



**Did You Know** that B.C. has one of the largest aerospace sectors in Canada? The Central Okanagan is home to a well-established aerospace industry with companies offering maintenance, repair, avionics, and more.

From aircraft maintenance and engineering to cargo delivery, high-tech flight tracking and aviation communications, the Central Okanagan plays an important role in Canada's aerospace sector, the third-largest in the world.

When it comes to finding local talent, our aerospace companies can rely on a direct pipeline of graduates, including graduating students from Okanagan College's Aircraft Maintenance Engineering program.

Focusing on industry leadership in avionics, pilot training, fixed-wing and rotary aircraft manufacturing and maintenance, as well as innovative research through UBCO's Composite Research Network, the region is set for an upwards trajectory.

### Industry Highlights

<b>200</b>	companies in BC
<b>9,300+</b>	direct and up to 20,000 indirect jobs at the provincial level
<b>\$2.4B</b>	in annual revenue provincially (\$1.3B Direct GDP)
<b>18%</b>	of B.C.'s aerospace companies are in the Central Okanagan

### Competitive Advantage

YLW houses KF Aerospace, Canada's largest commercial Maintenance Repair and Overhaul Operation

Okanagan College is working with industry to train the next generation of skilled technicians

UBCO's research in advanced materials manufacturing and defense technology

### Success Stories

[Aerospace in the Central Okanagan](#)

[AEM](#): A local helicopter avionics firm leads the way

[SKYTRAC](#): A global leader in satellite communications

[KF Aerospace](#): Canada's largest privately held aerospace company

