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Tell us a bit about your current role?

I assess the safety of flights entering or departing the UK by inspecting various aspects of the aircraft, the crew and flight preparation – both operational and maintenance.

What is the most rewarding aspect of your role?

Having a direct input to the safety of airline passengers and the general public and enhancing Flight Crew awareness.

How did you get into this role, can you tell us about your career history, training and qualifications?

I studied at the Professional Pilot Study Centre in Bournemouth to attain my Airline Transport Pilot License (ATPL) while I was instructing and examining elsewhere as a Commercial Pilot (CPL). I moved from that to become a Line Training Captain for a Corporate Airline, after which I joined the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) as an Ramp Safety Inspector.

What advice would you give to someone looking to progress and develop in this area of aviation?

If you love aviation, then you will find numerous careers of interest. You can start small and achieve your developmental progress while working in an exciting and changeable industry. Our inspectors are experienced Pilots &/or Engineers.

How can a young person get involved in a career in a STEM or aviation subject?

Check with local schools, Air cadets, and your local airport or airfield. Monitor aviation websites for job fairs.



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