

## Frequently Asked Questions

**How do I apply for summer training?** Cadets must first meet the prerequisites for training. Documentation is provided for cadets and their parents by their unit staff. With parent/guardian consent and the recommendation of the Commanding Officer (CO), the completed application will be submitted through FORTRESS (the national administration system) for consideration. Cadets will be selected based on allocated space, previous training performance, and the CO's recommendation. Additional criteria are considered for National Courses.

**What if I'm applying for a National Course?** Cadets will be selected by a board comprised of officials from the Air Cadet League and appointed officers. Selections will consider: cadet service, rank, training level, previous training, school marks, motivation, interest and aptitude. An Air Cadet National Summer Training Course guide booklet is distributed annually to squadrons detailing additional requirements. Some courses also involve a mandatory interview, and qualifying examination.

**When will I know if I am selected?** Squadron staff will be notified first of a cadet's selection status. While there is a general aim to provide notification two months prior to course start dates, it is possible to receive offers of participation weeks or even days before the start date. In the case of National Courses, selections are completed and notification is provided to units by 1 March of each year.

**Will I get paid for summer training?** Cadets receive a training bonus of \$10 per day for each day of training they complete (weekly maximum of \$60, and a course maximum of \$360).

**Can I apply if I am turning 19 soon?** A cadet's 19th birthday must occur after the return travel date.

**Where can I find additional information?** Joining Instructions and Training Centre-specific information can be found at [portal-portail.cadets.gc.ca](http://portal-portail.cadets.gc.ca). Registration is required for access to this website. Joining Instructions and Training Centre-specific information is published annually by the Regional Cadet Support Unit and is available to squadron staff.

### Central Region Cadet Training Centres

Trenton CTC	Trenton, Ontario
Blackdown CTC	Borden, Ontario
Connaught CTC	Kanata, Ontario
AATC Canadore	North Bay, Ontario
Mountainview CFTC	Prince Edward, Ontario

### Eastern Region Cadet Training Centres

St-Jean CFTC	St-Jean-Sur-Richelieu, Quebec
Bagotville CTC	Bagotville, Quebec
Valcartier CTC	Valcartier, Quebec

## QUESTIONS?

Talk to your Squadron staff. They are the first point of contact for all summer training activities. For general information only contact:  
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[cadet-info-ontario@forces.gc.ca](mailto:cadet-info-ontario@forces.gc.ca)  
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**REGIONAL CADET SUPPORT UNIT (CENTRAL)**



# AIR CADET SUMMER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

**INFORMATION FOR CADETS AND THEIR PARENTS**



**GLIDER PILOT SCHOLARSHIP (GPS)** - This six week course is an intensive program of ground school and in-flight glider pilot training. Upon completion of a flight test and the Transport Canada (TC) written exam, cadets will qualify for a Glider Pilot Licence and be awarded Air Cadet Glider Pilot Wings. Must not hold any TC pilot licence. Must turn 16 by 1 Sep in the year of the course, be physically fit, be certified medically fit (Category 3) by a Canadian Civil Aviation Medical examiner, have completed Level 3 by the end of the current training year and Grade 9 by the application deadline, and must obtain a minimum passing score of 50% on the qualifying exam. Height and weight restrictions apply:

**Height** - minimum 5'0"/162.4 cm, maximum 6'3"/190.5 cm;  
**Weight** - minimum 90 lbs/40.82 kg maximum 200 lbs/90.72 kg;

**POWER PILOT SCHOLARSHIP (PPS)** - This seven week course is an intensive program of ground school and in-flight pilot training. Cadets who successfully complete their flight test and Transport Canada (TC) written exam will qualify for a Private Pilot Licence and be awarded Air Cadet Pilot Wings. Must be 17 by 1 Sep, be physically fit, be certified medically fit (Category 3) by a Canadian Civil Aviation Medical Examiner, have completed Level 4 by the end of the current training year and Grade 10 by the application deadline, and must obtain a minimum passing score of 50% on the qualifying exam. Weight restrictions apply: **Weight** - maximum 245 lbs/111.13 kg;

**INTERNATIONAL AIR CADET EXCHANGE (IACE)** - The purpose of the IACE is three-fold; to promote friendship and goodwill among Air cadets of the participating countries, to encourage participants to develop an interest in international affairs and to reward those Air cadets who have rendered outstanding services to their Sqns over a period of years. The IACE is intended only for outstanding senior cadets who will represent Canada with distinction. Exchange cadets visit air bases, centres of industry, world landmarks, universities, cultural centres and museums, plus they experience private hospitality with families in their own homes. Host countries include: Australia, Belgium, China, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Israel, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, South Korea, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom and United States of America.

