

Just the Job

Information Sheet

Job title/s: Safety and Surface Technician

Job description:

Safety and Surface Technicians service, maintain and repair the RNZAF's safety and survival equipment and apply, maintain and repair the painted surfaces of its aircraft and components. The safety and surface trade covers two separate roles: safety equipment and aircraft finishing. You will have the opportunity to work in both as your career progresses.

Safety and Surface Technicians involved in the safety equipment are pivotal in ensuring the safety of aircrew and ground crew, and in the ongoing safe operation of Air Force aircraft. S&S Technicians in this role repair, maintain and modify all safety, survival and aerial delivery equipment used by the RNZAF. Specifically tasks will include the removal, inspection, care, maintenance and installation of aircrew flying helmets, oxygen masks, life preservers, personnel and cargo parachutes, life rafts, aircraft escape equipment, restraint harnesses, immersion suits, survival kits and pyrotechnics.

Safety and Surface Technicians working in the aircraft finishing role are responsible for the care and protection of the surface finish of all RNZAF aeronautical and automotive vehicles and their components through the application of organic coatings that provide protection from deterioration and corrosion. The coatings used fit into two categories: firstly, a display using shiny decorative topcoats to create an aesthetically pleasing look; and secondly, to create deception using a low gloss to reduce visibility and enhance camouflage.

Qualifications required/age restrictions:

You'll need:

- To be at least 17 years old
- A proven ability in English, Maths and a Science subject – all at Year 12
- NZ Permanent Residency (NZ Citizenship preferred)
- A good standard of fitness

Training costs:

All training and equipment required to do your job is paid for by the Air Force – You will get paid while you train. Earn while you learn with no student debt.

Location of job:

Auckland, Ohakea, Wellington and Blenheim.

Career path:

There is an awesome career path ahead from promotion through the Non Commissioned Ranks to professional development and also gaining qualifications.

Salary range:

Entry level salary is \$31,894.00. Your salary goes up after completion of recruit course, training courses and of course when you are promoted.

Other careers this profession could lead to:

Take your pick at what civilian trades this job could lead to; spray painting, fabrication, design and any specialised safety work.

Tips on how to increase the chances of successfully entering this industry:

A positive attitude and a great work ethic are required along with having the minimum qualifications for entry and good personal qualities.

Places/websites to source information about this job:

www.stepup.mil.nz

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