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Dear Mr Price,

Thank you for your correspondence of 3 October and 14 October 2012 about the use of trade groups in the Royal Air Force. I have been asked to reply.

You are correct in recalling numerical classifications being used to identify different trade groups in the RAF. As you suggested, trade group 18 was previously designated as *supplier*, although this group is now known as *Logistics (Support)*. *Airframe fitters* were previously classified as Trade Group 1, although this trade group now encompasses Aircraft Maintenance Mechanics (Avionics) (Civilian Qualified or Unqualified), Aircraft Maintenance Mechanics (Mechanical) (Civilian Qualified or Unqualified) and Weapon Technicians (Civilian Qualified or Unqualified).

You might be interested to see the most up to date list of trade groups within the RAF, which are set out below.



I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Wale

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Trade	Trade Group Number
<u>Aerospace Systems Operator - ASOp</u>	12
<u>Air Cartographer</u>	14
<u>Aircraft Maintenance Mechanic (Avionics) - AMM (Av) CQ</u>	1
<u>Aircraft Maintenance Mechanic (Avionics) - AMM (Av) UQ</u>	1
<u>Aircraft Maintenance Mechanic (Mechanical) - AMM (M) CQ</u>	1
<u>Aircraft Maintenance Mechanic (Mechanical) - AMM (M) UQ</u>	1
<u>Biomedical Scientist</u>	15
<u>Dental Hygienist</u>	16
<u>Dental Technician</u>	16
<u>Dental Nurse</u>	16
<u>Environmental Health Technician</u>	15
<u>Firefighter</u>	8
<u>Flight Operations Assistant</u>	9
<u>General Technician (Mechanical)(CQ)</u>	5
<u>General Technician (Mechanical)(UQ)</u>	5
<u>General Technician (Electrical)(CQ)</u>	5
<u>General Technician (Electrical)(UQ)</u>	5
<u>General Technician Workshops(CQ)</u>	5
<u>General Technician Workshops(UQ)</u>	5
<u>Gunner (male only)</u>	8
<u>Information and Communication Technician Aerial Erector</u>	4
<u>Information and Communication Technology Technician (CQ)</u>	4
<u>Information and Communication Technology Technician (UQ)</u>	4
<u>Intelligence Analyst (Voice)</u>	11
<u>Intelligence Analyst</u>	11
<u>Logistics Caterer CQ</u>	19
<u>Logistics Caterer UQ</u>	19
<u>Logistics Chef CQ</u>	19
<u>Logistics Chef UQ</u>	19
<u>Logistics Driver</u>	6
<u>Logistics Mover</u>	18
<u>Logistics Supplier</u>	18
<u>Musician</u>	21
<u>Operating Department Practitioner</u>	15



<u>Personnel Support</u>	17
<u>Pharmacy Technician</u>	15
<u>Photographer</u>	14
<u>Physical Training Instructor</u>	10
<u>Radiographer</u>	15
<u>RAF Medic</u>	15
<u>RAF Police</u>	8
<u>Registered Nurse (Adult)</u>	15
<u>Registered Nurse (Mental Health)</u>	15
<u>Student Nurse (Adult)</u>	15
<u>Survival Equipment Fitter</u>	13
<u>Weapon Technician -CQ</u>	1
<u>Weapon Technician - UQ</u>	1

