#)

Have you previously applied to join the Royal Navy? (where the application did not lead to service)

☐ Yes
☐ No

If yes, please provide details of your most recent Royal Navy application

Date of application

Which town/city was the application made in?

Application was for ☐ Commissioned (Officer)

☐ Non Commissioned

Board result/Reason for not joining

Have you previously applied to join the Army? (where the application did not lead to service)

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please provide details of your most recent Army application

Date of application

Which town/city was the application made in?

Application was for ☐ Commissioned (Officer)

☐ Non Commissioned

Board result/Reason for not joining

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Education & Employment Status

Which of the following describe your current status? (tick all that apply)

- ☐ Employed full-time
- ☐ Employed part-time
- ☐ Employed in a temporary job
- ☐ Work experience placement
- ☐ Undertaking voluntary work
- ☐ Apprentice
- ☐ Unemployed
- ☐ At secondary school
- ☐ At sixth form/further education college
- ☐ At university or in higher education
- ☐ Gap year
- ☐ Part-time study
- ☐ Other

If other, please specify:

Education Details

Please list all schools, colleges, universities attended from the age of 14. You may enter them in any order.
(optional)

> How do I search for an Establishment?

Educational establishment 1

UK Overseas

Establishment Name

Establishment Town/City

FIND ADDRESS

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Gap Year Activities And Plans

Please outline any gap year activities you have completed or planned

Gap Year Activity 1

Description

Location(s)

Dates from

to

ADD MORE

Qualifications

You should enter all of your GCSE and equivalent education qualifications achieved to date including those that you are currently studying. For each qualification use the drop down lists to select the Subject and Qualification Exam or Award that you are studying and finally the Grade that you achieved or will achieve. This will assist us to process your application more quickly.

You can select an Exam or Award, Grade and Subject by typing the first few letters and picking the required item from the drop-down list. You can enter these manually, if you can't find the required description. Please enter the Exam or Award first, so the form can help you select the appropriate Grade.

A future date or no date will indicate that your grade is a 'Predicted' Grade. Today's date or a date in the past will indicate that your grade is an 'Actual' grade. All candidates are required to produce original educational certificates during the recruiting process to allow the recruiter to verify these results.

Subjects	Exam or Award	Grade (actual or predicted)	Date (awarded or to be taken)
e.g. English or Maths	e.g. GCSE SCE	e.g. C 2	
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			

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Other Qualifications

You should enter all of your Further or Higher education qualifications achieved to date including those that you are currently studying. For each qualification use the drop down lists to select the Subject and the Exam or Award you are studying and finally the Grade that you achieved or will achieve. This will assist us to process your application more quickly.

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e.g. English, IT or Nursing	e.g. A level, NVQ, BSc	e.g. C or Pass	
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			

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Membership of Professional Institutions

Please answer the following questions if you are a member of any professional institutions.

Professional Institution 1

Professional institution membership type

Please answer the following questions if you are a member of any professional institutions.

Professional Institution 1

Professional institution/membership type

Registration number (if you have one)

Date joined

Does membership mean you are exempt from any graduate examinations?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please give details

ADD MORE

Additional Languages

Do you speak any language(s) other than English, but have no formal qualification in them? (optional)

☐ Yes

☐ No

Please provide details of any other languages you speak

Language 1

Language

Language

Fluency

Can you read or write this language? (tick all that apply)

- ☐ Read
☐ Write

ADD MORE

Employment & Work Experience

Please provide details of up to 3 jobs or work experience placements (if applicable). You may enter them in any order. (optional)

Job 1

Employer/Organisation
Name

Address (if known)

UK address Overseas address

Postcode

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Dates Employed

from to

Position held and key
responsibility

Type of job

Type of job

- ☐ Full Time
☐ Part Time
☐ Temporary (including work experience)

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Referee

Please provide details of your referee (optional)

Title

First Name(s):

Surname/family name

☐ UK address
 ☐ Overseas address

Address

Postcode

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Home phone number

Email address

Type of referee

Position/occupation

How long has this person known you?

Additional Information



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Career Groups

Which career group would you like to join in the Royal Air Force? (if known)

1st choice Aerospace Systems Operator
2nd choice Aerospace Systems Operator
3rd choice Aerospace Systems Operator

Your Interest In The Royal Air Force

What prompted your interest in joining the Royal Air Force? (optional)

Additional Information

Please use this space for any additional information on the above questions that you feel may be relevant to your application



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Financial Sponsorship and Special Entry Options

I am interested in financial sponsorship and the following special entry routes (tick all that apply)

☐**Sixth Form Scholarship**

A Royal Air Force Sixth Form Scholarship could provide financial support to your parents while you study for A levels/Scottish Highers at school or college. Further details are available at:

www.raf.mod.uk/careers/1stherafforme/sponsorship.cfm

☐**Sponsorship at University**

Royal Air Force bursaries for certain branches, including sponsorships for Engineering, Medical and Dental branches, may provide you with financial security while you study for your degree. It allows you to make the most of all the opportunities that university has to offer whilst guaranteeing you excellent training at the Royal Air Force College Cranwell after graduation. This will not only stand you in good stead for a challenging and rewarding career as an officer but will prove invaluable should you eventually wish to move on to a career outside the Royal Air Force. Further details are available at:

www.raf.mod.uk/careers/1stherafforme/sponsorship.cfm

☐**Professionally Qualified Entry**

If you have qualified as a doctor, dentist, nurse (with at least two years post-registration experience), barrister, solicitor, or podiatrist, you could be eligible for the Specialist Officer Entry.

Further details are available at:
www.raf.mod.uk/careers/jobs
medicalandmedicalsupport.cfm and
www.raf.mod.uk/careers/jobs/personnel/support.cfm

Career Groups

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1st choice

2nd choice

3rd choice

Your Interest In The Royal Air Force

What prompted your
interest in joining the
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