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AVIATION REFUELLER

THE ROLE

As a member of the Aviation Refueller trade, you'll be required to receipt aviation fuel into base bulk storage tanks, perform fuel quality control and testing tasks, and deliver aviation fuel into a range of RNZAF and visiting aircraft.

You will perform the same tasks away from base when deployed in support of RNZAF aircraft operating anywhere in New Zealand or overseas.

Driving light and heavy vehicles will be part of your daily activities, and you will be required to perform some minor first line motor vehicle servicing and valet tasks.

PAY & BENEFIT DETAILS

Careers in the Air Force are well-rewarded, as well as being diverse and exciting. As you become more experienced and move up through the ranks, gaining additional skills and qualifications, you will see your salary rise accordingly.

While undertaking initial Recruit Course you will be paid as a Recruit (see attached [pay table](#)). On completion of your Recruit Course you will be paid as an Aircraftsman and your pay will continue to increase as your career progresses

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- You must be 17 years or older.
- Meet the [citizenship & security](#) requirements to gain **CV security clearance** for this trade.
- Restricted Class 1 Manual Licence essential, Full Class 1 preferred.

EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

You must have achieved the NCEA level 1 Literacy and Numeracy requirements.

[Find out more about the NCEA levels and certificate requirements](#)

FITNESS REQUIREMENTS

- You must be [medically](#) fit for service.
- Colour perception restrictions may apply.

TRAINING

BASIC TRAINING

Upon successful enlistment into the Air Force you'll be posted to RNZAF Base Woodbourne (near Blenheim). Here you'll do 12 weeks of basic military training to find out if you've got what it takes to be in the Air force, and learn various subjects including:

- Organisation and Administration
- RNZAF Customs and Protocol
- Drill and Parades
- Military Field Skills and Weapon Training
- First Aid, and Search and Rescue Techniques
- Physical Fitness

JOB TRAINING

You'll then spend about six months completing specialist driving courses to obtain driving licence classes and endorsements to drive a wide range of vehicles and gain a wide range of driving skills. Once this primary trade training is complete, you will be posted to a base where over the next 24 months you will begin your training in aviation refuelling.

The first step in this process is learning how to operate the Deployable Bulk Fuelling Installation – the equipment set up in remote locations to supply aviation fuel to aircraft. This training is delivered via a five-week course that covers fuel handling and testing, operation of the equipment, emergency procedures, and set-up and breakdown of the deployable installation.

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