

▶ COMPLETING CYBER TRAINING

Cyber security is really important because smartphones, tablets, computers and the internet are now such an important part of modern life, that it's difficult to imagine how we would function without them. From social media and gaming to online shopping and email, it's more important than ever to take steps that can prevent cyber criminals getting hold of your details or targeting you.

The Cyber syllabus allows you to gradually increase your computer skills and Cyber knowledge through Bronze, Silver and Gold levels.

Some of the modules are online e-learning packages that you can access at home or through a virtual parade and others will need to be delivered more formally as part of face to face activity.

BEFORE YOU START

- ✓ Ensure you have watched the **Introduction to Cyber Security** video that is included in the **Blue Level Basic Radio Operator and Cyber Awareness Course**. This looks at online footprints, texting, sexting and cyber bullying.
- ✓ Check you meet the age requirements for the external courses provided by the Open University, iDEA Award and CyberFirst.

CYBER FOUNDATION

For Cadets aged 13+

- First, complete the Bronze iDEA award. Find out how to do this by looking at How To Guide #6.
- Then complete either one of the following:
 1. **RAFAC Bronze Cyber** course.
 2. **CyberFirst Adventurers** course.
- Both of these courses are delivered by an instructor.
- Once you have completed the courses you will be awarded your **Bronze RAFAC Cyber** badge.

CYBER SPECIALIST

For cadets aged 14+

There are 2 ways to earn your **Silver RAFAC Cyber** badge:

1. Complete the **CyberFirst Defenders** Course. This course is either a 5-day residential course or an online course completed over 10 half-days. Once completed you will be awarded your Silver RAFAC Cyber badge.
 2. Complete the **Silver iDEA Award** and **The Open University OpenLearn Introduction to Cyber Security; Stay Safe Online** course. More information on Silver iDEA is in How To Guide #6.
- Once the silver iDEA and OU Cyber Security courses have been completed, save a copy of the certificates generated and send them to a squadron staff member. You will be awarded your Silver RAFAC Cyber badge.

ADVANCED CYBER SPECIALIST

For cadets aged 16+

There are 2 ways to earn your **Gold RAFAC Cyber** badge:

1. Complete the **CyberFirst Advanced** Course.
 2. Complete one of the RAFAC 5-day residential courses that are usually held at RAF Cosford in August. This is the same course that is delivered to RAF Cyber trainees. There are usually 3 courses per year for 14 cadets per course who must be over 16 years old.
- The selection process is undertaken between February and May each year.
 - Once the course has been completed, a certificate and Gold RAFAC Cyber badge will be presented at a graduation ceremony held on the last day of the course.