

<b>Job Title:</b>	Automotive Mechanic	<b>PP-SRS-GRD:</b>	W-5823-06
<b>Location:</b>	RAF Lakenheath	<b>Vacancy Number</b>	622248
<b>Open Date:</b>	4 December 2024	<b>Close Date</b>	Open Until Filled
<b>Work Hour Per Week</b>	39 hours	<b>Salary (Per Hour)</b>	£14.55-£15.95

**Automotive Mechanic** – If you are a dedicated and skilled **Mechanic** with a passion for excellence, we invite you to join our team at the United States Air Force, **48<sup>th</sup> Force Support Squadron, RAF Lakenheath**

We are looking for someone with knowledge and experience in working in a variety of vehicles as a mechanic as well as have the experience in conducting MOT's.

#### **Why RAF Lakenheath:**

Located in the heart of Suffolk, RAF Lakenheath is home to the 48<sup>th</sup> Force Support Squadron. This base is pivotal in maintaining international security and fostering strong alliances between the US and UK. Our team is dedicated to excellence, innovation, and the highest standards of operational readiness.

#### **Fantastic company benefits include:**

- **Competitive salary:** the starting salary for this position is **£14.55 per hour**
- **Holiday:** 25 days Annual Leave + UK Bank Holidays
- **Paid Sick Leave**
- **Pension Scheme**
- **Free On-Site Parking**
- **Employee extras such as:** Life Assurance scheme, Employee Assistance Programme, Specialised Training, Development Opportunities, Fitness Facilities, Receive time off, cash, and honorary awards for significant contributions

#### **About the role:**

You will be responsible for maintaining, repairing, and/or overhaul complex major components and systems. You will be expected to perform as Class IV MOT Vehicle Inspector performing inspections of customer and government vehicles in accordance with the Vehicle Inspectorates laid down procedures. You will troubleshoot defects and diagnose malfunctions using inspection reports, diagnostic computer printouts, visual inspection, and auditory tests and test equipment to determine the kind and extent of maintenance and/or repairs needed. You will provide instruction and assistance to patrons in all phases of automotive repairs including making repairs to major assemblies. In this position you will determine type and quantity of merchandise to be stocked in the retail outlet, sells items to customers, and provides cost estimates. You will also perform as Vehicle Recovery Truck Operator performing emergency road service, using assigned truck and towing equipment. You will perform other related duties as assigned. **A pre-employment physical will be required** for this position, this will be completed at RAF Lakenheath. The work will require the employee to drive a motor vehicle, a valid **CAT B** driving license is required. Your hours of work will be **39 hours per week on an as rostered schedule (this will be working any 5 days out of 7)** where start & end times may be modified due to mission needs and in accordance with the organization's flexible working policies.

For specific qualification requirements for this position, you can visit: [Federal Wage System Qualifications](#)

**About you:**

You will show knowledge of techniques for rebuilding and overhauling a variety of components, accessories, and systems such as engines, transmissions, differentials, compressors, etc, as well as have knowledge of the repair of hydraulic lifting, loading, turning, and positioning systems including their mechanical, hydraulic, electrical, and electronic controls. You will show thorough knowledge of the makeup, operation, and installation of complex major systems and assemblies to troubleshoot and repair a variety of systems or to rebuild one or more systems. You will have skill in the use of basic tools and equipment both standard and metric, as well as skill in the use of a wide variety of specialized tools and test equipment. Show basic understanding of electricity and hydraulics to make adjustments and settings, such as setting points, timing the engine according to established specifications, and adjusting brakes and power steering mechanisms. Independently, you will perform MOT inspections, documents required repairs, inspects completed repairs and signs documentation. Make determinations that are described in available DVSA directives. You will have thorough understanding of on-board computer diagnostic systems and other test equipment. You will have ability in: to operate and diagnose the results from the equipment, gauges, and meters; ability to interpret and apply manufacturers' repair manuals and technical specifications, schematics, engineering drawings, diagnostic codes, computer printouts, environmental and safety manuals, etc; ability to assist and instruct others and maintain good customer relations; ability to determine how far major components should be torn down, what parts and mechanisms can be reworked and refitted or should be replaced with new parts, and the type and extent of adjustment and alignment required; Ability to account for money and inventory in a retail environment.

**Qualification requirements:**

- NII (National Institute of Inspection) **Level 2 MOT Testing Award** together with an IMI, City & Guilds, BTEC or other in **Level 3** Diploma in Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair, Automotive, Maintenance and Repair or others.
- **CAT B License**

**Certificates must be submitted for your application to be valid.**

**Other significant facts about the role:**

You will be required to handle and safeguard sensitive information in accordance with applicable US and UK laws, rules and regulations. You may be required to travel by military and/or civilian aircraft, and you may also be required to travel to the US or other country, in the performance of official duties or attend necessary training, this position may also be coded as mission essential. You will be required to complete a **6-month** probationary period. Overtime may be required, and you may be assigned other duties not included in this position description, but that are appropriate to the grade and skill set of the incumbent. Must be able to communicate effectively both orally and in writing. You must meet all certification requirements of the position. You will be the current Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) Nominated Tester. You may be required to guide and/or train lower graded employees. The LNDH Program does not participate in regular drug testing, however positions covered by this document may be subject to drug testing upon reasonable suspicion of substance abuse, and safety mishap or accident testing.

All successful applicants will require a security clearance and a right to work in the UK.

This position may have certain restrictions to US citizens including US dual nationals due to the Status of Forces Agreement. For additional information contact the LNDH team on 01638 544955.

[Application for Local National Direct Hire \(LNDH\) - Employment with United States Air Force \(apps.mil\)](#)

Supporting Documents to be submitted via email to [100fss.fsmc6@us.af.mil](mailto:100fss.fsmc6@us.af.mil)

**\*\* Several vacancies may be available - multiple selections can be made from this announcement \*\***