

Flight Attendant

Hired and trained by the airline in weeks. You are there for safety first and service second.

TYPICAL PAY

\$65,000

a year, full time

PAY RANGE

\$47k to \$125k

starting to experienced

TIME TO QUALIFY

up to 1 year

after high school

DEMAND

Moderate

job outlook

LICENCE NEEDED

No

anyone can do it

WHERE YOU WORK

Aircraft cabins, airports, hotels on layover

How you get there

- 1 Finish high school** Grade 12
 That, plus experience dealing with the public, is what airlines actually ask for.
- 2 Apply to an airline** 1 to 6 months
 Online application, a recorded video interview, then a group assessment day. Airlines hire in waves, mostly ahead of summer.
- 3 Pass the checks** Weeks
 Criminal record check, airport security clearance, a valid passport, and usually a swim test and a reach test.
- 4 Initial training** About 2 months
 Roughly 5 to 8 weeks at the airline's base, mostly safety: evacuations, fires, first aid, decompression and ditching. You must pass every exam.
- 5 Fly as junior crew** Ongoing
 You start on reserve, on call, with the routes nobody senior wanted. Seniority decides everything after that.

Pros and cons

- + Working within a year of high school with no tuition
- + Free and cheap travel for you and family
- + Days off in blocks between trips
- Junior years mean reserve, on call and thin hours
- Christmas, birthdays and weekends are work days
- Difficult passengers and long days on your feet

Optional boosts

A second language qualification. Purser or in-charge qualification. Training and safety instructor. Corporate and private jets.

Good to know

The job is a safety job

Transport Canada approves each airline's flight attendant training against a national standard, and most of that course is evacuations, fires, first aid and decompression. Service is taught on top of it.

Nearly everyone gets benefits

Job Bank reports that about 99% of Canadian flight attendants receive at least one non-wage benefit such as a pension, insurance or paid leave. That is one of the highest rates of any job on this site.

Where these numbers come from

Job Bank: Flight Attendant in Canada, wages (updated Nov 2025)

Job Bank: Flight Attendant, job requirements

Transport Canada: Requirements for training flight attendants

Numbers checked September 2026. Pay figures are typical full-time annual amounts in Canadian dollars, based on Government of Canada Job Bank wage data and published salary grids. They vary by province, employer and experience. Tuition is for domestic students. Sources, links and the click-through version: <https://career.help/ca/careers/flight-attendant>



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