

ARMY OPERATOR PETROLEUM

In this role, you'll perform a wide range of technical fuel functions. Primarily, you'll be dealing with the refuelling of vehicles, aircraft and a range of fuel installations in the field.

You may also be involved in operating petrol, oils and lubricants equipment, laboratory testing and analysis of these substances along with storage, packaging and disposal of dangerous goods (including hazardous materials but excluding ammunition and explosives).



YOUR DAY-TO-DAY

To keep the Army's top machines functioning, you'll need to be a motivated self-starter who possesses initiative and clear thinking and can remain cool under pressure.

For the most part, you'll work in small groups but depending on the situation, you could be required to work alongside the Army's helicopter units for support. In these cases, you'll be expected to be able to use your initiative and work in isolated environments. Sometimes, a series of smaller groups will merge to provide support to mechanised units when a larger scale exercise is needed. The ability to work within a team is a necessity.

Your duties may include:

- assisting in the management of a fuel facility
- refuelling aircraft and vehicles
- operating vehicles including forklifts and fuel trucks
- assisting in the laboratory testing of fuel
- accounting for fuel as a supply item
- firefighting and chemical handling
- adhering to Workplace, Health and Safety procedures
- participating in Marine Transfer Operations
- general soldiering duties, such as manning defensive positions, patrolling, traffic control, camouflaging of vehicles and field equipment, and navigation.

HOW YOU'LL PROGRESS

Opportunities for progression and upskilling continue throughout your career. As you progress, the Army will provide you with development opportunities to assist you with your increasing leadership responsibility,

as well as further education and specialised training to strengthen your skillset. This will help you to command and run a highly skilled team of soldiers and the employment of their equipment.

WHERE YOU'LL WORK

Following training, a junior Combat Fuel Specialist will usually be posted to Townsville or Amberley in Qld. There are some opportunities to work in Adelaide, SA, Brisbane, Qld and Darwin, NT. At higher ranks, positions are also available in Wodonga, Vic and Sydney, NSW.

HEALTH AND FITNESS

To join the ADF, you must be healthy and physically fit. You'll also be required to successfully pass a physical fitness assessment as part of the entry requirements based on the following:

Female:

- Sit-ups (feet held): 20
- Push-ups: 4
- Shuttle Run Score: 6.1.

Male:

- Sit-ups (feet held): 20
- Push-ups: 8
- Shuttle Run Score: 6.1.

Once you join, you will be required to maintain your fitness standards throughout your career, including at Initial Military Training where you will complete another fitness assessment.

MILITARY TRAINING

-  **Course:** Army Recruit Course
-  **Duration:** 13 weeks
-  **Location:** Kapooka, Wagga Wagga, NSW

During training, you'll take part in physical training, weapon handling, and shooting, first aid, drill, and field craft. You'll be challenged both mentally and physically.

Although it can be demanding, most recruits gain a sense of achievement, purpose, and confidence during basic training, and on completion of the course feel justifiably proud of what they have accomplished. The priority of our instructors is to help you succeed.

Key components of the course include:

- **Physical fitness:** Structured training to improve strength, endurance, and overall fitness, preparing you for the physical demands of Army life.
- **Field Craft:** Learn how to live and operate in field conditions, including camouflage, movement techniques, and working in outdoor environments.
- **Weapons Handling and Marksmanship:** Safe handling, maintenance, and use of Army-issued weapons, and participating in live-fire exercises.
- **Drill and Discipline:** Develop attention to detail, teamwork and discipline through parade drill and military routine.
- **First Aid and Battlefield Casualty Care:** Gain essential life-saving skills and learn how to respond to injuries in both training and operational environments.
- **Military Skills and Knowledge:** Introduction to Army structure, values, customs, and basic soldier responsibilities.
- **Resilience and Teamwork:** Build mental resilience and learn to work effectively within a team in high-pressure situations.

On successful completion of the Army Recruit Course, you'll participate in a Graduation Parade and have the opportunity to invite family and friends to view the parade. You'll then move on to your Initial Employment Training (IET), where you'll learn the specific skills required for your chosen role.

EMPLOYMENT TRAINING

-  **Course:** Army Driver Training – Operator MAN 40M and LR2J Course
-  **Duration:** 33 days
-  **Location:** Puckapunyal Army Base, Puckapunyal, Vic

This course will train you to perform operator maintenance and drive the medium weight 40M and G-Wagon with trailer

on public thoroughfares and over difficult terrain by day and by night while under blackout conditions. The course also includes operating in a tactical environment and the ability to operate the weapon system from the 40M vehicle as well as the Corps Driver B Vehicle Docs and WHS Course

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-  **Course:** Operator Petroleum Course
 -  **Duration:** 85 days
 -  **Location:** Various (Vic and Qld)

This course is designed to provide you with training to conduct refuelling operations on Army's helicopter fleet.

The Operator Petroleum Basic Course is conducted at a combination of locations including:

- Army Logistics Training Centre (ALTC), Bandiana, Vic
- Australian Army Aviation Training Centre (AAvntC), Oakey, Qld
- Wodonga TAFE, Wodonga, Vic

SALARY

You'll be paid while you train, and on completion of your Initial Military Training and Employment Training, you'll earn at least:

YOUR STARTING SALARY



FROM
\$60,517 AUD PER YEAR

YOUR SALARY ONCE TRAINED



FROM
\$86,453 AUD PER YEAR