

# Recruiting

## **Become a Rifleman!**

The Royal Winnipeg Rifles is an Infantry Unit within the Canadian Armed Forces Army Reserve, consisting primarily of Infantry soldiers, but also has a full Brass and Reed Band, and positions for clerks, drivers and other support trades. Due to the constantly changing requirements of the Canadian Armed Forces and the nature of the Recruiting process, the information below is general in nature, and every effort will be made to keep it current with national recruiting policies. Use this information as a guide, but always confirm enrolment prerequisites and documentation required:

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or visit the [Canadian Armed Forces Recruiting Website](#).

## **The Canadian Armed Forces Primary Reserve**

The Canadian Forces Primary Reserve is the part-time component of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF). The Primary Reserve assists the Regular Force (full-time military) in meeting Canada's military commitments. Its training and equipment closely mirror that of the Regular Force component, and its individuals or units are frequently called upon to assist. The Primary Reserve provides assistance to the Regular Force as follows:

1. Safeguarding Canada's sovereignty and independence including surveillance and control of Canadian territory, airspace and coastal waters.
2. The defence of North America and Europe in cooperation with the United States and our NATO allies.
3. Aid or assistance to Civilian population as directed.

Reservists also participate in community activities and are frequently involved in civic functions, sporting events and tourist attractions. The Canadian Armed Forces Primary Reserve consists of the Naval Reserve, the Army Reserve, the Air Reserve, The Judge Advocate General Reserve, the Health Services Reserve and the Special Operations Forces Command Reserve.

## **General Militia Information**

The Army Reserve, is a component of the Canadian Armed Forces, generally training on a part-time basis. The Army Reserve has a long standing history with the CAF. In the earliest years of our country's settlement, there were no Regular Force troops to defend the colonies of the New World. Rather, it

fell upon the settlers themselves to form some sort of defence force to protect their families and their interests. This defence force was called a militia and was comprised of any able-bodied man between the ages of 16 and 60. These first part-time soldiers were also farmers, artisans, shopkeepers and other professionals from within the community. Today's Reservist comes from many of the same walks of life as did the soldiers of the early militia units. With the development of a Regular Force, the role of the Reservist has also expanded. Reservists serve right alongside their Regular Force counterparts on United Nations or other operations. In times of natural disaster, the Reserve is often called in to provide assistance to civil authorities in restoring the necessities of life to stricken communities.

## **Training and Employment**

Regardless of the type of occupation or trade in which you enrol, you will be required to undergo a basic training course before specializing in a particular occupation. This course includes such activities as:

1. Drill and Discipline
2. General Military History
3. Basic Weapons Handling
4. Navigation
5. Military Law
6. Physical Fitness

Upon successful completion of the basic training course, you will start training in the specific occupation in which you are enrolled. Army Reserve units normally train one night per week and alternate weekends between September and June. Training is generally conducted at the unit, but may be in the field, putting theory to practice. During the summer months, more extended periods of training are conducted with some full-time employment opportunities being available. Many soldiers are either employed or train full-time at CAF installations across Canada. Opportunities to serve with the Regular Force overseas may also be available in support of Canada's NATO and United Nations commitments.

## **Basic Training Requirements**

When we recruit we have four basic eligibility requirements: Age, Education and Citizenship.

### **To apply, you must:**

- Be 16 years of age or older (if you 16 years of age, you will require parental/guardian consent);
- Have successfully completed at least 7 Manitoba Grade 10 credits or the equivalent;
- Be clear of any judicial obligations for a period of at least 6 months prior to enrolment; and
- Be a Canadian citizen.

You will be required to complete an Employment Application Form. If you are

identified for further processing, a number of forms will be completed throughout the process. You will also be required to provide the following supporting documents:

- original transcripts for your level of education (high school, college, university)
- proof of trades or qualifications
- Social Insurance Number (SIN) card
- birth certificate (copy of front and back)
- name change verification, if applicable
- photo ID (copies, front and back)

If you do not have these documents, you should request them as soon as possible, as it could take some time to receive them and such delays will slow your application.

## **Uniforms, Meals, and Accommodations**

All uniforms and equipment are provided to you through the Army Reserve. During your service with the CAF, you will be responsible to ensure their maintenance and serviceability. Should your work with the unit require you to be away from home during the night, your meals and accommodations will be provided for. Further, should you be employed over the summer at any CAF base or facility, your meals and accommodations will be provided at no cost to you.

## **Pay**

You will be paid for your service based upon your attendance and rank. For every training period under 6 hours, you will receive one half day's pay; for every training period over 6 hours, you will receive a full day's pay. Pay rates increase with an individual's career progression, which is based upon courses, experience and performance. Although Reservists are not obligated to serve a mandatory term, they are encouraged to parade at least 75% of the time in order for the unit to maintain its operational effectiveness and integrity.