

BECOME AN AVIATION RESCUE FIRE FIGHTER—CERTIFICATE II

Gain your PUA20613 Certificate II in Public Safety (Firefighting and Emergency Operations). Airservices is a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) 5168.

AVIATION RESCUE FIRE FIGHTING SERVICES (ARFFS)

Airservices qualified aviation rescue fire fighters participate in operations involving the rescue of people from an aircraft that has crashed or caught fire during landing or take-off. They control and extinguish fire and protect people and property threatened by fire on the airport in general.

The PUA20613 Certificate II in Public Safety (Firefighting and Emergency Operations) will develop your skills and knowledge to perform the role of an aviation rescue fire fighter. Successful completion of this qualification will provide you with a nationally-recognised qualification.

An aviation rescue fire fighter's primary role includes:

- assisting in the evacuation of people in life-threatening situations using mobile high performance vehicles and watercraft
- fighting fires using a range of equipment
- administering first aid
- protecting property endangered by fires
- protecting the environment (as necessary) in an emergency situation
- participating in organised drills for fire control and rescue work
- testing and maintaining fire vehicles and other equipment
- operating the Airservices Fire Control Centres at airports.

THE TRAINING PROGRAM

Aviation rescue fire fighting is an exciting and rewarding career. It is also challenging and demanding with specific requirements to be met.

If you are successful in applying for an Aviation Rescue Fire Fighting Services (ARFFS) position with Airservices, you will be required to complete the PUA20613 Certificate II in Public Safety (Firefighting and Emergency Operations) before your placement at one of our ARFFS stations within Australia.

The training program is designed to provide you with the necessary skills and knowledge to commence your career as an aviation rescue fire fighter. Your training will cover:

- injury prevention
- responding to aviation incidents
- working in a team
- operating breathing apparatus
- operating equipment and much more.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

To be eligible to be an Airservices aviation rescue fire fighter applicants must meet the following minimum entry standards:

- be at least 18 years old
- be an Australian or New Zealand Citizen or hold Australian Permanent Residency
- pass the physical aptitude test
- hold a current water competency qualification (e.g. bronze Medallion) or the ability to undertake and pass an ARFFS water competency assessment prior to commencement of the recruit course. (This requirement applies to stations with water rescue equipment)
- hold or obtain the HLTAID003 Provide First Aid certificate or equivalent prior to commencement of the recruit course
- hold a current manual drivers licence
- pass all pre-employment checks.

There are no training package pre-requisites for entry into this course.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications for recruitment and enrolment in the ARFFS training program will be accepted online at various times of the year. For details, please log onto www.airservicesaustralia.com/careers

For further information, please contact Airservices National Recruitment Team at avrecruit@airservicesaustralia.com

UNIQUE STUDENT IDENTIFIER

All students enrolled in nationally recognised training are required to hold a Unique Student Identifier (USI). Whether you already have a USI or need to obtain one, you will need to share your USI with Airservices Australia RTO 5168. Further information will be provided during the recruitment process for external students, or with your joining instructions for pathway students.

PROGRAM OUTLINE

The Certificate II in Public Safety (Firefighting and Emergency Operations) is a nationally-recognised qualification. The program duration is 15 weeks. The training entails theory and practical activities to provide you with the skills and knowledge to perform the role of an aviation rescue fire fighter.

The program covers the following units of competency:

- PUAEQU001B Prepare, maintain and test response equipment
- PUAFIR203B Respond to urban fire
- PUAFIR207B Operate breathing apparatus open circuit
- PUAFIR215 Prevent injury
- PUAOPE013A Operate communications systems and equipment
- PUASAR022A Participate in a rescue operation
- PUATEA001B Work in a team
- HLTFA211A Provide basic emergency life support
- PUACOM001C Communicate in the workplace
- PUAFIR206B Check installed fire safety systems
- PUATEA004D Work effectively in a public safety organisation.

Additional elective units included as part of this training include:

- PUAFIR204B Respond to wildfire
- PUAFIR205B Respond to aviation incident (specialist).

During your initial 15-week training program, the following eight units will also be delivered and contribute to a Certificate III qualification to be completed at the station:

- PUAOHS002B Maintain safety at an incident scene
- PUAFIR309B Operate pumps
- HLTFA311A Apply first aid
- HLTFA404C Apply advanced resuscitation techniques
- PUASAR024A Undertake road crash rescue
- PUAFIR318 Operate specialist appliance
- PUAFIR320 Render hazardous materials incidents safe
- PUAFIR308B Employ personal protection at a hazardous materials incident.

HOW IS TRAINING DELIVERED?

The training is delivered at Airservices ARFFS training facility located in Melbourne. We deliver the training face-to-face through classroom theory sessions and practical activities that are conducted at our multi-million dollar, purpose-built Aviation Fire Training Ground. Facilities and equipment required for you to complete your training will be provided.

Throughout the training you will have the opportunity to develop the skills that you learn and you will be assessed for competence against each unit included in the program.

The training does not stop here. You will continue to develop your skills at your station with your crew and undertake further training and assessment in order to obtain your Certificate III qualifications.

WHO WILL DELIVER THE TRAINING?

Training is delivered by fully-qualified Airservices ARFFS training officers, who are highly-specialised, learning and development professionals with extensive training and industry experience.

EDUCATIONAL AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Airservices provides a number of services to support students with their learning and to enhance their learning experience. Further information on the various support services available to students is provided in our student handbook which is made available to prospective students during the recruitment and pre-enrolment phase. Alternatively, a copy can be requested by emailing arffs.training@airservicesaustralia.com.

WANT TO RECOGNISE YOUR EXISTING SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE?

Skills recognition is an assessment process that acknowledges previous learning and current skills. You can apply for one unit or an entire qualification. You will be assessed against the requirement to undertake specialist ARFFS contextualised training against the qualification and desired role in ARFFS.

Send an email to arffs.training@airservicesaustralia.com for further information.

Course fees do not apply to Airservices employees.

COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS

As a registered training organisation, Airservices is required to address academic complaints and appeals in an equitable and timely manner. Airservices makes every effort to manage complaints and appeals transparently, equitably and objectively. Further information is provided during the recruitment process, in our student handbook.