

RCMP Officer

Join the RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police): 26 paid weeks at Depot in Regina, then a posting anywhere in Canada.

TYPICAL PAY

\$104,000

a year, full time

PAY RANGE

\$67k to \$133k

starting to experienced

TIME TO QUALIFY

1 to 2 years

after high school

DEMAND

Good

job outlook

LICENCE NEEDED

Yes

regulated job

WHERE YOU WORK

**Detachments across Canada,
federal policing units, airports, bo...**

How you get there

- 1 High school diploma** Grade 12
 A Canadian secondary school diploma or equivalent.
- 2 Meet the basics** Before applying
 Canadian citizen or permanent resident with 3 of the last 5 years in Canada; 18 to apply, 19 to be hired; unrestricted driver's licence; proficient in English or French; no serious criminal record; willing to move anywhere and work shifts.
- 3 Selection** 6 to 18 months
 Online application, entrance assessment, fitness test (PARE, the Physical Abilities Requirement Evaluation) and attribute interview, forms, suitability interview, psychological and medical assessments, then a field investigation and security clearance.
- 4 Depot** 26 weeks
 26 weeks living on base in Regina, Saskatchewan: law, driving, firearms, defensive tactics, scenarios and fitness. Paid \$1,000 a week.
- 5 Field coaching** 6 months
 Posted to a detachment and paired with a field coach for the first months.

Pros and cons

- + Six figures within 3 years, no degree
- + Paid training and a national pension
- + See the whole country
- You do not choose where you live
- Rural detachments are isolated and short-staffed
- Shift work, trauma and public scrutiny

Good to know

Every Mountie starts in Regina

Depot Division has trained recruits in Regina, Saskatchewan since 1885. Cadets live on base for 26 weeks, train in troops of about 32, and graduate with the same parade traditions as generations before them.

Eight provinces rent their police

Ontario and Quebec have their own provincial forces. Everywhere else, the RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) polices under contracts with the provinces and territories, which is why a Mountie can be you...

Optional boosts

Federal policing. Emergency Response Team. Major crimes and forensic identification. Musical Ride.

Where these numbers come from

Job Bank: RCMP officers, wages (updated Nov 2025)

RCMP: Basic requirements to be a police officer

RCMP: Pay and benefits

RCMP: Application process

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/rcmp-officer>



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