



LOOKING FOR **A TRADE** THAT TAKES YOU HIGHER?

IMAGINE GETTING YOUR HANDS ON SOME OF THE WORLD'S MOST ADVANCED

AIRCRAFT, EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS, OR PROVIDING SERVICES THAT SUPPORT

AIR FORCE INFRASTRUCTURES ON BASE AND OVERSEAS.

In a dynamic Air Force trade role, you'll help to protect Australia and its interests while enjoying a range of great benefits. These include expert training, interesting and varied work, a good salary plus benefits, and a rich and rewarding lifestyle complete with travel and memorable experiences.

Whether you bring your expertise and enter qualified, or be paid a full salary to learn a trade, you'll acquire skills and qualifications that will benefit you for life.



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WHO WE ARE

The Royal Australian Air Force is a world-class organisation comprising of:

- 18,000+ expertly trained airmen/airwomen and officers
- 16 Air Force bases across Australia and in Malaysia
- 250+ high-tech aircraft from surveillance to fighter

WHAT WE DO

The Air Force fulfils key defensive roles such as:

- Defending Australian interests by having control of our airspace
- Acquiring intelligence through reconnaissance and surveillance
- Providing air mobility for all Australian Defence Force (ADF) operational needs
- Supporting international security initiatives

We also provide non-defence services including:

- Search and rescue
- Humanitarian, peacekeeping and disaster relief
- Protection of our borders from illegal activity

HOW WE RECRUIT

We welcome diversity and are committed to equality. Air Force trade roles are open to all Australians, regardless of their gender, ethnic origin or cultural background.

Women in the Air Force receive exactly the same job choices, pay and training as men. Recruitment and ongoing career advancement opportunities are based solely on potential, effort and achievement.

ABOUT AIR FORCE





CHALLENGING AND REWARDING WORK IN A
VARIETY OF DYNAMIC ENVIRONMENTS IS JUST
THE START. IN THE AIR FORCE YOU'LL ENJOY
MANY OTHER BENEFITS TOO, SOME OF
WHICH ARE RARELY FOUND IN COMPARABLE
CIVILIAN ROLES

CAREER BENEFITS

- Fully paid military and trade training
- Gain nationally-recognised qualifications
- Management and leadership training
- Clear avenues for career development and progression

FINANCIAL BENEFITS

- A good salary plus allowances
- Generous superannuation
- Free medical and dental
- Subsidised accommodation

LIFESTYLE BENEFITS

- Supportive environment with job security
- Good work / life balance
- Free sports and fitness facilities
- Travel and leave entitlements

All that plus memorable experiences such as participating in military exercises, humanitarian operations, peacekeeping initiatives and disaster relief activities at home and overseas

FORGET THE TRADITIONAL NOTION OF A 'WORKSHOP'. YOU COULD BE CARRYING OUT YOUR TRADE ANYWHERE — FROM AN AIR BASE IN AUSTRALIA, TO A TEMPORARY FACILITY CONSTRUCTED OVERSEAS. AIR FORCE BASES ARE DYNAMIC COMMUNITIES WITH A RANGE OF SOCIAL AND SPORTING FACILITIES TO HELP YOU RELAX AND ENJOY YOUR LIFE OUTSIDE OF WORKING HOURS.

A GOOD BALANCE

Whatever role you choose, your working hours can be much like those of any comparable civilian trade job. As you would expect, deployments require more flexibility and that's part of their appeal. But in general, the Air Force seeks to provide all our people with a good balance between duties and personal life.

