

Application Process

The application process for all summer training courses must be completed electronically through Fortress.

The following documents are required for all National Summer Training Courses and are to be submitted to the respective ACL PC by the candidate's CO:

- **Participation Application:** for each candidate printed from Fortress.
- **School Report:** A photocopy of the school reports as specified by the ACL PC;
- **Narrative:** Candidates must explain, in a one page typed personal narrative, why they would like to participate in the course applied for. The narrative is to be signed and dated by the candidate. If the candidate applies for more than one National Summer Training Course, a narrative must be submitted for each course;
- **Cadet Information Card:** The cadet information card as printed from Fortress; and
- **Course or staff cadet report:** A photocopy (or copies printed from Fortress) of the most recent course report or staff cadet evaluation report.

GPS/PPS Candidates: The following documents are also required:

- Photocopies (or copies printed from Fortress) of all previous aviation related course reports (GPS, AAC, BAC, BATA, etc);
- Photocopy of the Medical Certificate, if in the candidate's possession; and
- **For GPS:** a completed CATO 54-26, Annex B, GPS – Height and Weight Form.
- **For PPS:** a completed CATO 54-27, Annex B, PPS – Height and Weight Form.

IACE Candidates: The following documents are also required:

- IACE information form: In triplicate, each with a passport photo glued in the appropriate location, must be included with the application;
- photocopy of page 3 of the passport must be included with the application. If the candidate has not received their passport, a photocopy of the birth certificate or citizenship card must be included with the application;

All Participation Applications must be accessible by RCSU(NW) in Fortress **no later than** 15 January.

Printed forms from Fortress, including all required documents, shall be submitted to the ACL PC or to the

Zone Trg O IAW directives issued by your ACL PC/Area OIC.

Preparation. Applicants for National Courses are expected to participate in preparation sessions prior to applications being submitted and continuing until Selection Board Interviews. See the office staff for more details.

Selection Board Interviews. Interviews conducted by the ACL PC will be held to select the applicants for training. These interviews are to normally take place during the month of February. IACE, PPS and IACE must be boarded. Each ACL PC can elect to hold interviews for the remaining national courses.

Commitment. Considering the limited number of vacancies and the cost of training, it is very important that the cadets nominated are serious and ready to return to their sqn so that other cadets can benefit from their newly acquired experience, skills and knowledge.

Responsibilities. Cadets are responsible to enquire about specific requirements and for submitting all the required documents prior to the deadline established by the Sqn CO.

Parents/Guardians are responsible for confirming that all information provided by their son/daughter/ward is correct.

Sqn Staff are responsible for ensuring participation applications are filled out completely, confirming that all required information/documents are provided and correct. Sqn Staff are also responsible for ensuring that cadets meet all prerequisites for the courses they applied for and providing guidance and information as needed to their cadets.

Remember. Submitting an application for a National Course does not mean you are selected for summer training. All applications are forwarded to the ACL PC and all applications must be reviewed. IACE, PPS and GPS applicants must also be interviewed before selections are made. The Sqn CO can only recommend your selection.

Ref: CATO 51-01 Annex B
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What should I do this summer?

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International Air Cadet Exchange (IACE)

The purpose of the IACE is three-fold: to promote friendship and goodwill among Air cadets of the participating countries, to encourage participants to develop an interest in international affairs and to reward those Air cadets who have rendered outstanding services to their sqn over a period of years. The IACE is intended only for outstanding senior cadets who will represent Canada with distinction. Selection requirements include: outstanding Air cadet record, good school record, excellent personal characteristics, including appearance, dependability, cooperation and the ability to communicate effectively.

Duration: 2 to 3 weeks, depending on country visited;

Maximum number of candidates: One per sqn;

Minimum age: 17 years old during the exchange. This prerequisite is mandatory.

Sqn proficiency level: Level 4 successfully completed by the application date.

One-Time Participation: An air cadet can only participate in the IACE once.

Power Pilot Scholarship (PPS) and Glider Pilot Scholarship (GPS)

Candidates must meet all established requirements laid down, including age, medical standards and Canadian Forces (CF) qualifying exam. Another important factor is motivation. Candidates must demonstrate a sincere interest in learning to fly and that they are prepared to commit to the demanding study time required to become a pilot.

