



AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER

Air Traffic Controllers keep aircraft safe in the skies and on the ground. They make sure aircraft are a safe distance apart.

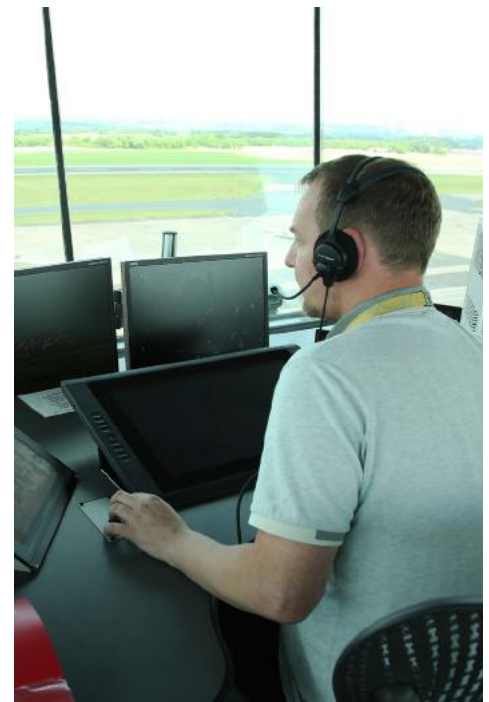
Three types of Air Traffic Controllers look after aircraft:

- In a specific area
- On approach to an airfield
- On an airfield or airport.

Each Air Traffic Controller gives radio instructions and information to Pilots flying over their section of airspace.

Air Traffic Controllers work to strict National Air Traffic Control guidance. All conversations with Pilots are recorded and kept for a specified time period.

Air Traffic Control has to operate 24/7, 365 days a year, so Air Traffic Controllers work shifts. They have to have regular breaks where they can't use mobile phones or other electronic devices.



Air Traffic Controller in East Midlands Airport tower

DO YOU WANT TO BE AN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER?

If you want to be an Air Traffic Controller:

You'll be

- Physically fit
- Have normal colour vision (contact lenses or glasses are allowed)
- 18 years old at the date of application
- Eligible to work in the UK and pass security clearance.

[This link](#) takes you to the NATs website where you will find lots

more information about how to become a trainee.

You'll need

- 5 GCSEs (A-C)/S grades (1-3) including English and Maths or equivalent, 2 A levels.

You can expect to earn in the region of:

- £13,154 along with an attractive benefits package when training at college
- £17,066 to £20,479 when training on site at a NATS Unit
- £32,522 to £36,247 when you've passed all of your training
- £46,461 to £51,781 on the third anniversary of passing your training (plus shift pay £5,543)
- Potentially you could earn over

£100,00 working at NATS Swanick Centre or Heathrow Tower.