

RAF Air Cadets Glossary of Terms

These are a list of some of the acronyms used within the Air Cadet Organisation. This is not an exhaustive list but may help you understand some of the more common terms.

Acronym	Description
AAC	Army Air Corps
AAR	Air-to-Air Refuelling
ACCGS	Air Cadet Central Gliding School
ACCS	Air Command & Control System
ACLC	Air Cadet Leadership Course
ACLO	Air Cadet Liaison Office
ACM	Air Chief Marshal
ACO	Air Cadet Organisation
ACOS	Assistant Chief of Staff
ACP	Air Cadet Publication
ACPNTS	Air Cadet Pilot Navigation Training Scheme (Aviation course)
ACPS	Air Cadet Pilot Scheme (Aviation course)
ACTO	Air Cadet Training Order
ADCC	Air Defence Cadet Corps
Adj	Adjutant
AEF	Air Experience Flying
AEG	Air Experience Gliding
AEW	Airborne Early Warning
AF	Armed Forces
AFA	Activity First Aid (course)
AFI	Annual Formal Inspection
AGM	Air-to-Ground Missile
AGT	Advanced Glider Training
Air Cdre	Air Commodore
ALARM	Air Launched Anti-Radiation Missile
AM	Air Marshal
AMRAAM	Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile
AOC	Air Officer Commanding
AP	Air Publication
APO	Acting Pilot Officer
ASRAAM	Advanced Short-Range Air-to-Air Missile
AT	Adventure Training
AT	Air Transport
ATC	Air Training Corps / Air Traffic Control
ATEX	Adventure Training Exercise
AVIP	Adult Volunteer Induction Programme
AVM	Air Vice-Marshal
AWACS	Airborne Warning & Control System
AWOL	Absence With-out Leave
B&GW	Bristol and Gloucester Wing
BBMF	Battle of Britain Memorial Flight
BPSS	Baseline Personnel Security Standard
BTEC	Business and Technology Education Council

CAS	Chief of the Air Staff
CC	Camp Commandant
CCF	Combined Cadet Force
CDC	Cadet Drill Course
Cdt	Cadet
CEAS	Children's Education Advisory Service
CFAV	Cadet Force Adult Volunteer
CFS	Central Flying School (headquarters based at RAF Cranwell)
CI	Civilian Instructor
CivCom	Civilian Committee
CO	Commanding Officer
CofC	Chain of Command
Comdt AC	Commandant Air Cadets
CoS AC	Chief of Staff Air Cadets
Cpl	Corporal
CPSA	Clay Pigeon Shooting Association
CWO	Cadet Warrant Officer
D of E	Duke of Edinburgh's Award
D&C	Drill & Ceremonial
D&SW	Devon and Somerset Wing
D&WW	Dorset and Wiltshire Wing
DBS	Disclosure and Barring Service
DCAE	Defence College of Aeronautical Engineering
DCCT	Dismounted Close Combat Trainer
DEFS	Defence Elementary Flying School (based at RAF Cranwell)
DF	Detached Flight
DI	Drill Instructor
DNCO	Duty Non-commissioned Officer
DPA	Data Protection Act
DSW	Devon & Somerset Wing
DV	Defence Vetted
DZ	Drop Zone
EMT	Executive Management Team
ESF	Extended Squadron Footprint
EW	Electronic Warfare
FAAW	First Aid at Work
FC	Fieldcraft
FCO	Fieldcraft Officer
FCO	Foreign and Commonwealth Office
Fg Off	Flying Officer
FGLO	Flying and Gliding Liaison Office
Flt Lt	Flight Lieutenant
Flt Sgt	Flight Sergeant
FMT	Form Motor Transport
FS	Flying Scholarship
FS	Flight Sergeant
FTC	Fieldcraft and Tactics Course
FW	Fixed Wing (all aircraft excluding helicopters)
GCHQ	Government Communications Headquarters

