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WHAT TRAINING DO YOU HAVE TO DO?

You can join the Air Force Active Reserve as either an officer or as an airman/airwoman.

Officers. Officers are leaders who have a greater role in decision-making. If you decide to become an officer, you'll need to complete the Initial Officer Course (IOC) which is either full-time or part-time. The full-time option is a 16-week course at Officers' Training School at RAAF Base East Sale, Victoria. However most Reserve officers do the part-time course which has five phases. The first and fourth phases are at your local Reserve Squadron. The second, third and fifth phases are conducted at Officers' Training School. These phases are two weeks, one week and two weeks long respectively. Although there is some flexibility, you should aim to complete your IOC within two years of entering the Air Force Active Reserve.

Airmen/Airwomen. When you join the Air Force Active Reserve as an airman or airwoman, you'll begin by completing a full-time or part-time Recruit Course. The full-time option is a 10 week course at No 1 Recruit Training Unit (1RTU), at RAAF Base Wagga, New South Wales. However, most people choose the part-time option which has two modules. The first module is either conducted at your local Reserve Squadron with around 50 hours of instruction, or at a block training course currently held in

Townsville or Laverton. The second module comprises of nine days training at 1RTU. Usually there are two opportunities each year to complete the second attendance module. Your recruit training must be completed within two years of entering the Air Force Active Reserve.

If you are a professional entering the Air Force Specialist Reserve, you are required to complete a six-day familiarisation course at Officers' Training School at RAAF Base East Sale, in Victoria, within the first two years of your service. A range of other specialist courses are available once you have completed your initial training.

On completion of either Active or Specialist Reserve initial training, you may have the option of transferring to the High Readiness Reserves (HRR) and enjoy extra bonuses and allowances.

WHAT ABOUT YOUR CIVILIAN JOB?

Most employers will support you when you join the Air Force Reserve. Your employer may also be eligible to receive a subsidy from the Air Force to compensate for your absence. Government employers in particular are very understanding when it comes to the Air Force Reserve. The Defence Reserves Support Council has been specifically set up to help you answer any questions your employer may have. You, or your employer, are welcome to contact a local Squadron for more specific information at any time or visit defence.gov.au/reserves

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO ENTER?

To join the Air Force Reserve, you need to be between 17 and 60 years old and meet Air Force medical, educational and employment history requirements for the job for which you are applying.

Once your application has been submitted and assessed for the Air Force Active Reserve, you'll attend a 'Your Options Unlimited' evaluation session at a Defence Force Recruiting Centre. First, you'll be examined by a Medical Officer to make sure you're medically fit for selection and entry. You'll then be required to undertake some job interviews, aptitude tests and a fitness test to assess your suitability for service in the Air Force Reserve. For officers the next decision on your application will be made at an Officer Selection Board.

Candidates for the Specialist Reserve undertake a streamlined selection process at the Defence Force Recruiting Centre in recognition of their specialist qualifications and professional experience. Whilst you are not required to undergo fitness and aptitude testing, you do have to be assessed as medically fit and suitable for service in the Air Force Specialist Reserve.

NEXT STEPS

For more information call 13 19 01 or visit defencejobs.gov.au/airforce to find out where you're local Reserve Squadron is located.

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AIR FORCE RESERVE





PART-TIME JOB, FULL-TIME EXPERIENCE.

Imagine a part-time job you actually enjoy. A job that's worthwhile to you and important to the community. Something you're doing not just for the tax-free money, but the experience of being around some of the most exciting aircraft in the country. This is what the Air Force Reserve offers and more.

In the Air Force Reserve you'll join a strong, committed team, add to your existing personal and professional skills, have fun and improve your fitness too. You'll also have the opportunity to upgrade your civilian skills by earning recognised training in your field from nationally accredited providers.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE PERMANENT AIR FORCE AND THE AIR FORCE RESERVE?

The Air Force Reserve plays a vital role in supporting air operations for the Air Force. As a member of the Air Force Reserve, you'll train and work alongside personnel in the Permanent Air Force, and in most cases, do the same job. However, what really defines you as a Reservist is that you are a civilian first, one who contributes by bringing a valuable and diverse range of civilian skills whether it's technical, trade, managerial or specialist skills.

After completion of initial training, Air Force Active Reserve members need to attend a minimum of 32 training days each fiscal year. If you'd like to do more, you may be able to get approval to work up to 150 days. Members usually average 50 training days a year. As an Air Force Active Reserve member you may volunteer for a period of full-time service with the Permanent Air Force, if your services are required.

Air Force Specialist Reserve members are required to undertake a Familiarisation Course within the first two years of their appointment and need only attend a minimum of seven training days each fiscal year. As within the Active Reserve, options to complete additional days are also available.

Reserve duties are normally arranged to fit in with the rest of your life, so you can enjoy the experience without working far from home.

WHAT JOBS ARE AVAILABLE?

There are many different jobs in the Air Force Active Reserve and Air Force Specialist Reserve.

Air Force Active Reserve members can be employed in a variety of administrative support and health roles as well as technical trades such as plumbing and carpentry.

The Air Force Specialist Reserve employs specialist health, legal, public affairs and theological professionals on a part-time basis. These officers supplement Air Force resources or perform duties which are beyond the normal capabilities of full-time Air Force personnel. The recruiting process is flexible and can be tailored to suit your needs. With the new Reserve Establishment structure, you don't even have to live near a Reserve Squadron to join the Air Force Reserve.

To find out what jobs are available at your local Air Force Reserve Squadron, call 13 19 01 or visit defencejobs.gov.au/airforce

THE BENEFITS ADD UP.

When you work in the Air Force Reserve your pay is tax-free. This means everything you earn goes into your pocket. Your earnings don't count as income, even if you are receiving Centrelink assistance.

Accommodation and food are supplied by the Air Force whenever you're out training or on a military exercise. Your uniform and equipment are provided too, and any travel you need to do for initial or employment training is also paid for. Plus, as an active or specialist member of the Air Force Reserve, you may receive up to \$600 annually in Reserve Health Support Payments.

Another major benefit is that you'll still be able to enjoy your current social life, as well as meeting new people and making new friends. You'll also find the excitement and adventure of being in the Air Force Reserve gives you a lot more self-confidence and motivation.