Duration: PPS: 7 weeks, and GPS: 6 or 7 weeks;

Location: GPS - Gimli CFTC (Gimli, MB), PPS - TBD

Maximum number of candidates: The maximum number of candidates per sqn who may be selected for each scholarship is based on the Registered

Cadets Monthly Average:

80 or less: 2 candidates,

81 to 120: 3 candidates,

121 to 160: 4 candidates, and

161 or more: 5 candidates;

Minimum age: This prerequisite is mandatory:

PPS: 17 years old by September 1st of the year the course is taken, and

GPS: 16 years old by September 1st of the year the course is taken;

Sqn proficiency level:

PPS: level 4 successfully completed by the end of the current training year, and

GPS: level 3 successfully completed by the end of the current training year;

CAF Qualifying Exam: This prerequisite is mandatory. A waiver may not be granted to a candidate who does not achieve a mark of 50% on this exam. The purpose of this exam is to ensure that all candidates possess a basic knowledge in the required aviation subjects.

Education:

PPS: Grade 10 or equivalent (Secondary 4 in Québec and Senior 2 in Manitoba) completed by nomination deadline, and

GPS: Grade 9 or equivalent (Secondary 3 in Quebec and Senior 1 in Manitoba) completed by nomination deadline;

Minimum medical standards: This prerequisite is mandatory. Applicant is to provide a valid Category 3 Medical Certificate from Transport Canada by **1 June**. Further screenings will take place throughout the selection process. Selected cadets will undergo additional medical screenings upon arrival at the training site.

Physical limitations: These prerequisites are mandatory. Air cadet gliders and training aircraft used for PPS impose certain physical limitations in regard to weight and size of the pilot. A person's size must be such that one can sit, comfortably positioned, with good visibility in all directions as well as being able to reach the controls for full movement. The physical limitations are:

Glider: Minimum: height 152.4 cm (no shoes/boots, socks only), weight 40.82 kg, and
Maximum: height 190.5 cm, weight 90.72 kg;

Power: Maximum Weight: 111.13 kg

Required funds: Cadets must have the funds to pay for the Transport Canada examination fee and pilot licence application fee, for a total of \$160;

Previous licences - GPS: Cadets who hold any Transport Canada pilot licence or permit are not eligible for the GPS;

Previous licences - PPS: Cadets who hold any Transport Canada pilot licence or permit other than a glider pilot licence are not eligible for the PPS;

NOTE: Applicants may apply for only one of IACE, PPS or GPS.

Advanced Aviation Technology Course – Airport Operations (AATC-AO)

This course is a six-week course that introduces Cadets to the various components of operating an airport. Cadets will learn about airside operations, meteorology, navigation, air traffic services, ground services, and safety. They will also examine some of the history and advancements in the aviation industry and explore employment opportunities.

Duration: 6 weeks;

Location: Canadore College (North Bay, ON)

Maximum number of candidates: One per sqn;

Sqn proficiency level: Level 3, completed by the end of the training year.

Advanced Aviation Technology Course – Aircraft Maintenance (AATC-AM)

This course is a six-week course that provides Cadets the opportunity to learn aircraft maintenance skills through a set of practical, hands-on training activities, such as installing and removing rivets used in aircraft metal structures, performing a landing gear retraction test on a fixed wing aircraft, assembling an input driveshaft from a turbine powered helicopter.

Duration: 6 weeks;

Location: Canadore College (North Bay, ON)

Maximum number of candidates: One per sqn;

Sqn proficiency level: Level 3, completed by the end of the training year.

Advanced Aerospace Course (AASC)

This course provides cadets an opportunity to develop as a specialist with the skills and subject matter knowledge required to be an instructor and team leader for aerospace activities within the Air Cadet Program. Activities include instructional technique, first aid, astronomy, orbital mechanics, and model rocketry.

Duration: 6 weeks;

Location: St-Jean CFTC (St-Jean QC);

Maximum number of candidates: One per sqn

Sqn proficiency level: Level 3, completed by the end of the training year.

Note: Training locations are determined by the annual billet allocation released by Natl CJCR Sp Gp and are subject to change.