SOCIAL FACILITIES

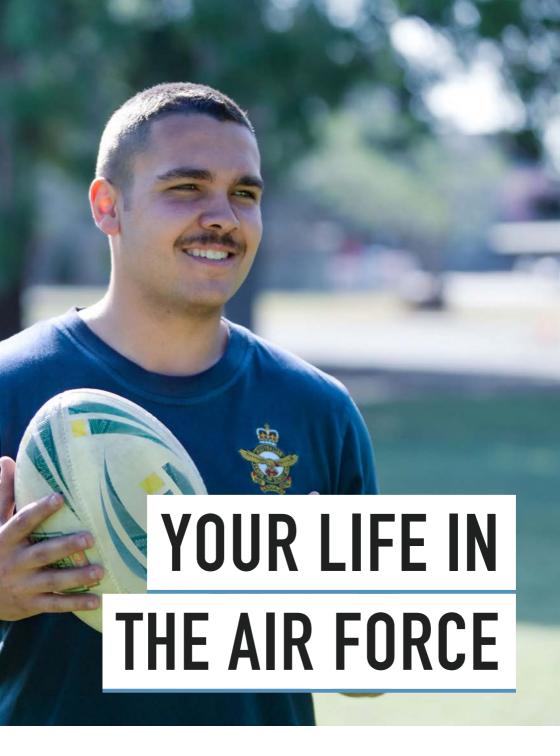
You and your friends will spend plenty of time enjoying the social and entertainment facilities provided on every air base, with special interest clubs, bars, game rooms and more. You'll find the food on base is excellent too, with wholesome and plentiful meals and special dietary needs happily catered for.

FREE SPORTS AND FITNESS FACILITIES

Being paid to stay fit while at work is a real perk of life in the Air Force. Most air bases feature multi-code sports fields and excellent fitness facilities, and you'll be able to join teams playing just about anything you want to, along with clubs catering for a variety of hobbies.

LIFELONG FRIENDSHIPS

The team environment of the Air Force fosters amazing friendships, strengthened through exciting shared experiences. Your regular working hours will give you plenty of opportunity to get out and about with family and friends outside the Air Force too.



CHOOSE THE WAY YOU WANT TO JOIN

The Air Force is a great place to learn a trade, or make the most of the skills and experience you already have. Regardless of what method you choose to enter, you will receive world-class training from industry experts, be paid while you learn, and get your hands on the latest tools and equipment in modern, well-resourced facilities.

You can become an Air Force tradesperson a number of different ways:

- Join on completion of Year 10 and earn a trade qualification
- Enter trade qualified
- Serve on a part-time basis







UE UNQUALIFIED ENTRY (FULL TIME)

Start your career with world-class trade and military training, and gain a nationally recognised qualification along the way.

BENEFITS:

- Generous salary package while you learn a trade and gain your qualifications
- Practical training and experience in a unique and dynamic workplace
- Job security with clear avenues for career development and progression at a faster pace than most civilian roles

QE QUALIFIED ENTRY (FULL TIME)

Bring your recognised trade qualifications and industry experience to the Air Force and hit the ground running in an exciting and varied trade role.

BENEFITS:

- Apply your trade knowledge and expertise to exciting new environments and challenges
- Competitive salary package, with pay increases as you progress through training
- Opportunities for ongoing education and career progression in your field

RES RESERVE (PART TIME)

Find a fulfilling new outlet for your skills and qualifications and work part time alongside full time Air Force tradespeople.

BENEFITS:

- Rewarding work and a flexible commitment, serving up to 180 days a year
- Tax-free daily pay and allowances, increasing with rank and experience
- Gain transferrable skills that will benefit your personal and professional development

YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE AIR FORCE

If you are entering through Unqualified or Qualified Entry, a minimum period of service applies. Reserve roles do not have a minimum period of service. Refer to individual job pages on the Defence Jobs website for more information.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

If you do not satisfy the academic requirements for entry or do not possess evidence of the required educational attainment, there may be alternative pathways available to you including recognition of prior learning. For further information, visit your local DFRC or call 13 19 01.

