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MILITARY SERVICE



Armenia has compulsory 2-year military service for youth from the age of 18 to 37, with reserves up to the age of 53. It is the obligation of every citizen to serve in the military in one form or another, utilizing talents or developing them for the benefit of the country. The enlistment process is handled by the commissions of the military commissariats in the area where the men are registered, during the months of January and May. Civilians present themselves there (if they are unregistered, they must report to the nearest commissariat) after the draft declarations. Declarations are made twice a year, from April to June and October to December. Troops may serve as scouts, mechanized infantrymen, tankmen, or engineers. For more information, click [here](#).

Ministry of Defense Hotline
1-28 or 012-210-000
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There are four commissariats in Yerevan. The full list with commissariats across the country can be found [here](#).

There are two programs new conscripts could take part in, as well.

► **“Motherland Defender” Programme**

“Motherland Defender” programme provides the possibility for enlisted and officer staff, after their first 6 months of compulsory military service, to switch to contract military service in accordance with the established procedure by the government, setting 5 years for the service, as well as in case of early dismissal from service on the basis of the contractual period or recognition of unfit for health reasons, establishing for them the right to receive fee, the amount of which is planned to be set 5 million drams (the fee can be freely disposed). Military personnel who have signed a contract will have to pass certification in accordance with the procedure established by law, and in case of positive results, they will be charged an allowance provided for their positional group.

► **“I Have the Honor” Programme**

Designed to link the postponement of one’s service to a future as commander. It is open to young men enrolled in state or private universities who meet health and study requirements, setting them up as future potential officers. Throughout their studies, they will attend courses at the Vazgen Sargsyan Military University on Saturdays, completing their studies with a Bachelor’s degree and a lieutenant’s ranking. They will then serve in the army for three years. After completing the university program and military training in accordance with the established procedure, the conscript is awarded the rank of lieutenant, a contract is signed with him about serving as a contract junior officer, and he is appointed to the service by draw:

- for a period of 2 years and 3 months, of which the first 3 months as a conscript in case of readiness to fill positions of platoon commanders;
- for a period of 4 years in case of readiness to fill positions requiring medical specialization, after completing the university program and 1 year of study in a clinical residence by the order of the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Armenia.