

Ranks and Badges of the Royal Air Force

Commissioned ranks

Here is the rank structure for commissioned ranks of the Royal Air Force

Ranks are shown in ascending order. In many cases, the Royal Air Force rank will be the junior of the three Services, the Royal Navy having seniority over both the Army and RAF.

Rank insignia for commissioned ranks is worn on the lower arm of dress uniform.



Pilot Officer
Plt Off



Flying Officer
Fg Off



Flight Lieutenant
Flt Lt



Squadron Leader
Sqn Ldr



Wing Commander
Wg Cdr



Group Captain
Gp Capt



Air Commodore
Air Cdre



Air Vice-Marshal
AVM



Air Marshal
Air Mshl



Air Chief Marshal
Air Chf Mshl



Marshal of the
Royal Air Force
MRAF

Non-Commissioned Aircrew

Rank insignia for Non-Commissioned Aircrew ranks is, with the exception of Master Aircrew, worn on the upper arm of dress uniform, Master Aircrew badges are worn on the lower arm.



RAF Sergeant
Aircrew



RAF Flight
Sergeant Aircrew



RAF Master
Aircrew

Non-Commissioned other ranks

Here is the rank structure for other ranks of the Royal Air Force.

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Rank insignia for non-commissioned ranks is, with the exception of Warrant Officer and Master Aircrew, worn on the upper arm of dress uniform. Warrant Officer and Master Aircrew badges are worn on the lower arm the images of the Non-Commissioned Aircrew are at this link.



Leading Aircraftman
LAC



Senior Aircraftman
SAC



Senior Aircraftman
(Technician)
SAC Tech



Junior Technician
Jnr Tech



Lance Corporal
RAF Regiment
L Cpl (Image pending)



Corporal
Cpl



Sergeant
Sgt



Chief Technician
Chf Tech



Flight Sergeant
FS



Warrant Officer
WO