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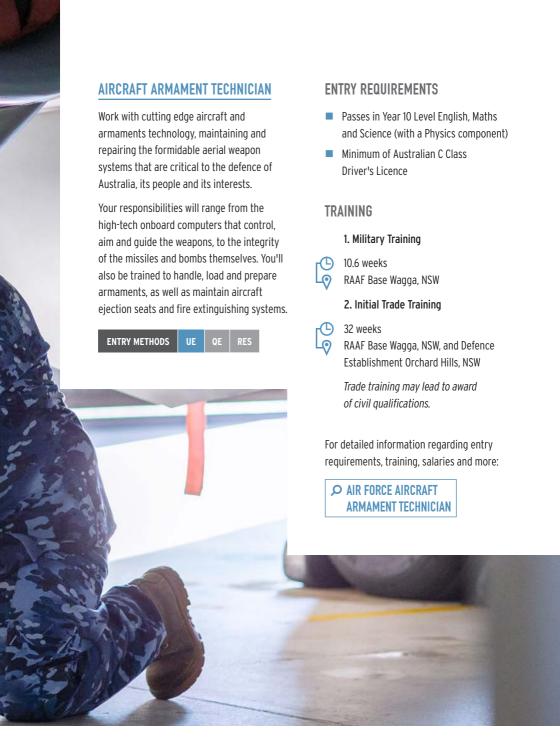
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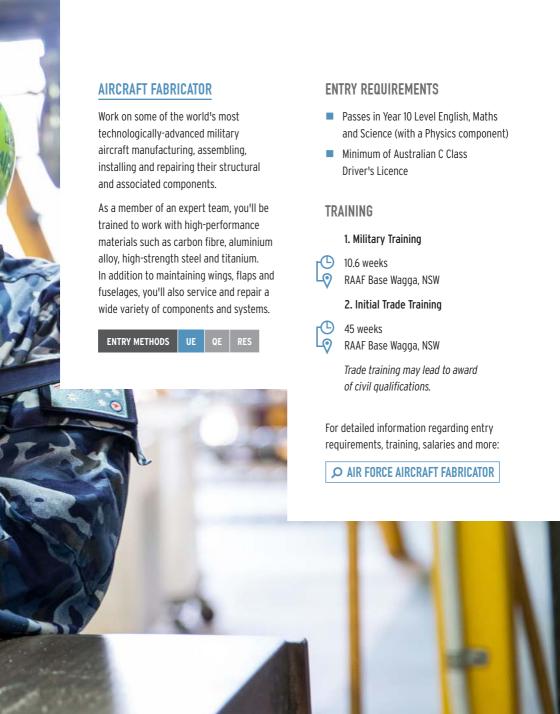
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AIRCRAFT SAFETY EQUIPMENT MAINTAINER

Play a vital role in the wellbeing of Air Force aircrew and passengers, managing the deployment and maintenance of aeronautical life support, safety, emergency and survival equipment.

In a job that's of critical importance to all who fly, you'll work with advanced flight helmets, oxygen masks, escape equipment, life preservers, life rafts, rescue pyrotechnics and specialist fabrics. You'll be trained to fit and maintain this equipment, and educate aircrew in its correct use

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Passes in Year 10 Level English, Maths and Science
- Minimum of Australian C Class Driver's Licence

TRAINING

1. Military Training



10.6 weeks

RAAF Base Wagga, NSW

2. Initial Trade Training



31 weeks

RAAF Base Wagga, NSW

Trade training may lead to award of civil qualifications.

For detailed information regarding entry requirements, training, salaries and more:







AIRCRAFT SPRAY PAINTER

Choose a spray painting job with exciting extra dimensions, maintaining the camouflage and structural integrity of state-of-the-art military aircraft.

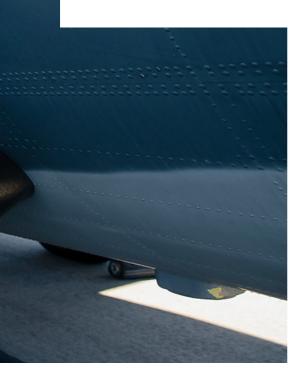
You'll have the opportunity to work on advanced aircraft such as the F/A-18 Hornet multi-role fighter, F-35A Joint Strike Fighter and the C-17A Globemaster III transporter. You'll be trained in procurement, equipment maintenance, preparation, corrosion control and spray painting, plus the application of decals.