Must be min 17 by 1 Aug, be medically and physically fit, have completed Level Five training by the end of the current training year, and be admissible as a visitor to the destination country.

### STAFF CADET OPPORTUNITIES (ADVANCED TRAINING)

Staff cadets are the NCOs of the Cadet Training Centres. Staff cadets gain valuable leadership, teamwork and instructional experience. A staff cadet can assist the officer staff with the instruction and supervision of cadets, or might be tasked in an administrative or logistical support role. Rank and pay for staff cadets depend upon the position; this is usually determined during a pre-course training and evaluation period. A staff cadet applicant must be at least 16 at the start of the advanced training.

## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

**GENERAL TRAINING COURSE (GTC)** - This course provides cadets who have recently joined the Cadet Program an introductory summer training experience where they will participate in a variety of activities from each specialty, to include Marksmanship, Aviation, Aerodrome Operations, Aircraft Manufacturing and Maintenance, Aerospace, and Aircrew Survival. Must be medically and physically fit and completed Level 1 by the end of the current training year.

**BASIC DRILL AND CEREMONIAL COURSE (BDCC)**- This three week course provides cadets an opportunity to build on drill learned at the corps, participate in advanced drill and ceremonial activities, and to develop leadership skills and knowledge; while performing the role of a team leader. The cadets participate in activities such as; commanding a squad on parade, drill with arms, flag drill, and marksmanship training. Must be medically and physically fit and completed Level 2 by the end of the current training year.

**DRILL & CEREMONIAL INSTRUCTOR COURSE (DCIC)** - This six week course provides cadets an opportunity to develop the skills and knowledge to become a Drill and Ceremonial Instructor. Cadets will be prepared to assume a specialist parade position at their home unit. The cadets participate in activities such as; advanced drill, instructional techniques and leadership. Cadets on this course also participate in Trooping of the Air Cadet Banner at the end of the training season. Must be medically and physically fit and completed Level 3 by the end of the current training year.

**BASIC FITNESS AND SPORTS COURSE (BFSC)** - The aim of this three-week course is to provide cadets with the fundamentals of fitness and recreational sports training, building upon what has been experienced at the SqN. This aim will be accomplished through the development of skills and the provision of ample opportunity for practical application. The course will promote the development of ethical sports conduct, sportsmanship and teamwork. Must be medically and physically fit and completed Level 2 by the end of the current training year.

**FITNESS AND SPORTS INSTRUCTOR COURSE (FSIC)** - This six week course provides cadets an opportunity to develop as a fitness and sports specialist with the skills and subject matter knowledge required to perform the role of a Fitness and Sports Instructor and a team leader for fitness and sports activities. The activities the cadets will be participating in are: personal fitness and healthy living, conducting the Cadet Fitness Assessment, and leading recreational sports. Must be medically fit, have completed Level 3 by the end of the current training year.

### BASIC SURVIVAL COURSE (BSC) -

This three week course provides cadets with the fundamentals of survival training. Cadets participate in activities like field training, navigation and ground search and rescue. They will learn various aspects of a survival situation for aircrew. Must be medically and physically fit, and have completed Level 2 by the end of the current training year.

**SURVIVAL INSTRUCTOR (SIC)** - This six week course provides cadets an opportunity to develop as a specialist with the skills and subject matter knowledge required to be an instructor and team leader for aircrew survival activities within the Air Cadet Program. They will be participating in activities like instructional technique, first aid, survival and field training, and ground navigation. These cadets will also be undergoing a solo exercise where they will apply the skills learnt to survive for a varying period of time in a controlled woodland environment. Must be medically and physically fit, and have completed Level 3 by the end of the current training year.

