



Major General Christian OPPLIGER

Commander of the Swiss Air Force

Academic
qualifications

MAS in Electrical Engineering,
Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL)
Professional military pilot

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Current function

Major General Oppliger is commander of the Swiss Air Force. His responsibilities include the basic and operational readiness and the training and deployment of the Swiss Air Force. He reports directly to the Chief of Joint Operations Command.

He is in command of the Air Force Brigade, the Ground-based Air Defence Brigade, the Air Operations Centre, the Aeromedical Centre and the Space Command.

Major General Oppliger is responsible for the Air operations domain and the capability-based development of the Air Force. He supports capability development in the Space operations domain.

Career

1997	Captain, professional military pilot, Air Force fighter squadron
2006	Major GS, Air Force fighter squadron
2007	Major GS, Deputy Commander of an Air Force wing
2008	Lieutenant Colonel GS, Commander of an Air Force wing
2018	Colonel GS, Air Force Division Staff
2022	Colonel GS, Chief of the Air Operations Centre
2024	Brigadier General, Deputy Commander of the Air Force
2025	Major General, Commander of the Air Force

Functions

1993	Entry into the Professional Aviator Corps
2005	Operational flight test pilot, Operational Testing and Evaluations
2009	Chief of Operational Testing and Evaluations
2018	Chief of Air Force Planning, Projects, Operational Test & Evaluation
2021	Project manager Air Force, New Fighter Aircraft, and Chief of F-35A Introduction