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Passes in Year 10 Level English
- Certificate III Automotive Engineering (Automotive Body Refinishing) or equivalent. Call 13 19 01 for a full list of qualifications accepted
- Minimum of Australian C Class Driver's Licence

TRAINING

- 1. Military Training
- (F)
- 10.6 weeks
 - RAAF Base Wagga, NSW
 - 2. Initial Trade Training
- (D)
- 10 weeks
- RAAF Base Wagga, NSW

Followed by 15-35 weeks self-paced on-the-job training

For detailed information regarding entry requirements, training, salaries and more:

AIRCRAFT TECHNICIAN

Take your place at the cutting edge of military aviation technology, monitoring, maintaining and repairing the advanced systems of strike, surveillance and transport aircraft.

Adept at the disassembly and reassembly of components, you will be trained to manage a diverse range of equipment such as braking systems, air-conditioning systems, hydraulic and power systems, fuel lines, fire warning equipment, turbos and power plants.

Better still, the work could take you across Australia and even overseas

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10.6 weeks

RAAF Base Wagga, NSW

2. Initial Trade Training

49 weeks

RAAF Base Wagga, NSW

Trade training may lead to award of civil qualifications.

For detailed information regarding entry requirements, training, salaries and more:





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AVIONICS TECHNICIAN

Take responsibility for the state-of-the-art electronic systems used to control, navigate and arm the Air Force's formidable fleet of world-class military aircraft.

Working from well-equipped workshops both on air bases and in temporary facilities on deployments, you'll join an expert team and be trained to install, monitor, maintain and repair aircraft instrumentation, communication systems, navigation systems, oxygen systems, power generation equipment, radar and weapon systems.

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Passes in Year 10 Level English, Maths

TRAINING

1. Military Training



10.6 weeks

RAAF Base Wagga, NSW

2. Initial Trade Training



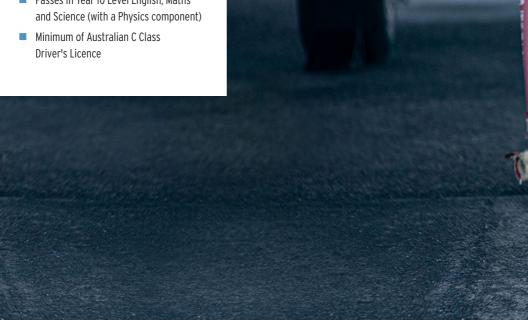
60 weeks

RAAF Base Wagga, NSW

Trade training may lead to award of civil qualifications.

For detailed information regarding entry requirements, training, salaries and more:

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CARPENTER

Enjoy a carpentry career with exciting extra dimensions, designing, constructing and maintaining buildings and temporary facilities.

As a key member of a team of highly mobile tradespeople, you'll receive training that will equip you with the skills for site planning, excavations, timber and steel constructions, concreting and assisting allied trades on deployments to temporary and permanent airfields in Australia and overseas.

You'll also be trained in general and specialist vehicle operation and participate in ground defence exercises.

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Passes in Year 10 Level English and Maths
- Minimum of Australian C Class Driver's Licence

For Qualified and Reserve Entry, additional qualifications may be required.

TRAINING

This may vary depending on your chosen entry method.

Based on Unqualified Entry (Full Time):

1. Military Training



10.6 weeks

RAAF Base Wagga, NSW

2. Initial Trade Training



60 weeks

Army School of Electrical Mechanical Engineering, Bonegilla, VIC

Followed by 18 -26 months on-thejob training at School of Military Engineering, Holsworthy, NSW

Trade training may lead to award of civil qualifications.

For detailed information regarding entry requirements, training, salaries and more:



CHEF

Plan and prepare food in diverse environments, ranging from well-equipped airbase facilities to modern containerised field kitchens to support combat operations, training exercises and humanitarian work.

