



# SOUTH AFRICAN ARMY



## APPLICATION FOR MILITARY SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM (MSDS) - 2026 INTAKE

### PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING

#### Biographical information

First Name  
Surname  
Citizenship  
ID No  
Your Cell No  
Alternative 1  
Alternative 2  
Residential  
Address  
  
Town/City  
Province  
Postal code

#### Province, gender and race (for statistical purposes, please select one)

Province: Gauteng Eastern Cape Free State  
Northern Cape Mpumalanga Western Cape  
North West KwaZulu Natal (KZN) Limpopo  
Gender: Male Female  
Race: African Asian  
Coloured White

#### Tertiary Qualifications

N6 3 Year Diploma Degree

Attach Proof of Residence and/ or Letter from Village Chief, your CV and Copies of: ID, Matric Certificate (only statement of results for 2024 will be accepted) and Tertiary Qualifications

### BACKGROUND

The South African Army, through its Military Skills Development System (MSDS), is offering young South African citizens an opportunity to serve in uniform on a two-year contract. The Recruits will receive military training and further functional training in their first year of service. During the second year of service they will be deployed where needed and given opportunity to apply their knowledge and develop their skills.

#### General Requirements:

- RSA Citizen (No dual citizenship).
- 18 – 22 years of age (Gr 12).
- 18 – 26 (3 years Tertiary Qualification or N6) when reporting.
- Successfully completed Grade 12.
- Admission Point Score (APS) of 17 and above excl Life Orientation (LO).
- Have no criminal record or pending cases.
- Comply with medical fitness requirements for the appointment.
- No Visible tattoos (Legs, lower arm, neck and face)

#### Other Requirements

- **Minimum height Females 148cm, Males 155cm and Minimum weight Females 48kg, Males 52kg** (Females BMI: 18,5 – 30; Males BMI: 19 - 30)
- **Applicants will be subjected to drug testing, Psychometric and medical evaluation, verification of Criminal record, pre-screening and verification of qualifications.**

#### Careers within the SA Army and other specifications:

**Infantry, Armour, Artillery, Air Defence Artillery, Intelligence** (height requirement 1,65m), **Defence Intelligence** (Gr 12 with Bachelor's pass, with English L4, Mathematics and Physical Science L4, Geography and History L4), **Engineering** (Mathematics and Physical Science L3), **Signalers, Human Resources, Logistics, Fire & Rescue** (Mathematics and Physical Science L5), **Hospitality, Music, Technical Service** (Mathematics and Physical Science L3), **Military Police, Ammunition** (Mathematics and Physical Science L5 or N3 Mechanical or Electrical Engineering, fitting and turning)

**Hand deliver your application to the nearest recruitment centre or via post at SA Army Recruitment postal address:**

**SA Army HQ, Chief Directorate Army Corporate Services  
Directorate Army Human Resources, Recruitment Section  
Private Bag X981, Pretoria, 0001**

Signature of Applicant

Date

If you have not been contacted by 31 December 2025, kindly consider your application to be unsuccessful.

**MSDS APPLICATION CLOSING DATE: 28 March 2025**

**THIS APPLICATION FORM IS NOT FOR SALE**

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO EMPLOYMENT**

