


RAF Cosford/DCAE Cosford – Units over the Years

	<p>Main units (continued): -</p> <p>No 9 Maintenance Unit (15 Mar 1939 - 22 Jun 1956)</p> <p>HQ, No 20 Wing (1940)</p> <p>No 1416 Flt (26 May - 27 Jun 1940)</p> <p>No 5 Aircraft Storage Unit (xxx - 15 Mar 1938)</p>
<p>Location</p> <p>County: - Shropshire</p> <p>8 miles NW of Wolverhampton</p> <p>Lat/Long: 52:38:30N 02:18:15W</p> <p>Grid Ref: SJ792046</p> <p>Height above sea level: 260ft</p>	<p>No 12 Ferry Pilots Pool ATA (Jul 1941 - 1945)</p> <p>No 804 (Ground Defence) Sqn (19 Dec 1941 - 1 Feb 1942)</p> <p>No 2804 Sqn RAF Regiment (1 Feb - xxx 1942)</p> <p>Glider Test And Ferry Flt (No 9 MU) (14 Oct 1942 - Aug 1945)</p>
<p>Operational Control: -</p> <p>Opened - 1938</p> <p>No 24 Group (1944)</p> <p>Personnel & Training Command (2005)</p> <p>Renamed - 1 Apr 2004</p>	<p>No 15 Radio School (26 Jul 1944 - 31Jan 1946)</p> <p>No 42 Gliding School (</p> <p>Officer Cadet Training Unit (May 1956 - Jun 1948)</p> <p>No 58 Maintenance Unit (xxx 1950 - Dec</p>

<p>Notes</p> <p>On 1 Apr 2004, the station became the Defence College of Aeronautical Engineering and RAF Cosford ceased to exist</p>	<p>1952)</p> <p>No 5 Initial Training School (6 Oct 1951 - 5 Jul 1952)</p> <p>No 633 Volunteer Gliding School (1 Sep 1955 - Current)</p>
<p>Main units: -</p> <p>No 2 School of Technical Training (15 Jul 1938 - 24 Nov 1994)</p>	<p>No 236 Maintenance Unit (19 Mar 1956 - 29 Apr 1966)</p> <p>No 8 AEF (Oct 1958 - 1 Feb 1960, 1978 - 1979, 1 Apr 1996 - Current)</p> <p>School of Photography (26 Aug 1964 - 1 Apr 1972)</p> <p>Joint School of Photography (1 Apr 1972 - Current)</p> <p>University of Birmingham Air Sqn (Mar 1978 - Current)</p> <p>No 1 School of Technical Training (24 Nov 1994 - Current)</p> <p>Defence College of Aeronautical Engineering (1 Apr 2004 - Current)</p>
<p>Links to related sites/pages</p> <p>Station Website, Officers Commanding,</p>	

Today Cosford is probably best known as the home of the RAF Museum, Cosford, which acts as a second centre for displaying the RAF's heritage as well as providing restoration and conservation facilities to the RAF Museum's collections. It originally opened in August 1938 as No 2 School of Technical Training to cope with the increased demands of an expanding air force. No 9 Maintenance Unit moved in on 15 March 1939 and remained for 20 years, being replaced by No 236 MU in 1959, which disbanded in 1966.

Cosford never housed any operational units during World War Two, but the MU prepared large numbers of Spitfires, Wellingtons and later various gliders (Horsa and Hadrian) for issue to RAF squadrons. To deliver these aircraft No 12 Ferry Pilots' Pool of the Air Transport Auxiliary formed here in July 1941. A RAF Hospital is also located at Cosford and in 1994 No 1 School of Technical Training moved to Cosford from its traditional home at Halton. On 1 April 2004, Cosford became the home of the Defence College of Aeronautical Engineering and the station was renamed DCAE Cosford.