



Become an Aviation Rescue Fire Fighter

Gain your PUA20622 Certificate II in Public Safety (Firefighting and Emergency Operations). Airservices Australia is a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) 5168.

Aviation Rescue Fire Fighting Services (ARFFS)

Airservices Australia 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.

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 Australia Fire Control Centres at airports.

The PUA20622 - 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.

The training program

Aviation Rescue Fire Fighting is an exciting and rewarding career. It is also challenging and demanding with specific regulatory and safety requirements to be met.

If you are successful in applying for an Aviation Rescue Fire Fighting Services (ARFFS) position with Airservices Australia, you will be required to complete the PUA20622 - 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 in ARFFS. Your training will cover:

- injury prevention;
- responding to aviation incidents;
- working in a team;
- operating breathing apparatus;

- operating equipment.

Who should apply?

To be eligible for ARFFS, applicants must meet the following minimum entry standards:

- be at least 18 years of age;
- 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 have the ability to undertake and pass an ARFFS water competency assessment prior to the assessment centre (this requirement applies to stations with water rescue equipment);
- hold or obtain a current HLTAID011 Provide First Aid or HLTAID014 Provide Advanced First Aid certificate or equivalent prior to commencement of the recruit course;
- hold a current unrestricted full manual driver's licence and the ability to gain a heavy rigid license at least four weeks' prior to commencement;
- 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. Please log onto www.airservicesaustralia.com/careers for further information or contact the Airservices Australia 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 PUA20622 - Certificate II in Public Safety (Firefighting and Emergency Operations) is a nationally recognised VET 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:

- PUAOPE013 Operate communications systems and equipment
- PUATEA001 Work in a team
- PUAFIR203 Respond to urban fire
- HLTAID011 Provide First Aid
- PUAFIR210 Prevent injury
- PUAEQU001 Prepare, maintain and test response equipment
- PUAFIR207 Operate breathing apparatus open circuit
- PUASAR022 Participate in a rescue operation
- PUACOM001 Communicate in the workplace
- PUATEA004 Work effectively in a public safety organisation
- PUAFIR206 Check installed fire safety systems

Additional elective units included as part of this training are:

- PUAFIR204 Respond to wildfire
- PUAFIR205 Respond to aviation incident (specialist)

During your initial 15-week training program, the following eight units will also be delivered and contribute to a PUA30622 - Certificate III in Public Safety (Firefighting and Emergency Operations) qualification to be completed at the station:

- PUAFIR309 Operate pumps
- PUAFIR308 Employ personal protection at a hazardous materials incident
- PUAFIR324 Render hazardous materials incidents safe
- PUAWHS002 Maintain safety at an incident scene
- HLTAID015 Provide Advanced Resuscitation and Oxygen Therapy
- PUAFIR310 Operate specialist appliance
- HLTAID014 Provide Advanced First Aid

How is training delivered?

The training is delivered at Airservices Australia 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 multimillion-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 PUA30622 - Certificate III in Public Safety (Firefighting and Emergency Operations) qualification.

Who will deliver the training?

Training is delivered by qualified Airservices Australia ARFFS Training Officers, who are specialised learning and development professionals with extensive training and industry experience.

Educational and support services

Airservices Australia 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.

For further information, please email: arffs.training@airservicesaustralia.com

Course fees do not apply to Airservices Australia employees.

Complaints and appeals

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