

Aircraft deicing agent

Aircraft deicing agents perform a specialised ground-service function within an employer's trained team. The role is separate from clearing snow from airport roads or runways. It is not learned safely from a career guide: aircraft-specific procedures, equipment training and assessed competence must come from the authorised organisation.

What the role does

- Carry out assigned aircraft de/anti-icing work after relevant training.
- Maintain service records and communicate with the team.
- Report equipment and environmental concerns through approved arrangements.

Where the work happens

Outdoor aircraft-servicing areas in winter conditions; seasonal or permanent contracts depend on the employer.

Employer example

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Category	What this employer states
Essential in this source	High-school diploma or equivalent; valid Class 5 driving licence. Communication, attention to detail, safe working and ability to work in prolonged winter conditions.
Desirable in this source	Ground-operations/vehicle training, airport/deicing experience, fluid/equipment familiarity and Class 1 or 3 licence.
Other stated conditions	Permanent or seasonal full-time; shifts and required PPE. Seasonal contract ends 30 April, but the year is not specified.

Quebec employer example. No posting or closure date is displayed; the date-like URL is not treated as a publication date.

PREPARE AND VERIFY

Separate requirements from preparation

Canada: training within the operator's ground-icing programme: Transport Canada describes initial and recurrent training/testing tied to the organisation and operator programme. Contractor training must meet the operator's criteria. A generic course alone does not establish permission to service a particular aircraft. The employer's driving preference is separate from task competence. [O057-TC]

Still to verify: One fully verified employer example. Swissport returned 403; Menzies returned an empty ATS template; neither is counted. Exact airport-driving/access conditions require local confirmation.

Explore a realistic entry route

- Compare the exact function before applying: aircraft treatment, fluid recovery, vehicle maintenance and airfield snow clearance are not interchangeable jobs. Ask which tasks a new recruit performs during training and what is prohibited until assessment. Do not infer competence from a broad "winter operations" title.
- Create a prerequisites list from a current local advertisement, with separate columns for credentials already required, training provided after selection and conditions still unclear. Check seasonal dates, transport to unusual shifts and equipment categories. Ask how previous training is recognised rather than buying a certificate on an assumed promise of employment.

- Build evidence of following controlled instructions, recording accurately and speaking up when information is unclear in ordinary work or study. Explain your actual contribution and supervision. Do not practise aircraft treatment, radio communication, fluid handling or vehicle manoeuvres outside an authorised training environment.

Build evidence of your skills

- Design a fictional training-record tracker with topic, instructor, assessment date, scope and renewal-review field. Use invented names and no claimed qualifications. Show why attendance and demonstrated competence belong in different columns.
- Write a short example of noticing an inconsistency in a routine workplace checklist. Explain how you paused, checked with the responsible person and recorded the resolution; do not invent an aviation incident or disclose employer procedures.

Prepare for an interview

Reflection prompts only, not questions claimed to be used by an employer.

- Preparation prompt: how would you respond when a deadline conflicts with an instruction you do not understand? Use a genuine experience showing clarification and respect for your limits, not improvised deicing technique.
- Ask about supervised induction, recurrent assessment, weather-related scheduling and how the organisation separates equipment operation from inspection or coordination responsibilities. Confirm who decides when you are authorised for each task.

Investigate possible next roles

After appropriate experience, investigate team coordination, training support or equipment/environmental specialisms. Each may require separate competence and selection; seasonal service does not guarantee progression.

Sources and scope

[\[E057-YHU\] YHU Terminal Deicing Agent - YHU Terminal](#)

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[\[O057-TC\] Transport Canada Guidelines for Aircraft Ground Icing Operations - TP 14052](#)

Sections 2.2.4 and 3.3.2.1: organisation-specific training and testing for ground-icing responsibilities. Guidance describing the Canadian ground-icing-program framework; not a worldwide personal licence or standalone training course. Checked 2026-10-27.

Educational requirements guide, not operational instruction or an employment guarantee. Verify current requirements with the relevant authority and employer. Conditions belong to the named employer, post and jurisdiction. They are not worldwide eligibility rules; check the current advertisement and local authority before making training or application decisions. No fluid selection, mixture, holdover time, spray technique, aircraft inspection method or operational communication is taught. No job guarantee.