As a member of a lively team, you'll be employed in all aspects of food preparation and production – including menu planning. purchase, storage, cookery and presentation. You'll be trained to prepare food in challenging yet rewarding situations, and enjoy work variety that's hard to match in the civilian world.

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Passes in Year 10 Level English and Maths
- Minimum of Australian C Class Driver's Licence

For Qualified and Reserve Entry, additional qualifications may be required.

TRAINING

This may vary depending on your chosen entry method.

Based on Unqualified Entry (Full Time):

- 1. Military Training

10.6 weeks

RAAF Base Wagga, NSW

2. Initial Trade Training



19 weeks

ADF School of Catering (ADFSC), HMAS Cerberus, Westernport, VIC

3. Further Training

Ongoing training through the Logistics Professional Development Program (LPDP).

Subsequent cookery training (Post Graduation Courses) are promotion pre-requisite courses which may lead to promotion for selected suitable airmen and airwomen.

Trade training may lead to award of civil qualifications.

For detailed information regarding entry requirements, training, salaries and more:

AIR FORCE CHEF

COMMUNICATION **ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN**

Work with some of the world's most advanced communication, surveillance and information technology, maintaining and repairing a range of systems and equipment, to ensure an accurate view of the surrounding airspace.

Operating in well-resourced workshops as well as in the field on exercises and deployments, you'll be trained to monitor, maintain and troubleshoot radios radar and satellite systems, navigation aids. integrated communication systems and high-tech surveillance platforms. You'll also be responsible for designing and implementing configuration changes, and managing data, system and network administration.

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Passes in Year 10 Level English, Maths and Science (with a Physics component) and one other subject
- Minimum of Australian C Class Driver's Licence

For Qualified Entry, additional qualifications may be required.

TRAINING

This may vary depending on your chosen entry method.

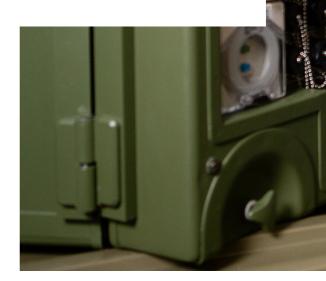
Based on Unqualified Entry (Full Time):

- 1. Military Training
- 10.6 weeks
 - RAAF Base Wagga, NSW
 - 2. Initial Trade Training
- 42 weeks
- HMAS Cerberus, Crib Point, VIC

Trade training may lead to award of civil qualifications.

For detailed information regarding entry requirements, training, salaries and more:

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ELECTRICIAN

Enjoy new technical challenges plus opportunities for travel, installing and maintaining electrical systems for air bases and temporary airfields in Australia and overseas.

In diverse locations and environments. vour key role will be to install electrical power generation and distribution systems for air operations abroad. You'll also be trained to maintain runway lighting and install power reticulation for new developments on established air bases.

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Passes in Year 10 Level English and Maths

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Minimum of Australian C Class Driver's Licence

> For Qualified and Reserve Entry, additional qualifications may be required.

TRAINING

This may vary depending on your chosen entry method.

Based on Unqualified Entry (Full Time):

- 1. Military Training
- 10.6 weeks
- RAAF Base Wagga, NSW
 - 2. Initial Trade Training
- 70 weeks
 - Bonegilla, VIC

Followed by 24-38 months on-theiob training at School of Military Engineering, Holsworthy, NSW

Trade training may lead to award of civil qualifications.

For detailed information regarding entry requirements, training, salaries and more:

AIR FORCE ELECTRICIAN









FITTER & TURNER

Find rewarding new outlets for your trade skills and qualification, working on formidable military equipment that's critical to Air Force operations and the defence of Australia and its interests.

You'll repair and maintain equipment such as all-terrain vehicles, aircraft arrestor systems, refuelling equipment, weapons, and hydraulic systems. This rewarding work comes with opportunities to travel, including overseas on deployments.

