

Just the Job

Information Sheet

Job title/s: PILOT

Job description:

As a Pilot you'll specialise in either the helicopter or multi-engine fixed-wing role. Conversion to a specific aircraft type will occur once you've completed pilot training. Initially, you'll fly operationally as a co-pilot, but with further training and experience you'll soon make the leap to becoming a fully qualified aircraft captain or Flying Instructor. As an Officer, you'll also be required to perform military command and leadership duties, and with additional training, could go on to fill senior command or executive roles.

Qualifications required/age restrictions:

- You must be 17 years or older
- A minimum of 18 NCEA Level 2 credits in English, Mathematics and a Science subject, preferably Physics
- Eyesight restrictions apply
- New Zealand Citizenship (some exceptions may apply for citizens of Australia, Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States of America)

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:

You will enlist as a trainee pilot on \$31,894.00. After your Initial Officer Training course and wings course you are a qualified pilot. Becoming an Instructor and taking on Command positions are the next step. Your training and development doesn't ever stop.

As part of your ongoing personal and professional development you will also have the opportunity to complete further modules in Command Management and Command Leadership, as well as Service Writing and Service Discipline. These short, yet 'punchy' modules, are completed as part of your individual career progression, and are a prerequisite for promotion beyond the rank of Flight Lieutenant. The modules are residential and are conducted at RNZAF Base Woodbourne.

Command and Staff Courses

The New Zealand Defence Force Command and Staff College at Trentham Military Camp (Wellington) conducts two courses: a residential eight week Junior Staff Course and a seven month Staff course. Both courses comprise a mixture of visiting lecturers, tutored discussion groups, visits and individual study to give you the skills you need for high-ranking appointments. If you're a successful graduate of the Staff Course, you'll qualify for a Postgraduate Diploma of Arts.

Salary range

Starting salary is \$31,894.00 and a qualified pilot as a junior officer (Flying Officer rank) will be on \$52,691.00. The salary just goes on from there as you gain promotion in rank and gain further qualifications.

Other careers this profession could lead to:

Any flying or management role in the private sector.

Places/websites to source information about this job:

www.stepup.mil.nz

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