

Just the Job Information Sheet

Job title

CIS Technician

Job description

As a CIS Technician, your job will be to set up and operate tactical radio and satellite-based communication systems. You will also be responsible for keeping operational data flowing efficiently and securely through the many networks we use to support our missions here in NZ and overseas. We need Technicians who:

- Are motivated by the challenge of using some of the world's best military communications technology
- Enjoy problem solving, and can adapt to the many CIS environments to which our work takes us

Qualifications required

- Have a minimum of 12 NCEA Level 2 Credits in English, Mathematics and a Science subject.
- Computer skills are beneficial.

General requirements

- You must be at least 17 years of age.
- Meet the [citizenship & security](#) requirements to gain **SV security clearance** for this trade.
- Must have Restricted Class 1 Manual Drivers Licence.
- You must be [medically](#) fit for service.

Training costs

The NZDF pays for all training.

Career path

Once you've successfully completed 12 weeks basic military training at RNZAF Base Woodbourne, you'll undergo a 30-week primary trade training course. This covers radio operating, military communication network procedures, keyboard skills and security. You'll learn basic electronics theory, technical support skills, and computing hardware and software fundamentals. You will also be trained in the correct use of hand tooling, high reliability soldering techniques and manufacture and termination of data cables.

There's plenty of practical work too, including a one-week field exercise. You will

then be employed as a CIS Mechanic for approximately 24 months in a CIS unit. While here, you will complete some 4WD training and deploy with a team on at least one tactical exercise.

You will then be eligible for your advanced trade training. This course is around 13 weeks, and includes advanced communication procedures, some more electronics, antenna and radio wave propagation theory, general tactical training, and advanced computing and networking, for which you will attain an internationally recognised CCNA qualification. Before joining your new CIS unit, your advanced training ends with a one-week field exercise to consolidate and put into practice all of your new skills.

Salary range

Careers in the Air Force are well-rewarded, as well as being diverse and exciting. As you become more experienced and move up through the ranks, gaining additional skills and qualifications, you will see your salary rise accordingly.

While undertaking initial Recruit Course you will be paid as a Recruit (see attached [pay table](#)). On completion of your Recruit Course you will be paid as an Aircraftsman and your pay will continue to increase as your career progresses.

How to increase the chances of successfully entering this industry

Each trade within the NZDF has specific academic, aptitude, and fitness entry requirements. Joining the NZDF is a very competitive process and it is rare for anyone to be selected who only has the minimum entry requirements. Best advice is to aim to excel in these areas which will make you a more desirable candidate.

Other places to source information about this job

www.defencecareers.mil.nz/air-force