



633 Volunteer Gliding Squadron, DCAE Cosford

Gliding Scholarship Course Joining Instructions

You have been awarded a Gliding Scholarship course with 633 VGS at DCAE Cosford.

Your course will begin on:

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Transport

RAF Cosford is just off the A41 to the west of Wolverhampton, approximately 2km from Junction 3 of the M54. It is well signposted. The nearest railway station is Cosford, a short walk from the base, and there are regular rail services from Wolverhampton, Shrewsbury and Telford. There are no regular bus services to or from RAF Cosford. You should ensure that you have made appropriate transport arrangements for your homeward journey prior to arrival. Local rail services can be reduced or disrupted on Sundays because of engineering work.

Reporting

You must report to 633 VGS headquarters by 09:00 on the allocated day each weekend of your course. We are on the airfield and access to us is via Crash Gate 2 adjacent to the railway bridge. The gate lock combination code is available from the guardroom, or you can telephone us on extension 7320 from the telephone at the gate. Please let us know as soon as possible if you are going to be late.

Training

Your training will take place on your allocated day each weekend until the completion of your course. Your flying training takes precedence over *all* other ATC activities and there are *no* exceptions. If you do not attend your course for two or more consecutive days, you will be automatically suspended. You must telephone us if you cannot attend for any reason.

After flying ceases, we will expect you to help in cleaning the aircraft and putting them away. In summer, the last landing time will generally be 1900. In winter we will fly until sunset. You should give your parents some idea of when to expect you back at home, or when they can collect you.

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Clothing

In addition to your uniform, you should bring soft-soled shoes and coveralls for flying. Shoes should not have a deep tread pattern to avoid mud or stones being brought into the aircraft, and coveralls must be clean. In summer we advise you to bring sunglasses, sunscreen cream and a peaked hat. In winter you should bring warm clothing to wear whilst on the airfield.

Accommodation

Unfortunately we have no facilities for overnight accommodation for weekend students. You should bring a packed meal with you.

Preparation

You must bring with you:

- Your F3822 or Record of Service book
- Your F6424 Medical Certificate and Health Certificate

Please ensure that the relevant sections of your F3822 or Record of Service book are correctly filled in before you come on the course.

If you are taking any form of medication, you must tell us as soon as you arrive. You must not fly until you are cleared to do so, because this could be prejudicial to your health.

You should carefully revise the Principles of Flight syllabus before you start the course. This will help you understand the issues which will be covered during your training.

Security

All MOD establishments operate a high degree of security. All your baggage must be clearly marked with your name, rank, ATC/CCF unit number and your resident location (633 VGS).

If you arrive by vehicle, the guardroom will give you a temporary pass. This will be valid for the period of your stay and you must return it to the guardroom when you have completed the course. You must display the pass at all times whilst on the station.

Conduct

Your conduct must be impeccable in all respects while you are at RAF Cosford. Misbehaviour of any kind will not be tolerated, and may result in suspension from the course. You must tell us straight away if you are involved in any accidental damage. You may bring a camera, but please ask a member of staff before taking photographs. You may also bring a mobile phone, but you must not use it in certain areas which we will tell you about when you arrive.

Award of gliding wings and certificates

After you have successfully completed your course, we will award your gliding wings. Your Wing Headquarters will forward a certificate later.