



Australian Government
Department of Defence



Army Aviation Overview: RAAF Townsville

Reference number: WEP/04139/21

Service: Air Force

Placement Location: RAAF Townsville
Ingham Road, Garbutt, Townsville

Type of Placement/s: Secondary Placement

Start & End dates: 11 Oct 2021 to 15 Oct 2021

Duration of Placement: 5 days

Placement Limits: 10

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Closing Date: **5:00PM, 12 September 2021**

Overview of Placement

5th Aviation Regiment provides the Army's air assault capability in a joint, combined or interagency environment. 5th Aviation Regiment is home to Chinook and MRH 90 Taipan aircraft.

As part of this work experience placement, students will rotate through the different Squadrons within the Regiment, including flying, logistics and maintenance squadrons as well as Regiment Headquarters.

Students will have the opportunity to observe and experience a range of roles across the Regiment, including those of pilots, aircraft technicians, aircraft life support fitters and logistics personnel. Students will have an opportunity to be passengers in an operational aircraft flight in a MRH 90 Taipan or CH 47F Chinook to experience a live flight mission. Students may also have an opportunity to visit and participate in activities at the Taipan or CH47 Chinook Simulator.

Students may also be involved in other activities including visiting the armory and participating in PT sessions

Special Conditions of Placement

Due to operational requirements and no-notice regional support taskings, there is the chance that other priorities and events will affect the amount of support 5AVN can provide for work experience activities during 2021. As such, 5AVN reserves the right to cancel or change the dates for this work experience placement if required. Where possible, appropriate notice will be given.

All placements are subject to relevant State/Territory COVID-19 Guidelines and Defence Restrictions. This may result in a placement being changed, postponed and/or cancelled at short notice.

Applicants must be aged between 15 - 18 years of age at the time of the placement.

Students may participate in Army Physical Training (PT) activities so should have a reasonable level of physical fitness.

Students must wear closed in footwear at all times.

This placement is targeted at students with an interest in Army Aviation and applicants will be required to demonstrate their interest by addressing Selection Criteria questions.

Assessment Criteria

You will be required to answer the following questions when completing your online application:

1. What are your career goals and/or areas of interest in Army Aviation? What are you doing to achieve these goals? (e.g. school subjects, part-time work, member of relevant organisations such as Cadets, SES, Scouts etc, contact with Defence Force Recruiting etc.) (100 words max)
2. Why do you want to do work experience with 5th Aviation Regiment? What do you hope to gain from this experience? (100 words max)
3. Please confirm that you have read the “Special Conditions of Placement” section in the Information Pack provided for this work experience placement, and understand that 5AVN reserves the right to cancel or re-schedule this placement if operational requirements become a priority. Write “I have read and understand the Special Conditions of Placement” in the space below.

Eligibility

Work Experience opportunities are available for both secondary and tertiary students.

Applicants/candidates must be an Australian Citizen / Permanent Resident of Australia.

Age Group – Students participating in Defence work experience placements must be 15 – 24 years of age at the time of the placement.

What happens next?

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Applications must be submitted through the online application system (eRecruit) prior to the closing date.

1. When registering on eRecruit and submitting an application, you must use your own email account, preferably your school/education email address if you have one.
2. Please ensure you include your school Work Experience Coordinator's name and email address in your application.

For further information refer to the [eRecruit Applicant User Guide](#).

If you are experiencing difficulties in submitting your application contact the Work Experience Program team via email at defence.workexperienceprogram@defence.gov.au for assistance.

3. Following the advertised closing date an evaluation of your assessment criteria responses will be completed.
4. The Work Experience Liaison Officer administering the placement will advise you and your School Work Experience Coordinator if your application for placement is successful.
5. If successful, you will receive a Work Experience Placement Agreement sent directly to you with a copy sent to your School Work Experience Coordinator.
6. To accept the placement offer:
 - a. complete the Work Experience Agreement;
 - b. have it signed by yourself, your parent/guardian (if you are under the age of 18) and your school principal; and
 - c. return it to your School Work Experience Coordinator.
7. Your School Work Experience Coordinator will submit your Work Experience Placement Agreement to Defence.
8. Once the Agreement is approved you will be provided with further information about the work experience placement.

Note: Contact your School Work Experience Coordinator with any queries related to your application.

Thank you for your interest
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