

**Freestyle Note:** Kia ora whanau – use this space to write a message, let your loved one know why you thought they'd be interested in this opportunity.

## Are you interested in a career in the New Zealand Defense Force?

Then join the NZ Defence Cadets Corp & get started while you're still at college!

If you're aged between 13 & 18 and you'd be keen on having a life full of adventure & the ability to earn decent money, then start working towards your goal now.

**Warning:** Only the tough need apply. Hey, I'm not talking about muscles! I'm talking about your will-power & determination to succeed. The NZ Defence Cadet Force is a uniformed part of the NZ Defence Force and it's a good stepping-stone to success.

The cool thing is that it costs very little to belong to the Cadets because it's funded by the NZ Defence Force. You'll wear a uniform and become part of a crew that meets every week.

The other cool thing is that you can earn **NZQA** Credits!

Another primo detail is that if you enjoy being a Cadet, then the transition into the NZ Defence Force when you're of age is going to be so much easier.

Also - When you leave school, often your CV is usually light on work experience. But if you've been a NZ Defense Force Cadet, put this into your CV. This will help you when looking for paid work.

This is some of the tumeke stuff you'll get to do as a Cadet:

- Camping
- Tramping
- Sailing
- Range shooting
- Gliding

Just like the NZ Defence Force, where you join your preferred group (The Army, The Navy or The Airforce) in the NZ Cadets it's pretty much set up the same way.

**As a Cadet you will choose to join the:**

1. Army Cadets Corps Cadets, or the
2. Sea Cadet Corps Cadets, or the
3. Air Training Corps Cadets



## Common Q & A's

**Can both girls and boys join?**

Yes.

**How do you pronounce Corp & Corps?**

Corp = sounds like apple 'core'

Corps = sound like the word 'cause'

**What if I move town, can I join another Unit?**

Yes, there are over 100 Units across New Zealand that you could transfer to.

**What does the New Zealand Defence Force provide cadets with?**

The NZDF provides you with a uniform, except for footwear.

Hey - If you wear black shoes as part of your school-uniform, then you can use these, or buy yourself a second pair. If you don't have a lot of money, search in second hand shops & trade me – reason being is that you can often pick up top-quality shoes or boots at a fraction of the price you'd pay for a cheap new pair. Fact: It's important to look after your feet especially as you're growing. Make sure you wear comfortable shoes / boots that don't cramp your feet.

**Do I have to join the Armed Forces when I leave?**

No, Cadet Forces is a youth development organization.

**How much does it cost?**

Each Unit sets its own fees, payable by term or by the year. Most Unit term fees range between \$15.00 to \$30.00.

But you need to be aware that there will also be additional costs for some weekend activities

**How old do you have to be to join Cadets?**

You can join if you are 13 (thirteen) years of age or in Year 9 at Secondary School.

**How long can you serve for?**

You can until the day before your 19th birthday.

**Can I get NZQA credits while in Cadets?**

Yes. The Forces has been instrumental in establishing an NZQA National Certificate in Cadet Forces - Foundation studies (Level 2).

**Will being a Cadet help me get into the Armed Forces when I leave school?**

Cadet Forces is not a recruiting arm of the New Zealand Defence Force. However, we see that young people who serve with Cadet Forces seem to adapt more readily to life in the Armed Forces.

**What if I'm not too fit?**

There is no requirement to meet a specific level of fitness to join Cadets. However, like many activities, if you are fit you will get greater enjoyment from your experiences.

**Do I have to stay if I find Cadets isn't for me?**

No, you volunteer to enter Cadet Forces and you can leave at any time.

**Want to find out more?**

If you are interested in joining you can find out where & when your local Corp meets and then you can organise to just go and participate at a couple of meetings. Then if you reckon it's for you apply to join.

1	On-Line <a href="http://www.cadetforces.org.nz">www.cadetforces.org.nz</a> You can find out more information&also apply to join on-line.
2	Phone (04) 527 1187
3	<b>Write to them and ask for some info:</b>  HQ New Zealand Cadet Forces Trentham Military Camp Private Bag 905 Trentham 5018

