



← CF-104 Starfighter over Hohenzollern Castle, Germany.

Forces pilots are employed in three categories – 39 per cent as combat jet pilots; 25 per cent on multi-engine transport aircraft and 36 per cent as helicopter pilots.

Reduction of expenditures

Current cost of training a CF-104 pilot is \$296,000, which will be reduced by \$13,000. CF-101 pilots now trained at a cost of \$315,000, will be trained under the new system at a savings of \$132,000 for each pilot. There is no saving in the cost of training a CF-5 pilot. However, \$147,000 will be cut from the cost of training a multi-engine transport pilot, now estimated at \$282,000. The biggest saving, \$162,500,

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Pilot training program expanded

Defence Minister James Richardson has announced that pilot training in the Canadian Forces is to be increased and changed next year to accommodate new requirements in the armed services.

The plan is to turn out more pilots at a lower individual cost by directing student pilots into specialized fields at an earlier stage.

Under the revised program, the CF-5 aircraft will replace the aging T-33 advanced trainer, and more use will be made of the basic jet trainer, the Canadair CL-41 *Tutor*.

The Forces, which need about 2,000 pilots to carry out their various roles, currently train about 130 pilots a year. Under the new program this will be increased to 200.



CF-101 Voodoo. ↑

will be realized in the training of helicopter pilots. The present figure of \$351,500 each will be reduced to \$189,000.

The new system calls for pilot selection and primary training to continue on the *Musketeer*, a single engine, low-wing monoplane, at Canadian Forces Base Portage la Prairie, Manitoba.

The undergraduate pilots then go to CFB Moose Jaw for training on *Tutors*, after which they are awarded their wings.

The T-33 *Silver Star*, which has been in service for 22 years as an advanced flying trainer, will now be taken out of service.

Under the new plan the Forces will use 95 *Tutors*, an increase of 25, and 26 CF-5s.

← Basic trainer, the *Musketeer*.

