



A CAREER IN THE DEFENCE FORCES

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Why Guidance Councillors should recommend a career in the Defence Forces:

1. People who join the DF can advance their education through a number of streams within the DF; by doing Degrees and Masters with outside colleges through the DF.
2. They can use the DF as a spring board to gain work experience and then move onto other employment.
3. Anyone thinking of moving abroad could join the DF for a few years, complete an overseas tour of duty, and save money which could give them the finances to enjoy a new life in a different country.
4. Not only do we train recruits and cadets, the DF also train plumbers, carpenters, electricians, air traffic controllers, chefs and many more.

I look forward from hearing back from you and your thoughts about this message. Your help and advice in this matter would be very much appreciated as you are the experts in this field.

Kind Regards,

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There are three distinct services – Army / Air Corp / Naval Service

- ▶ Army is the largest – responsible for land operations
- ▶ Maritime component – Air Corp - all 3 working in co-operation.
- ▶ Recruits and Cadets – Recruit training - fit disciplined and motivated –
- ▶ Cadets are trainee officers – leaders and decision makers
- ▶ Naval Divers – long hours / long days / absence from home
- ▶ Air Corps – Apprentice Aircraft Tech / Cadets
- ▶ Reserve Defence Force – part time voluntary force - the experience of military life on a part-time basis – fits with your lifestyle, interests and skills

CAREERS IN THE DEFENCE FORCES:

Army:

The army organises and trains ground forces and air defence units.

The largest component of the Defence Forces, the Army constantly strives to recruit the best personnel. There are two entry levels for joining the Army i.e. as a Cadet or as a Recruit. Each approach offers a different career path and differing challenges

Navy:

Naval Services educates and trains its recruits for maritime challenges in the 21st Century.

The Naval Service offers an exciting, challenging, dynamic and rewarding career, exposing young people with numerous opportunities for personal development and work advancement. Young people are offered training and education throughout their career that is accredited and recognised across the society it serves, thereby delivering even better citizens.

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Air Corps:

The Air Corps organises and trains airborne command and control units.

The air component of the Óglaigh na hÉireann, the Air Corps constantly strives to recruit the best personnel. There are two entry levels for joining the Air Corps i.e. as a Cadet or as an Apprentice. Each approach offers a different career path and differing challenges.

Reserve Defence Forces:

The Reserves are comprised of both army reserves and the naval services reserves.

The restructured Reserve Defence Force RDF (na hÓglaigh Cúltaca) has undergone a reorganisation in tandem with the Permanent Defence Force as part of the “Single Force” concept.

IRISH DEFENCE FORCES:

www.military.ie

The above site is fantastic and offers interested individuals a wealth of information.

www.careersportal.ie

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