

ACTIVITY - AGE LIMITS - QUALIFICATIONS

The following tables detail the age requirements for staff and cadets to take part in ATC activities, together with the location of the authority where this can be found.

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ADULTS

Activity	Age	Authority
Appointment to RAFVR(T) Commission	Over 20 and under 51	AP 1919 para 304 and 341
Appointment to Adult Sgt	Minimum age 20, maximum age 51. (normal retirement age is 55)	AP 1919 para 354 & ACP 20B AI 223.
Appointment to CI	Minimum age 20 no upper age limit but HQAC approval for any over 55.	AP 1919 para 360 & ACP 20B AI 222
Extension of service RAFVR(T) Officers in Squadrons	Every 4 years. Normal retirement age is 55 may be extended by Cmdt AC	AP 1919 para 320
Extension of service Adult NCO's	As above	
Extension of service CI's	1-4 years no upper age limit	

CADETS

Activity	Age/Qualifications	Authority
Acceptance as probationer	Minimum 13 years maximum 16 yrs 9 mths	AP 1919 para 402
Enrolment	Minimum 13 yrs 3 mths maximum 17 yrs	AP 1919 para 402
Upper age limit	20 years (18 yrs unless reached Cdt Sgt)	AP 1919 para 402
Appointment to CWO	Between 18 and 20 and passed Staff Cadet	AP 1919 para 412 & ACP 20B AI 224
1st Class/leading /senior	No minimum age but sit one exam per year. Take 3 years to progress to staff cadet	ACP 20A ACTI No 2 and ACTI No 21
Staff cadet	15 yrs 6 mths, 2 years enrolled service, attended one camp, completed 1st class shot in last 12 mths	ACP 20A ACTI No 21
Annual camp – UK	1st class cadet aged 13 yrs 3 mths	ACP 20A ACTI No 52
Annual Camp – Overseas	1st class cadet, minimum age 15, attended one UK camp or equivalent	ACP 20A ACTI No 52
Flying – AEF	Minimum 13 yrs 3 mths, passes in map reading, comms, & airmanship at 1st class and enrolled	ACP 20A ACTI 31
Flying – AEG	Under 15 & enrolled	ACP 20A ACTI 32

Activity	Age/Qualifications	Authority
Flying – Gliding Induction	Close to 15 and above. 1st class	ACP 20A ACTI 32
Flying – Gliding Scholarship or AGT	16 +. Leading Cdt	ACP 20A ACTI 32
Overseas Flights	Minimum 15 yrs & Ldg cadet	ACP 20A ACTI 33
Opportunity Flights	As above	ACP 20A ACTI 35
Passenger flights in non service aircraft	1st class	ACP 20A ACTI 35
Passenger flights – European	Minimum 17 & Ldg cadet	ACP 20A ACTI 35
Pilot Navigation Training	Minimum 16 = GCSE's 7 Air Nav exam	ACP 20A ACTI 36
Flying Scholarship	16 for application, 17 before start of training. GCSE's and OASC selection	AP 1919 para 519 PAM (air) 431
AEF Staff Cadet	Staff Cadet	ACP 20B AI 231
Staff Cadet(U/T Instructor) Gliding School	Senior cadet	ACP 20B AI 233
Supp Staff Cadet Gliding school	Senior cadet	ACP 20B AI 233
D of E Bronze	Entry - minimum 14 (exceptionally 13yrs 9mths) Award – 14 yrs 6 mths	ACP 20A ACTI 74 & D of E Handbook
D of E Silver	Entry – minimum 15 (exceptionally 14 yrs 9mths) Award – 15 yrs 6 mths (direct 16)	As above
D of E Gold	Entry – minimum 16 Award – 17 (direct 17 yrs 6 mths)	As Above
D of E maximum age	Enrolment - 23 Award - 25	
Shooting – air rifle	All cadets inc probationers	ACP 20A ACTI 43
Shooting - .22 No 8 rifle	Enrolled cadets	As above
Shooting – L98A1	1st class, over 14, pass std with .22, passed WHT.	As above
Shooting - L81A1	1st class, over 14, .22 marksman std, completed L81A1 course	As above
IACE	Minimum 17 and under 21 on 1 Aug in yr of exchange	ACP 20A ACTI 53
Courses – Personal Awareness	Over 16 interest in world of ideas and serious thought.	ACP 20A ACTI 81
Leadership Course – Frimley Park	16 and normally under 18 at time of course. Senior cadet & completed fitness test	ACP 20A ACTI 83
Leadership Course – RAF Stafford	16 and normally under 18 at time of course cadet & completed fitness test	ACP 20A ACTI 84

Activity	Age/Qualifications	Authority
Courses – Sports Leader Award	Aged 16 or over and SNCO. RAF swimming proficiency, physically fit	ACP 20A ACTI 85
Courses – MLT (Summer)	Aged 18 or over and SNCO. 12 mths hillwalking experience, register with MLTB, physically fit	
Courses – Canoeing	Aged 18 or over and SNCO. RAF swimming proficiency and BCU 2*, physically fit, apply for BCU membership	
Courses - Outward Bound	Aged 16 to 20 RAF swimming proficiency, physically fit	
Courses – Downhill Skiing	Aged 15 or over, physically fit	
Courses – Parachuting	Aged 16 or over, physically fit	
Courses - Hang Gliding	Aged 16 or over, physically fit	
Courses – Microlight Flying	Aged 17 & over, pass medicals, not possess certain flying quals	Course in abeyance at present
Courses - Basic winter training	Aged 16 or over, physically fit	
Courses – Marine Society Trg Ship	Aged 16 or over, physically fit, RAF swimming proficiency,	
Courses – Nordic Skiing	Aged 16 or over, physically fit	
Windermere Centre	Aged 14 or over, physically fit	
Llanbedr Centre	As above	
Nijmegen Marches	Aged 16 or over and physically fit	
Promotion – to Cpl	Normally Ldg Cadet (In exceptional cases can be reduced by one stage)	ACP 20A ACTI 7
Promotion to Sgt & above	Normally Snr Cdt min of 3 mths as a Cpl.(In exceptional cases can be reduced by one stage)	As above

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