

ARMY RIGGER PARACHUTE

In this role, you'll perform a wide range of technical functions on parachutes and Aerial Delivery Equipment. Parachute Riggers are critical to all Army parachute operations as every parachute packed, repaired and maintained by a Parachute Rigger can affect the safety of others directly in the personnel packing role or indirectly in the cargo packing role. This responsibility is represented by the Parachute Riggers Motto, Be Sure Always.



YOUR DAY-TO-DAY

You'll perform inspection, repacking, repair, modification, malfunction analysis, procurement and fleet management of parachutes and Aerial Delivery Equipment. All parachute riggers are required to be static line parachute qualified and on achieving the rank of Corporal, are required to be free-fall parachute qualified. In many instances, Parachute Riggers have diversified their employment further by becoming Parachute Jump Instructors in the specialties of static line, free-fall and high-altitude parachute operations.

A Parachute Rigger is usually employed in a small group environment, often working closely with the Army's Special Forces. This provides travel opportunities both in Australia and overseas.

Your duties may include:

- conducting maintenance on Aerial Delivery Equipment
- packing personnel, cargo, emergency and extraction parachutes
- repairing parachutes
- maintaining mechanical devices
- manufacturing and/or modifying components of Aerial Delivery Equipment
- maintaining Aerial Delivery Equipment in a detached parachute maintenance unit
- drop zone recovery and washing of parachutes.

Note: not all duties are performed in each position. You'll also be required to maintain your parachute jump qualification and will have the potential to become an Army qualified Parachute Jump Instructor.

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, you could be employed primarily in south-eastern NSW. A junior Parachute Rigger will usually be posted to Nowra, Richmond or Moorebank. Other locations are available to corporal and above riggers in Perth, Wodonga and Melbourne.

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:** Rigger Parachute
-  **Duration:** 120 days
-  **Location:** Bandiana, Vic

-  **Course:** Military Static Line Operator Course
-  **Duration:** 15 days
-  **Location:** ADF Parachute School, Naval Air Station Nowra, NSW

Upon completion, you'll earn your Maroon Beret and Parachute Wings. You'll be deemed qualified to undertake static line parachute descents from 1000ft (305m) from In-Service Aircraft.

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