**Company Fact Sheet 2025**

**Irish Defence Forces**

**Roles:**

* Defend the State
* Aid to Civil Power
* Multinational Peacekeeping and Humanitarian Relief
* Maritime Security and Fishery Protection
* Ceremonial

**Options for School Leavers?**

* General Service Recruitment – Army, Naval Service, Air Corps.
* Cadetship – Army, Naval Service, Air Corps.
* Direct Entry Roles – Instrumentalists.

**Third Level Graduates?**

* General Service Recruitment
* Cadetship
* Direct Entry Roles – Naval Service Engineer Officer, Medical Personnel, Instrumentalists.

**Other options: Apprenticeships?**

Variety of Trainee Technician Schemes for serving personnel e.g. electrician, aircraft mechanic among many others.

**Opportunities for Training and Development**

* Opportunities for upskilling.
* Accredited qualifications.
* Access to paid external education courses.
* Variety of Trainee Technician Schemes for serving personnel.

**What do we want to Guidance Counsellors to know**

* General Service – **42k starting salary** on completion of training.
* Semi private occupational healthcare/physio/dental.
* Additional pay and allowances.
* Excellent leave entitlements – 28 days minimum, plus public holidays and specific Defence Forces holidays.
* Single Public Service Pension Scheme.
* Sense of belonging and esprit de corps unmatched, unique team building experiences.
* Travel - overseas deployments, sense of adventure.
* Sense of pride, national service.
* Job variety. Wide range of roles available e.g. cyber, medical, physical trainer, equestrian, logistics, cook etc.
* Career flexibility.
* Well-being support – DF personnel Support Services.

**Website / Contact information**  
All information available on [www.military.ie](http://www.military.ie)

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