GDT	Ground Defence Training
GIC	Gliding Induction Course
GLO	Ground Liaison Officer
GNVQ	General National Vocational Qualification
Gp Capt	Group Captain
GS	Gliding Scholarship
GSK	General Service Knowledge
GT	Ground Training
HAS	Hardened Aircraft Shelter
HDT	Home to Duty Travel
HF	High Frequency
HIOW	Hants and Isle of Wight Wing
HM	Her Majesty's
HMG	Her Majesty's Government
HQ	Headquarters
HQAC	Headquarters Air Cadets (RAF College Cranwell)
IBN	Internal Briefing Note
IOT	Initial Officer Training
ISTAR	Intelligence, Surveillance, Target Acquisition and Reconnaissance
IWT	Initial Weapons Training
JCA	Joint Combat Aircraft
JCCC	Joint Casualty & Compassionate Cell
JEFTS	Joint Elementary Flying Training School
JI	Joining Instructions
JL	Junior Leaders
JNCO	Junior Non-Commissioned Officer
JNCO	Junior NCO
JPAC	Joint Personnel Administration Centre
JSCSC	Joint Services Command and Staff College
LAC	Leading Aircraftman
LASER	London and South East Region
LFMT	Live Firing Marksmanship Training
MEDEVAC	Medical Evacuation
MOD	Ministry of Defence
MOI	Method of Instruction
MR	Maritime Reconnaissance
MRA	Maritime Reconnaissance & Attack
MRAF	Marshal of the Royal Air Force
MRT	Mountain Rescue Team
NAAFI	Navy, Army and Air Force Institute
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
NBC	Nuclear, Biological & Chemical
NCA	Non-Commissioned Aircrew
NCO	Non-Commissioned Officer
NNAS	National Navigation Award Scheme
NOK	Next of Kin
NVQ	National Vocational Qualification
OASC	Officer and Aircrew Selection Centre
OC	Officer Commanding

OCdt	Officer Cadet
OIC	Officer In Charge
OIC	Officers' Initial Course
P&CW	Plymouth and Cornwall Wing
Pers	Personnel
PI	Personnel Instruction
PJHQ	Permanent Joint Headquarters (based at Northwood)
Plt Off	Pilot Officer
POC	Point of Contact
PTS	Progressive Training Syllabus
PUS	Preparation for Uniformed Service
QAIC	Qualified Aerospace Instructors' Course
QFI	Qualified Flying Instructor
RAD	Regional Activities Day
RAF	Royal Air Force
RAFA	Royal Air Forces Association
RAFAC	Royal Air Force Air Cadets
RAFALO	RAFA Liaison Officer
RAFAT	Royal Air Force Aerobatic Team (The Red Arrows)
RAFBF	RAF Benevolent Fund
RAFP	Royal Air Force Police
RAFR	Royal Air Force Reserve
RATTO	Regional Adventure Training Technical Officer
RBL	The Royal British Legion
RCDS	Royal College of Defence Studies
RFCA	Reserve Forces and Cadets Association
RHQ	Regional Headquarters
RIAT	Royal International Air Tattoo
RM	Royal Marines
RMAS	Royal Military Academy Sandhurst
RMP	Royal Military Police
RMTL	Road Marching Team Leader
RN	Royal Navy
RW	Rotary Wing (helicopters)
SAC	Senior Aircraftman
SAR	Search & Rescue
SAS	Special Air Service
SATCOM	Satellite Communications
SBN	Shooting Briefing Note
SC	Security Clearance
SDR	Strategic Defence Review
SERFCA	South East Reserve Forces and Cadet Association
Sgt	Sergeant
SH	Support Helicopter
SHAPE	Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe
SITREP	Situation Report
SMS	Squadron Management System
SMT	Senior Management Team
SNCO	Senior Non-Commissioned Officer

Sqn	Squadron
Sqn Ldr	Squadron Leader
SSIC	SNCO Staff Induction Course
SWR	South West Region
TG	Training Ground
TG	Training Group (No 22 Training Group)
TIALD	Thermal Imaging Airborne Laser Designator
Trg Off	Training Officer
TVW	Thames Valley Wing
UA	Unauthorised Absence
UAS	University Air Squadrons
UCE	University Cadet Entrant
UIN	Unit Identity Number
VGS	Volunteer Gliding School
WAC	Wing Activity Centre
WAD	Wing Activities Day
WARMA	Walking & Road Marching Association
WaSP	Welfare and Support Personnel
WASP	Wing Aerospace Support Platform
WATTO	Wing Adventure Training Technical Officer
WCO	WCO - Wing Commanding Officer
WCO	Wing Commanding Officer
WExO	WExO - Wing Executive Officer
Wg	Wing
Wg Cdr	Wing Commander
WHQ	Wing Headquarters
WHT	Weapons Handling Test
WO	Warrant Officer
WSC	Wing Sector Commander
WSO	Wing Staff Officer
WWO	Wing Warrant Officer
YFA	Youth First Aid (course)