**AIR RIFLE MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR COURSE (ARMIC)** - The aim of this six-week course is to develop individual air rifle marksmanship and summer biathlon specialty skills while reinforcing and further developing the leadership and instructional techniques skills. Sportsmanship and discipline while safely handling rifles are important skills taught on this course. Must be medically and physically fit, and have completed Level 3 by the end of the current training year.

**MILITARY BAND / PIPE BAND -BASIC MUSICIAN COURSE (MB-BMC / PB-BMC)** -These three week courses provides cadets the opportunity to participate in music training and military band activities. Cadets will maintain an primary instrument, learn music theory, and execute drill as a member of a band while performing ensemble music. Cadets can participate in the MBC as a member of a military band or a pipe and drum band. Must be medically and physically fit and have completed Level 2 by the end of the current training year.

**MILITARY BAND / PIPE BAND -INTERMEDIATE MUSICIAN COURSE (MB-IMC / PB-IMC)** - This six week course raises cadets' musical skills to the next proficiency level and builds on the skills learned in the Basic Musician Course. Cadets can participate in the IBC as a member of a military band or a pipe and drum band. Must be medically and physically fit, have achieved the basic music proficiency level and completed Level 3 by the end of the current training year.

**MILITARY BAND / PIPE BAND - ADVANCED MUSICIAN COURSE (MB - AMC / PB - AMC)** - This six week course raises cadets' musical skills to the next proficiency level and builds on the skills learned in the Intermediate Musician Course. Cadets also learn some instructional techniques relating to music. Must be medically and physically fit, and have achieved music proficiency level 2 and completed Level 4 by the end of the current training year.



**BASIC AVIATION TECHNOLOGY AND AEROSPACE (BATAAC)** - This three week course provides cadets an opportunity to develop the fundamentals of aerospace, airport operations and aircraft manufacturing and maintenance. Cadets will participate in activities like aerospace, aerodrome operations, and aircraft manufacturing and maintenance. The course is very hands-on and will inspire cadets to pursue opportunities in the aerospace and aviation field at the Squadron and on future courses. Must be medically and physically fit, and have completed Level 2 by the end of the current training year.

**ADVANCED AVIATION TECHNOLOGY COURSES (AATC)** - These six-week courses develop specialist knowledge of airport operations and aircraft maintenance in a fully immersive and hands-on environment, instructed in a post-secondary setting in partnership with Canadore College. The courses:

a. **AIRPORT OPERATIONS (AATC-AO)** - Introduces Cadets to the various components of operating an airport. Cadets will learn about airside operations, meteorology, navigation, air traffic services, ground services, and safety. They will also examine some of the history and advancements in the aviation industry and explore employment opportunities. Cadets also have the opportunity to acquire a Restricted Operator Certificate (Aeronautical) qualifying them to operate radios on aircraft and at land-based air stations.

b. **AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE (AATC-AM)** - Provides Cadets the opportunity to learn aircraft maintenance skills through a set of practical, hands-on training activities, such as installing and removing rivets used in aircraft metal structures, performing a landing gear retraction test on a fixed wing aircraft, assembling an input driveshaft from a turbine powered helicopter.

For both courses, cadets must be medically and physically fit, and have completed Level 3 by the end of the current training year.

**ADVANCED AEROSPACE COURSE (AASC)** - This six week course teaches cadets about aerospace activities. Cadets learn about various aspects of aerospace science and technology, and have numerous opportunities to practically apply their learning through a simulated space mission project. Cadets should also have an interest and ability for mathematics and physics. Must be medically and physically fit and have completed Level 3 by the end of the current training year.

**BASIC AVIATION COURSE (BAC)** - This three week course provides cadets an opportunity to develop the fundamentals of aviation. Topics include: principles of flight, airmanship, air navigation, and basics of aero engines. Cadets will also participate in a familiarization flight either in a glider or powered aircraft. Must be medically and physically fit and have completed Level 2 by the end of the current training year.

**ADVANCED AVIATION (AAC)** - This three week course enables cadets to be specialists and leaders for aviation activities within the Air Cadet Program. Cadets are introduced to more advanced principles of flight, air navigation, aero engines, meteorology, and instructional techniques. Cadets also have the opportunity to acquire a Restricted Operator Certificate (Aeronautical) qualifying them to operate radios on aircraft and at land-based air stations. Must be medically and physically fit, and have completed Level 3 by the end of the current training year.



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