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Officers are the leaders of the New Zealand Army. They are the managers and strategists. Their decision making skills and problem-solving abilities enable them to plan and execute tasks in wide-ranging conditions. It is their job to earn trust and respect, and to display the strength of character to inspire their soldiers in potentially difficult situations.

After completing Officer training, you will join a corps, specialising in combat, engineering, intelligence, communications or logistics.

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#### What does an Army Officer do?

Army Officers are enlisted personnel in the land-based branch of the New Zealand Defence Force, the NZ Army. They specialise in a specific role, such as engineering officer or intelligence officer, and their role is to train, motivate and lead soldiers under their command.

#### Personal Requirements?

- Disciplined and organised
- Confident
- Careful and accurate, with an eye for detail
- Efficient and able to work well under pressure
- Able to manage and lead people
- Able to solve problems and make decisions
- Good at communicating

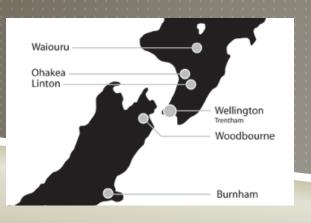




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#### Entry requirements:

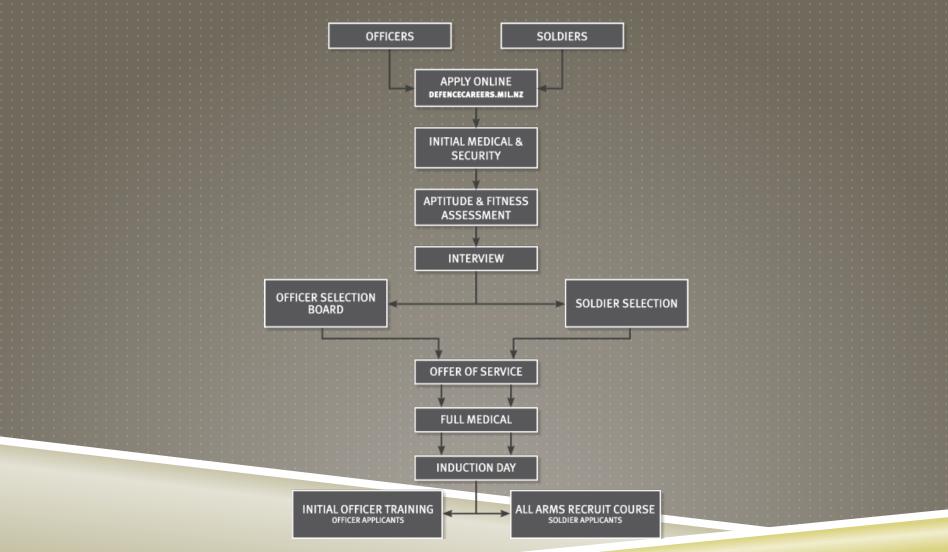
- You must be at least 17 an a half years old when you apply
- Have a minimum of NCEA Level 2 with credits in English (usually 12)
- Pass a medical test
- Have a clean police record
- Some Officer roles will have other subject specific requirements



#### What you may not know:

- Typically, the day starts at 8am and finishes at 4.30pm.
- Generally you will have three sessions of physical training a week.
  - The Army has bases in Waiouru, Linton, Trentham and Burnham. Which one you go to will depend on your role.

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Pay:

Army Officer cadets usually earn: \$30K - \$44K per year

This is approximately \$486 – \$704 per week

Depending on rank, graduated Army Officers usually earn: \$54K - \$118K per year

This is approximately \$846 - \$1662 per week

#### Job opportunities



Chances of getting a job as an army officer are average because the occupation is small but recruit numbers are on the increase.

Sources: www.kiwcareers.govt.nz; www.salaries.co.nz; www.defencecareers.mil.nz/army

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