



DEFENCE RESERVES SUPPORT

Supporting Australia's Reservists and their Employers

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Defence Reservists are every day Australians who come from all walks of life.

They're nurses and doctors, fire fighters and ambulance officers, IT professionals and public servants, plumbers and electricians, and students.

They volunteer for part-time service in the Navy, Army and Air Force. They can join as new recruits or move from full-time Defence service to Reservist service.

They're highly motivated people who take on training and service with enthusiasm and commitment.

More importantly, Reservists are a fundamental part of Australia's Defence Force and help safeguard the security and national interests of our country.



Naval Reservist and 723 Squadron Operations Officer, Lieutenant Kevin King, RANR, stands in front of a Squirrel helicopter at HMAS Albatross.

What role do Reservists play in today's Defence Force?

Navy, Army and Air Force Reservists make a commitment to train and serve in the defence and protection of Australia.

Reservists have played an important part in Australian history since early colonial days. Today Defence is increasingly drawing on the skills and expertise of Reservists to maintain the ADF's capability. Reservists regularly play a supporting security role in major Australian events and activities.

They have also provided humanitarian relief to communities in Pakistan, Thailand, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Rwanda, Samoa and Somalia. They served alongside their full-time counterparts to increase security and stability in Bougainville and have deployed on operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, the Solomon Islands and East Timor. They help to secure Australia's borders.

Reservists make a valuable contribution to the community, providing assistance in times of natural disasters such as floods, tropical cyclones and fires and in emergency rescue operations. They helped rebuild lives and communities following the tragic bushfires in Victoria in 2009 and the floods in Queensland in 2011. Reservists develop skills and experience through formal Defence courses, on-going refresher training, and on the job as they put their skills into practice.

What benefits do Reserve training provide:

- The ADF is currently engaged in a program to provide civilian accreditation for Reserve training. Reservists gain formal qualifications through their Reserve service and these come at no cost to you, their civilian employer
- A Reservist's training includes the development of leadership, management and teamwork skills that are readily transferred to their civilian employment. These skills can cost thousands of dollars to acquire. Defence provides this training at no cost to the business or the individual
- Reservists develop a number of personal skills that are attractive to all employers, such as self-discipline, initiative, punctuality, self-reliance and acceptance of responsibility
- From a community perspective, Reservists deliver cost-effective support to national defence, and trained assistance to the community during times of natural disasters
- Reservists undertake annual training in security, ethics and fraud awareness, equity and diversity and drug, alcohol and suicide awareness

Overall, Reservists are a significant national asset and an individual asset to their employer or employer organisation.

How do I find out more information?

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Reservist Aircraft Life Support Fitter, Leading Aircraftwoman Tessa Berry prepares to give a brief at No. 92 Wing Aircraft Life Support Section.