

THE UNIVERSITY RESERVE TRAINING PROGRAMME (URTP) TO EXPAND IN 2012

During 2012 the URTP will offer more opportunities for students who on a voluntary basis would like to join the Reserves of the SA National Defence Force.

Following the roll-out of the programme by the SA Army on the campuses of the University of the Free State and the Central University of Technology, the SA Air Force, SA Navy and SA Military Health Service have announced their intention to roll-out the programme on the campuses of various universities.

The SA Air Force will recruit students at the University of the Witwatersrand and the University of Pretoria mainly from the Engineering Faculty. Students studying towards a degree in the Mechanical, Electrical or Aeronautical engineering fields will be offered the opportunity to join as part-time members of the SA Air Force.

The SA Navy has already launched a marketing campaign to recruit members from the campuses of the University of Stellenbosch and the University of Cape Town. The SA Navy will only recruit students from the Engineering Faculty who are studying towards a degree in Mechanical or Electrical Engineering.

The SA Military Health Service wishes to recruit students on the campuses of the University of Cape Town, the University of the Witwatersrand and the University of Stellenbosch. Students from various faculties including the following will be recruited: Health Sciences, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, Law and Theology.

The SA Army will expand their recruitment and training to the Western Cape where students will be recruited from all faculties with the exception of the Health Sciences from the University of Cape Town, the University of the Western Cape, the Cape Peninsula University of Technology and Stellenbosch University.

With the exception of the SA Navy that has completed its marketing campaign, the other Services will launch their marketing campaigns during February and March 2012 on the campuses of above mentioned universities. The marketing will be followed by a recruitment and selection process during March and April. The successful candidates will commence with their Basic Military Training during the June/July university vacation. The SA Navy will commence with Basic Military Training in April.

Registered students in at least their second year of study who are interested in following a part-time military career are invited to attend the marketing presentations that will be advertised on the campuses and on the Reserves website www.rfdiv.mil.za.

The passing-out parade of the first URTP intake of the SA Army to complete their basic military training will take place in March 2012 whereafter successful students will carry on with their Officer Formative Training.