



DEFENCE RESERVES SUPPORT

Supporting Australia's Reservists and their Employers

SUPPORTIVE EMPLOYER PROGRAM

Defence Reserves Support (DRS) has been established to enhance the availability of Reservists for Defence service, and one important means of securing this is the Supportive Employer Program.

The program aims to have employers demonstrate their support for Reserve service by endorsing the following statement:

“All Australians share responsibility for our national security, including a capable and resilient Australian Defence Force with permanent and reserve components.

Accordingly, we pledge support to our employees/students who serve our Nation as Australian Defence Force Reservists, and we acknowledge the skills and other attributes which they bring to the workplace.”

DRS is asking you, as an employer, to recognise the personal commitment made by Reservists involved in this challenging and critical role.

We ask you as an employer to support an overarching principle: Reservists should have the backing of their civilian employers. Employers of all sizes and industry categories have already joined this program and their names are listed on the Defence Reserves Support website:
www.defencereservessupport.gov.au



**We Support
Australian Defence
Force Reserves**

Asking you or your organisation to pledge support is not something DRS does lightly. We understand the multitude of other human resource issues you have to take into account when running your business or organisation. However, if you are prepared to make this public acknowledgement of support, all you need to do is complete a Statement of Employer Support form. This can be done by:

- Calling the Defence Reserves Support helpline on **1800 803 485** and requesting the form, or
- Completing the electronic form on www.defencereservessupport.gov.au

We encourage you to contact us in relation to any queries you may have about this initiative or about employing Reservists in general.

How do I find out more information?

1800 803 485
www.defencereservessupport.gov.au