

## Corporal Dan Hunt ICTTech TMIET

I work within the maintenance section of the RAF's No 1 Radio School at DCCIS Cosford, and am proud to be the very first individual to have received ICTTech.

In my current role I install and maintain radio navigation aids, radar systems, network infrastructures and work on all other aspects of ICT.

ICTTech is important to me because when I retire in 11 years time and start a career in the public sector I will have a recognised professional qualification. Together with my service grounding this will really help when I'm looking for employment. It truly reinforces my experience and is a shining light that employers can see and be sure that I really know my stuff.

The RAF has a streamlined application for ICTTech and I'm spreading the word. By virtue of the standard of our training, we essentially qualify straight away. Because of the pre-requisite training we've already 'ticked the boxes', so it's simply a case of quickly looking over it. I'm eager to get the guys I work with signing up as it's great for their careers, especially those who plan to move into the public sector when they leave.

I joined the Air Force as soon as I left school at 18 and at that time IT wasn't a big part of the RAF. I started as an electronics technician, and basic training allowed me to earn a City and Guilds in Electronic Engineering. Further training then raised that to ONC level. As I move around in my role I've learned how to use and maintain an extensive amount of equipment, and have had the opportunity to train with outside organisations. I've also been able to gain extra qualifications on top of those provided by the RAF and have completed the Cisco Certified Network Associate Routing and Switching (CCNA) qualification.

The next step in my career was professional registration as ICTTech, which fits my role and goals perfectly. I now plan to stay 'hands on' in the RAF rather than taking the commissioning route and having achieved ICTTech I'm about to embark on a BSc with the Open University. Following this I plan to work towards IEng and eventually CEng status, for which ICTTech is the perfect starting point.

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