



About Peacekeeping

Peacekeeping is a calling that demands both personal dedication and sacrifice. Service in the cause of peace offers real opportunities to help peoples and countries recover from conflict, rebuild their societies, and enjoy the benefits of peace.

United Nations peace operations offer opportunities to make a difference, both in the world and in your own life. Working and living conditions in the field vary. If you serve in a peacekeeping or political mission, or in a humanitarian field operation, the country or region that you work and live in is likely to be emerging from conflict or an emergency situation where the conditions are more arduous; the infrastructure is weak and electricity and clean water are often in short supply. In addition, most peacekeeping, political or humanitarian missions are categorized as “non-family” duty stations, and therefore family members are unable to join the staff member at the relevant location.



Aviation

The Aviation Occupational Group is part of the Logistics Job Family which belongs to the Management and Operations Support Job Network. Air Transport Section oversees Aviation, which supports global peace operations with planning, coordination, monitoring and execution of all air operational activities. The UN utilizes outsourced air assets and services by operating with civilian air assets contracted under “Long Term Aircraft Charter Agreements” and military air assets provided by Troop Contributing Countries under “Letter of Assist”. Currently, Aviation operates around 230 aircraft and supports all current peace operations worldwide.



Nature of our Work

Aviation tasks typically include deploying troops/military observers and equipment during deployment, rotation, withdrawal phases and transporting UN and authorised non-UN personnel, intermission flight tasks, medical and casualty evacuations, as well as food, fuel and cargo re-supply to military contingents and UN hubs, reconnaissance, close air support, monitoring and search & rescue operations. Aviation liaises with governmental interlocutors, UN agencies, non-governmental organizations and companies contracted by the UN; and supports various VIP transportation requirements. Aviation also coordinates rehabilitation projects to revitalize aviation infrastructure, repair airfields and air traffic control facilities.



Working in the Field

United Nations peacekeeping and political missions have evolved over time to respond to different conflicts and changing political landscapes. Civilian peacekeepers work as administrators and engineers, police officers and legal experts, economists and electoral observers, specialists in civil affairs and gender, as well as experts in information technology and public information among other specialized functions. International positions have two categories, Professional and Higher and Field Service, which are distinguished by levels of responsibility as well as education and work experience requirements.



Gender

The United Nations fosters gender equality and encourages applications from suitably qualified and experienced women across the full range of career opportunities particularly in the more “non-traditional” field careers such as Aviation, Logistics or Engineering.



Education

An advanced university degree (Master’s degree or equivalent) in Air Transportation or Aviation Management, Aerospace or Aeronautical Engineering, or graduation from an equivalent military educational establishment is required for positions in the Professional and Higher Category. A first level university degree with a relevant combination of education, professional training, certification in air transport operations, and two additional years of work experience in air transport related occupation, may be accepted in lieu of the advanced university degree. A high school or equivalent diploma is required for positions in the Field Service category.

English and French are the working languages of the United Nations. All aviation positions require fluency in oral and written English. Knowledge of a second official United Nations language is an advantage.



Related Careers

There are various career opportunities related to Aviation, such as the following:

- Aviation Safety
- Movement Control
- Logistics



Helpful Links


- careers.un.org
- hr.un.org
- inspira.un.org
- point.un.org

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What are you doing for peace?

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Present
Chief Strategic Air Operations Centre, Brindisi

2007
Officer-in-Charge for Aviation, MONUC, Kinshasa

2005
Deputy Chief Aviation, MONUC, Kinshasa

2002
Chief Mission Aviation Operation Centre, MONUC, Kinshasa

1999
Chief Air Operations, MONUC, Kinshasa/MIPOHNU, Port-au-Prince

1998
Chief of Air Safety, MONUA, Luanda

1985
Air Force Academy Graduate, Bachelor's degree, Aeronautical Science, Tegucigalpa

My objective is to operate within the required safety parameters while **delivering Aviation services** for clients in a typically **high tempo environment**.



Global Workforce

Over time, the United Nations has increased its presence in locations all over the world. There are over 130 field offices, which include peacekeeping and political missions and humanitarian field operations, and they play an essential role in identifying, highlighting, and responding to emerging challenges. While the work may vary greatly, the one unifying factor is the opportunity to make a difference, both in the world and in your own life. Together with its partners, the UN is tasked with a variety of responsibilities, such as providing and coordinating humanitarian assistance; promoting and protecting human rights; promoting the wise stewardship of the global environment; assisting countries to combat the supply of illicit drugs, crime and corruption and; providing information on the Organization and its activities in the various locations in which it operates.



UN Field Careers

Before you navigate through the existing job opportunities available online, we strongly advise that you read carefully the description of each current UN operation through the links to the mission website.

Please apply for the positions that best match your expertise, qualifications, experience and aspirations. The necessary education background/training, experience and skills to perform a specific job are explained in the qualification section of each vacancy announcement.

If you are interested in working for Peacekeeping Operations, please send your resume to Outreachforpeace@un.org and write "WRUD4P" in the subject line of your email.

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Disclaimer: due to the mobile and dynamic nature of field careers, profilees may not necessarily feature in their current positions.