



Pacific Region Cadets

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR CADETS

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BC AIR CADETS WRITE QUALIFYING FLIGHT EXAM SATURDAY

Comox, BC – Nearly 400 teenage members of Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadrons across British Columbia will write an exam at one of 14 locations on Saturday to test their knowledge of aviation subjects ranging from meteorology and navigation to air regulations and aero engines. The written test is the first step towards earning a pilot's license and air cadet pilot wings through the air cadet program or qualifying to attend a course in Air Traffic Control. For many of the cadets it is the culmination of months of intense study and up to five years of hard work and participation as an air cadet.

Cadets who successfully pass the exam may move on to the next step, a face-to-face interview with a board of examiners who will ask questions on a variety of topics, including aviation and current affairs in advance of selecting about 75 B.C. cadets to take pilot training at the Cadet Regional Gliding School (http://www.cadets.net/pac/rgs/intro_e.asp) at Comox B.C. or at a commercial flying school for powered flight during July and August. Upon graduation the successful candidates are awarded a Canadian Ministry of Transport pilot's license and are presented with the coveted cadet pilot wings to wear on their uniform. A large number of Canada's commercial pilots first learned to fly as teenagers in air cadets.

Sponsored nationally by the Canadian Forces and the civilian Air Cadet League of Canada, the air cadet program is centred on aeronautics, flying, leadership and outdoor activities and is available to boys and girls aged 12 to 18 years. There is no enrolment or registration fee and uniforms are loaned at no charge. Some local sponsor groups request a free-will donation to support local squadron expenses and administration. In British Columbia cadet activities can also earn high school graduation credits. Air cadets participate in training a minimum of one night per week with optional weekend activities. Air cadets are not members of the Canadian Forces and the program is not a recruiting tool. Through a variety of challenging yet rewarding activities, air cadets are encouraged to become active, responsible members of their community. Supervision is provided by Canadian Forces Reserve Cadet Instructor Officers.

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A list of examination locations is attached

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