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Love Music? – Do you want to travel & earn money & develop your music skills?

How about joining up as a Musician? With the NZ Army?



The Primary role of the New Zealand Army Band is to perform at Military and State occasions and fulfil its role as the New Zealand Army's foremost Public Relations (PR) unit.

Through its superb musicianship the band encapsulates the high professional standards of the Army in every aspect of its performances. Internationally, the New Zealand Army Band has gained recognition as one of the finest marching bands in the world.

Job on Camp

The band is basically an all-brass band supplemented with a rhythm section, which adds to its versatility. Presently the bands are:

Dance Band - This group performs a wide range of music, from **classic rock to the latest hits**.

Swing Band - Performing Big Band charts ranging from Glen Miller to modern swing numbers.

Brass Band - Performing diverse styles of music scored for brass bands.

Marching Band - Playing for military occasions & performing marching displays

Brass Quintet - Quintet performing a wide variety of styles.

Job On Deployment (active duty overseas)

International performances will bring opportunities to travel to other countries. In the past the Band has travelled to Scotland, Australia, Vanuatu, Fiji, Singapore, Malaysia, Greece and the United States of America.



Career Progression

You will be required to be at a professional musical standard prior to recruitment. However once you arrive your musical talent will be nurtured and developed to the highest levels.

Tip: Be aware of your music skills. What is available in the way of additional learning at school or in a local Church? Think of your future CV & start working on your music skills so you can make it look good!

You will also learn a wide range of additional related skills including musical theory, sound engineering, communication and information technology, music arranging and composition, marketing, teaching and conducting.

Pay & Benefit Details

Careers in the Army are well-rewarded, as well as being diverse and exciting. As you become more experienced and move up through the ranks, gaining additional skills and qualifications, you will see your salary rise accordingly.

General Requirements

- You must be at least 17 years of age.
- Meet the [citizenship & security](#) requirements to gain CV security clearance for this trade.
- Driver's Licence: A Class 1 driver's licence is recommended but it's not compulsory.
- You should have previous musical experience. You will need to pass an interview and an audition.

Educational Requirements

You must have achieved the NCEA level 1 Literacy and Numeracy requirements. Proficiency with instruments is the main criteria.

Basic Training

Successful applicants enlist directly into the New Zealand Army Band without undertaking the standard Basic Military Training Course however recruits are required to pass military training modules as part of their career.

Job Training

Training within the New Zealand Army Band commences with an Induction Course upon your arrival to the unit, run by the School of Music in Burnham Camp (near Christchurch). This will assist you in gaining the required information about the New Zealand Army and New Zealand Army Band to successfully complete daily tasks.

Ongoing Training

On completion of the induction course, the New Zealand Army Band School of Music will assist you in gaining qualifications in theory and practical examinations with the Associated Board of Royal Schools of Music London and Trinity College of London.

Personnel have the opportunity to advance through these theory and practical examinations up to, and including, Diploma level. These qualifications will enhance your career progression and provide musical qualifications recognised worldwide.

Location Details

The Army Band is based in Burnham Military Camp.

Currently you can enlist directly into the New Zealand Army Band without undertaking the basic military training course in Waiouru (unlike all other recruits into the Army). However, soon after you join the band you will have to undertake basic training competencies. The band spends a lot of time performing around the country and at times overseas.



Check out the NZ Defence Website: www.nzdf.mil.nz



Hey - If this looks cool to you & you think you'd enjoy this challenge – **then go for it.** Make this your goal & you will achieve it. I believe in you & I know that you deserve to live a fantastic life full of satisfaction & warmth.

& don't forget, joining the army doesn't mean you have to do it for life! – The key thing for you to understand is that you'll get well paid while learning all sorts of music skills & you'll get to travel. If you're only 17 years old when you join up – just think of the amazing things you'll achieve & learn in just five years.

If you're aged 12 to 16 years old do your best to find a part-time or holiday job NOW & start saving your money. This is so that when you head off to camp that you've got money in your bank account to cover off any unexpected costs. Also, if there is a NZ Defence Cadets Core in your area - definitely join as this will be a foot in the door. Ask your mum or dad to post you the Defence Cadets information.

Arohanui to you from Darly