



IMPORTANT DATES FOR RAVEN

Application Deadline

April 30th or when all positions are filled, so apply early!

www.forces.ca



CONTACT RAVEN

If you have any questions about Raven please feel free to email us.

If you would like to promote Raven in your organization or community, we would be happy to mail you pamphlets and posters. Please email: P-ESQRAVEN@FORCES.GC.CA

If you would like to request a military representative to come to your community or organization to give a presentation about our Indigenous Summer Programs, please call 1-800-856-8488 or email:



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BASIC MILITARY QUALIFICATION (BMQ)



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Are you a Canadian that identifies as an Indigenous person? Are you looking for a challenging and rewarding opportunity over the summer months and potentially beyond? Then Raven is exactly what you're looking for!

In the summer of 2003, the Commander of Maritime Forces Pacific implemented the first Raven Program and it has since grown into so much more.

The Raven Program is one of five Indigenous Summer Programs offered by the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF). These outreach programs are designed to build bridges into Indigenous communities throughout Canada and offer the potential for part-time employment or a fulltime career with the CAF.

TRAINING

Raven is conducted at Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Esquimalt in Victoria, BC from early July to late August each year. The candidates are fully enrolled into the CAF at the beginning of the course and then begin their Raven journey with a three day Cultural Experience. Here, the candidates spend the weekend learning traditional Indigenous values and teachings, and connecting to Canada's diverse cultural history through the guidance of Indigenous teachers and Elders. This experience serves two purposes: it helps candidates understand the need for self-discipline and teamwork; and instills pride through Indigenous traditions within military service. When the candidates return, they are turned over to military instructors and commence their six week Basic Military Qualification (BMQ).

During the BMQ course, candidates learn what every new recruit requires: military knowledge, inspections, physical training, weapons handling, navigation, first aid, drill, outdoor field craft and a confidence building obstacle course. With Raven having a naval focus, we include a Day Sail onboard one of our ships where the candidates will experience life at sea. Here, we introduce sea elements such as firefighting, flood containment and damage control. Former Raven graduates have commented that this experience was their favourite day on the course!

BENEFITS

Throughout Raven you will grow and learn about yourself through dynamic training, determination and teamwork. The Raven Program brings together Indigenous peoples from all over Canada and by the end of the six weeks, great bonds amongst the recruits have been formed.

Furthermore, the following will be included in the course:

- all travel expenses to and from CFB Esquimalt
- meals and accommodations
- military clothing and equipment
- a salary of roughly \$4,200

As well, upon completion of the training, there is potential to claim the course as credits towards High School and College diplomas. There is also opportunity to continue a full-time career in the Regular Force or part-time career with the Primary Reserves.

ELIGIBILITY

By the start of course you must:

- have completed Grade 10
- be a minimum age of 16 (maximum age is 52)
- consider yourself an Indigenous person (First Nations, Métis, Inuit or non-status)
- be a Canadian citizen

Once your nearest Recruiting Center receives your application, they will work with you to determine if you qualify for the course.



HOW TO APPLY

Applications are processed until all positions are filled. The online process is laid out below however if you have any issues please get in contact with your nearest Recruiting Center through www.forces.ca and click "Talk to a recruiter" or call:

1-800-856-8488

Online Application Process:

- Go to www.forces.ca and click Apply Now
- From there click Start Application Now
- You will need to register for a GCKey to access the application. Choose Continue to GCKey and click Sign Up. Once you've registered for a GCKey you can begin the application process.

The nearest Canadian Forces Recruiting Center will get in touch once your online application has been submitted. It takes about 20-30 minutes to complete this online application. The sooner you submit the online form, the greater chance you will have of joining Raven for an incredible summer.

