



# AVIATION SECURITY

There are lots of important jobs at an airport but the most important job might possibly be Airport Security Agent.

Anyone who has passed through an airport at peak times knows how busy and hectic security can be. Airport Security Agents check you and screen your hand luggage before you board

an aircraft. But that is not all they do. Airport Security Agents are responsible for the overall safety of the entire airport site. Airports are divided into two areas: Landside and Airside.

Airside is a Restricted Zone and nothing must pass into this area without rigorous security checks. Airport Security Agents make sure that everything and everyone that moves from Landside to Airside has security clearance. This includes freight, passengers' luggage, passengers and every member of staff who works Airside.

The role involves searching and safeguarding the entire airport site; terminal buildings, airfield, aircraft and

cargo. Agents patrol the airport on foot or in a vehicle to check for any breaches in security or to spot any potential risks. East Midlands Airport is the UK's largest freight airport so this is a huge and vital job.

The role is 24/7, 365 days a year. The role never has a day off, but Airport Security Agents will work shifts. They can work all over the airport site, indoors or outdoors and in all weathers.

When asked what they enjoy about their work, people tend to say that no two days are the same. This is particularly true in Airport Security.

## TO WORK IN AVIATION SECURITY

### You'll be

A good team worker. Team work is key in this role.

### You'll have

Great communication skills, both written and spoken.

Great customer service skills.

You will have to be able to deal with customers with skill and confidence, but you'll also have to be confident enough to challenge people too. You will be dealing with people from all over the world from different cultures and backgrounds, so you will also be sensitive.

Great observation skills. It is your job to spot anything that may be out of the ordinary.

The ability to understand and follow procedures to the letter.

Resilience. This can be a pressured environment.

### You'll need

Aviation Security is a popular area and there's a lot of competition.

This is one of the areas where, for most roles at entry level, no formal qualifications are required.

- You will need a good level of literacy and numeracy.
- Normal colour vision.
- You'll live near the airport

and have a full clean driver's licence.

- You will also have some experience of security or similar work.

It is important to remember that Aviation Security is a highly sensitive area and you will undergo rigorous pre and post-employment screening and high-level security checks. At the time of application, you must disclose any criminal convictions.

### You'll earn

To begin with you will earn around £12,000 per year.