

# Aviation Work Program

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### Organising a work placement

Placements are available all year round. Phone VPG or your chosen employer and ask to speak to the work experience co-ordinator. VPG contact details are below.

### What aviation employers are looking for in a participant

Aviation employers offer placements to people who are interested in seeing what it is like to work in the industry. There are no age restrictions on participants. Employers are looking for:

- Good personal grooming
- Aptitude for job requirements
- Good interpersonal skills e.g. comfortable asking questions and able to follow instructions
- Availability for the length of the program.

For engineering placements an interest in Maths and Science can be a plus.

### What to expect

Work experience is about real life exposure to the aviation industry. Most work placements are near the airport so expect to be working in the hangar or on the tarmac. Employers want to make the experience as close as possible to the real job with hands-on experience alongside people in the industry - engineers, pilots, operations managers and others.

Aviation employers offer placements of up to two weeks. Participants will be assigned a supervisor during their program and undergo a workplace induction. The range of work depends on the size of the workplace and the nature of the business and can vary from small two-seat training craft to large passenger jets capable of carrying hundreds of people or tonnes of cargo.

**Placement Dates** January to December

### Dress Requirements

For engineering work experience wear closed - in shoes and tidy shorts and shirt - not your Sunday best. For other placements check with your employer.

## Vocational Partnerships Group – Aviation Work Experience

### Job Benefits

- \* Diverse careers
- \* Local training
- \* World-class employers
- \* Well-paid jobs
- \* World - wide travel

VPG has been organising work placements in North Queensland for ten years with about 2500 employers. VPG has conducted many placements for the aviation industry and has employer partners from Torres Strait in the north to Innisfail in the south.

VPG has a 12-week program in place to manage placements. This includes:

- Interviews
- Job compatibility
- Insurances
- Feedback for employers and schools
- School information sessions
- Employer participation in school careers nights

For more information contact Vocational Partnerships Group:

Atherton - 40916411  
Cairns - 40321677  
Innisfail - 40617288  
Thursday Island - 40306322  
Weipa - 40699832

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## Aviation Jobs in North Queensland

Cairns is a major aviation gateway to Queensland. It houses Australia's only regional major international airport, which handles over 130,000 aircraft movements annually and 3.7 million domestic and international visitors.

North Queensland has one of the most diverse aviation bases in the country, providing a range of world-class aviation and avionic services to international, domestic and general aviation clients.

Aviation enterprises include charter operators, aero medical services such as Royal Flying Doctors Service and Emergency Response Management Qld, Australian Customs and Coastwatch, tourist helicopter fleet, airfreight and flight training.

The services radiate out to northern Australia, Papua New Guinea, Asia and the Middle East.

The region provides extensive air services to mines and remote communities in the Gulf of Carpentaria, Cape York and the Torres Strait.

## Aviation Training in North Queensland

Apprenticeship training in engineering and avionics is available through the Cairns Aviation Skills Centre, with work experience opportunities throughout the training. Participants may be eligible for Austudy or Abstudy.

**Cairns Aviation Skills Centre**  
**Ph: 07 4040 0000**

School-based apprenticeships are available with individual employers.

Cairns State High is a Gateway School for the aviation industry and offers Aerospace Studies.

**[www.cairnsshs.eq.edu.au](http://www.cairnsshs.eq.edu.au)**  
**Ph 40503000**



## Getting a Job in Aviation

While every job and every company will have its own requirements there are some general recruitment requirements.

These include regular drug and alcohol testing and a good understanding of safety needs, which may include generic occupational health and safety, chemical awareness and industrial hygiene.

Employers favour strong English language skills and for engineering jobs, an aptitude for science and maths. An employee is expected to be a team player with a willingness to learn and continue to study throughout their career to maintain licensing requirements.

Due to aviation licensing requirements employers may require evidence of no criminal record.

### Local Aviation Jobs

- \* Engineers
- \* Component controllers
- \* Operations managers
- \* Pilots
- \* Reservations officers
- \* Librarians
- \* Document writers
- \* Flight and ground crew
- \* Human resource officers
- \* Logistics officers

### For more information

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