

Renee: The Allergic Member of the RCMP

Meet Renee. She has wanted to ride a horse on patrol with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for her *entire* life! It's all she's ever wanted to do. But, she has a problem. She just discovered that she's allergic to horses! How will she ever join the Royal Canadian Mounted Police now?

What Renee is about to discover is that there are lots of ways you can be a part of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) without being a policewoman on horseback. Did you know that the RCMP has an entire category of jobs for people they need who aren't police officers? They need these people to do all sorts of things, including very important jobs that keep the police officers and the public safe.

Here are just some of the many ways you can work for the RCMP without becoming a police officer:

- ❖ Pilot
- ❖ Aircraft maintenance engineer
- ❖ Avionics technician
- ❖ Flight coordinator
- ❖ Purchaser
- ❖ Quality assurance
- ❖ Technical records management
- ❖ Deliver and distribute criminal intelligence information to law enforcement, to the public, and to other countries as needed.
- ❖ Keep the police officers safe by researching, developing, testing, and improving the designs of armor, vehicles, and other equipment.
- ❖ Inspecting the equipment police officers use
- ❖ Crime scene forensic work
- ❖ Organizing and maintaining fingerprint identification and other criminal records. The information must be accurate and easy to access when someone needs it.
- ❖ Design training manuals
- ❖ Research what programs are working and what programs need improving
- ❖ Create and maintain computer hardware and software
- ❖ Dispatchers to answer calls for help

Choose the job above that most interests you. Write two to three paragraphs on what your job would require, what your duties might be, and what skills you would have to learn to qualify for that job. The home page for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca>, can help you out.