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Passes in Year 10 Level English
- Certificate III in Engineering -Mechanical Trade (min.)
 Call 13 19 01 for a full list of qualifications accepted.
- Minimum of Australian C Class Driver's Licence

TRAINING

- 1. Military Training
- 10.6 weeks
- RAAF Base Wagga, NSW
 - 2. Initial Trade Training
- (L) 12 months on-the-job training

For detailed information regarding entry requirements, training, salaries and more:

AIR FORCE FITTER & TURNER







MOTOR MECHANIC Set your career sights higher than car servicing and pink slip inspections, and apply your mechanic skills to an amazing variety of state-of-the-art Air Force vehicles and equipment. You'll be trained to not only maintain motor vehicles, electrical equipment and hydraulic systems, but also aviation technology including aircraft ground support and arrestor systems, aircraft loaders, refuelling equipment and aeronautical components. **ENTRY METHODS** UE 0E RES

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Passes in Year 10 Level English, Maths and Science (preferably with a Physics component)
- Minimum of Australian C Class Driver's Licence

For Qualified and Reserve Entry, additional qualifications may be required.

TRAINING

This may vary depending on your chosen entry method.

Based on Unqualified Entry (Full Time):

- 1. Military Training
- 10.6 weeks
 - RAAF Base Wagga, NSW
 - 2. Initial Trade Training
- 18 months
 Bonegilla, VIC

Followed by 12 months on-the-job training

Trade training may lead to award of civil qualifications.

For detailed information regarding entry requirements, training, salaries and more:

NETWORK TECHNICIAN

Take on an exciting cyberspace systems role and be responsible for the operation and management of Air Force's network capabilities during air, space, cyber and ground operations.

Through comprehensive training, you will become an expert in your field performing a range of vital networking and technical functions such as mission support to flying squadrons, assuring tactical air and ground communications, and maintain and accreditation of end-to-end cyberspace systems.

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Passes in Year 10 Level English, Maths,
 Science and one other subject
- Minimum of Australian C Class Driver's Licence

TRAINING

- 1. Military Training
- 10.6 weeks
- RAAF Base Wagga, NSW
 - 2. Initial Trade Training
- 41 weeks
 - Defence Force School of Signals, Simpson Barracks, Macleod, VIC

Trade training may lead to award of civil qualifications.

For detailed information regarding entry requirements, training, salaries and more:

AIR FORCE NETWORK TECHNICIAN







PLANT OPERATOR

Enjoy working in diverse and remote locations, operating a variety of earth moving equipment to help construct infrastructure on expeditionary operations.

You'll be a key member of a team that incorporates a variety of trades, trained to establish temporary airfields that often need to be constructed at short notice. You'll work on roads, pavements, runways and other essential facilities, and also contribute to emergency and battle damage repairs.

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Passes in Year 10 Level English and Maths
- Minimum of Australian C Class
 Driver's Licence

For Qualified and Reserve Entry, additional qualifications may be required.

TRAINING

This may vary depending on your chosen entry method.

Based on Unqualified Entry (Full Time):

- 1. Military Training
- 10.6 weeks
- RAAF Base Wagga, NSW
 - 2. Initial Trade Training
- 26 weeks
 - School of Military Engineering, Holsworthy, NSW

Trade training may lead to award of civil qualifications.

For detailed information regarding entry requirements, training, salaries and more:



PLUMBER

Take your trade to the next level, providing a variety of plumbing services on established air bases and helping construct temporary airfields for deployments overseas.

As a member of a multi-disciplined and highly mobile team of tradespeople, you'll be trained to establish and maintain fresh water supplies, manage waste water and install gas systems in a variety of conditions – from major air bases to construction sites in Australia and overseas. You'll also be trained in general and specialist vehicle operation and participate in ground defence exercises.

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Passes in Year 10 Level English and Maths
- Minimum of Australian C Class Driver's Licence

For Qualified and Reserve Entry, additional qualifications may be required.

TRAINING

This may vary depending on your chosen entry method.

