

ARMY RESERVE - FACT SHEET

What is the Army Reserve?

The Army Reserve is part of the Reserve Defence Forces (RDF). 62 Battalion trains all year round on a part-time basis. Recent changes to the structure of the Irish Defence Forces are bringing more opportunities for improved & specialised training within the Army Reserve including training with the regular Army.

Expected Commitment

You will be expected to train for two hours a week usually on a weeknight; one – two weekends a month and a minimum of two weeks full-time annual training. You may do more.

Training

Your training will be organised around weekly training parades (which usually last for 2 hours), field-day's and weekend camps, full-time training camps (usually two weeks duration), courses and duties.

Recruit Training

- Footdrill and Arms Drill
- Tactical (Combat) Training
- Fieldcraft
- Weapons Training and Shooting
- Navigation and Orienteering
- First Aid Training

Advanced Training for specific roles

- Rifleman
- Mortarman
- Anti-Tank Missile Operator
- Driver
- Radio Operator
- Storeman / Administration Clerk

Social Aspects

Being a member of a close-knit team in the Army Reserve gives many opportunities for socialising. You will meet and get to know other people with similar interests. Facilities such as the privates mess (bar) give soldiers a chance to relax after a days training. There are also organised social events throughout the year such as the Christmas Party, sports, and unit dinners.

Rates of Pay

- You may complete up to 42 days paid training per year in addition to unpaid weekends and field-days.
- Weekly Rates of pay (from June 2006) for full-time training and duties are as follows:
- Weekly training parades & most weekends are unpaid.

Private, Grade 1 (Recruit)	EUR352.21
Private, 2 Star	EUR434.58
Private, 3 Star	EUR452.85

Entry Requirements

Age: 17 –34

Height: Minimum 162cm (5 foot 4 inches)

Fitness: Applicants must be capable of carrying out full military duties and be fit for military training undergoing considerable exertion. This will be checked in the medical examination. There is no fitness test at present.

Before you are sworn in a series of processes must be completed. These include

- Application
- Interview
- Security Clearance
- Medical Examination & Hearing Test

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