Based on Unqualified Entry (Full Time):

- 1. Military Training
- 10.6 weeks
 - 🤊 RAAF Base Wagga, NSW
 - 2. Initial Trade Training
- 16 months
 - Army School of Electrical Mechanical Engineering, Bonegilla, VIC

Followed by 24-38 months on-thejob training at School of Military Engineering, Holsworthy, NSW

Trade training may lead to award of civil qualifications.

For detailed information regarding entry requirements, training, salaries and more:

AIR FORCE PLUMBER

The been all over to Australia, Malaysia



with the Hornets, Thailand, and Singapore.



BEN. AIRCRAFT FABRICATOR





AIR FORCE MILITARY TRAINING

10.6 weeks

- 🖓 RAAF Base Wagga, NSW

Your Air Force career starts at 1 Recruit Training Unit where you will learn to be a capable, resilient and resourceful airman or airwoman, while improving your fitness through sports and exercise. Among other subjects you'll learn:

- Teamwork and leadership
- Personal and physical development
- The use of weapons
- Ceremonial and drill
- Airfield defence
- Fire fighting and first aid
- Air Force history, customs and traditions

INITIAL TRADE TRAINING

Following graduation from Recruit Training you'll start learning the skills of your specific role under the guidance of expert Air Force trainers. This could take you to one or more locations across Australia

Air Force training is both highly regarded and ongoing, and will equip you with skills and trade qualifications that will benefit your job prospects wherever life takes you.





AUSTRALIAN CITIZEN
OR PERMANENT RESIDENT
(ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR CITIZENSHIP)

17+
AGE



COMPLETION OF YEAR 10

EXACT PASSES AND QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED VARY BY JOB AND ENTRY METHOD





SUFFICIENT GENERAL FITNESS TO PASS A PRE-ENTRY **FITNESS ASSESSMENT**



FEMALES

4 PUSH UPS | 20 SIT UPS 10 PUSH UPS | 20 SIT UPS 6.5 SHUTTLE RUN SCORE



MALES

6.5 SHUTTLE RUN SCORE







THE ADF ACTIVE APP HELPS YOU ASSESS YOUR PRE-ENTRY FITNESS AND GUIDES YOU TO THE LEVELS YOU NEED FOR THE ASSESSMENT



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CHOOSE A ROLE OR APPLY WITHOUT A SPECIFIC JOB IN MIND

Find full details of each
Air Force trade role at
defencejobs.gov.au/airforce.

2

APPLY ONLINE, CALL 13 19 01 OR VISIT YOUR LOCAL DEFENCE FORCE RECRUITING CENTRE

You'll need to provide your contact details, academic achievements and job preferences. 3

ATTEND A YOUR OPPORTUNITIES UNLIMITED (YOU) SESSION

Talk about the role(s) with a Career Coach at your local Defence Force Recruiting Centre, take an aptitude test and complete a medical questionnaire.

4

ATTEND AN ASSESSMENT SESSION

Undertake a medical assessment and attend psychological and job interviews to have your leadership, teamwork and other areas of potential assessed.



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COMPLETE A PRE-ENTRY FITNESS ASSESSMENT

You'll need to achieve 4 push ups for females or 10 for males, 20 sit ups, and a shuttle run score of 6.5. 6

ATTEND APPOINTMENT DAY

Have a final medical check, join family and friends for the welcome ceremony, then head straight to Recruit Training and an exciting new career in the Air Force.

TIPS FOR YOUR INTERVIEW

Find out more and access interview information and preparation tips:

PHOW TO JOIN THE AIR FORCE

YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE AIR FORCE

Learn about the number of years of service expected for each job.

TAKE THE NEXT STEP

FIND OUT MORE ONLINE

Learn more about the roles, lifestyle, opportunities and rewards on the Defence Jobs website: **defencejobs.gov.au/airforce**

VISIT A RECRUITING CENTRE

Defence Force Recruiting Centres are located across Australia. Find your nearest here: defencejobs.gov.au/centres

CHAT WITH A RECRUITER

Call 13 19 01

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