

Your Journey Begins.

You have recently registered for National Service, a critical two-year commitment to the defence and security of Singapore. This is more than an obligation; it's an opportunity to contribute, develop new skills, and discover your potential. This guide is designed to help you navigate the first step: indicating your interest in the diverse vocations across our uniformed Services.

Every full-time national serviceman plays an important role, regardless of the vocation to which he is deployed.



How Your Path is Chosen

The 6-Step Process

- 1  **Register for NS & Indicate Interest**
Indicate interest in 2 or more vocations per category (or no specific interest) via NS Portal.
- 2  **Attend Medical Screening**
Your medical fitness is a key factor.
- 3  **Find Out More**
Explore vocations via videos and this handbook on the CMPB website.
- 4  **Enlist into SAF, SCDF, or SPF**
Your service journey begins.
- 5  **Undergo Basic Training**
Foundational skills for all servicemen.
- 6  **Check Posting Order**
Receive your specific vocation assignment.

How Your Vocation is Assigned

Your final deployment is a careful balance of three key factors:



The primary need is to ensure the Services are effective in their missions.

Based on your medical fitness, cognitive attributes, and specific skills.

The choices you indicate help us assign you to a role where you can best contribute and find purpose.

The Three Services: Where Will You Serve?

Singapore Armed Forces (SAF)



Mission:

To enhance Singapore's peace and security through deterrence and diplomacy, and should these fail, to secure a swift and decisive victory over the aggressor.

Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF)



Mission:

To protect and save lives and property for a safe and secure Singapore.

Singapore Police Force (SPF)



Mission:

To prevent, deter and detect crime to ensure the safety and security of Singapore.

In the following slides, we will explore the key roles within each Service, grouped by their core function, to help you understand where your skills and interests might best align.

Singapore Armed Forces | The Tip of the Spear

Frontline combat vocations that form the decisive edge of the Army.



Vocation Cluster



Armour

Operate state-of-the-art platforms like the Leopard 2SG Tank and Hunter Armoured Fighting Vehicle. The 'decisive force' of the Army.



Infantry

The largest fighting force. Trained in conventional and urban warfare, operating with the Terrex Infantry Carrier Vehicle.



Artillery

Harness the power of precision fire systems like the HIMARS to neutralise enemy forces and pave the way for manoeuvre forces.



Guards

An elite, highly mobile force proficient in heliborne and amphibious operations. Trained to go further, faster, and harder.

Key Qualities



Teamwork

You must enjoy tackling challenges and working with others.



Resilience

Develop strong mental resilience... a 'never-say-die' attitude.



Courage

You must have the courage to do things you never thought you could do.

Faces of the Force

"I am proud to don the black beret for Armour, where man and machine are forged into one."

– Corporal First Class Chan Jau Tung, Gunner

Singapore Armed Forces | Masters of the Battlefield

Specialised vocations that control the air, sea, and ground.



Vocation Cluster



Combat Engineers: Experts in explosives and machinery. Conduct mobility (bridging), counter-mobility (obstacles), and survivability (neutralising threats) operations.



Air Defence: Protect Singapore's skies by operating ground-based air defence weapon systems like the SPYDER and RBS 70 to take down airborne threats.



Naval Operations: Crucial role in maritime defence. Can be a Naval Warfare System Operator (conducting boarding operations, surveillance) or a Sea Soldier (ensuring security of naval bases).

Key Qualities



Analytical Abilities: Good analytical skills for problem solving and to decide on the best course of action.



Alertness: You need to be alert and have quick reflexes... to search and target potential airborne threats.



Attention to Detail: You will need to be meticulous, as the slightest error may result in failure.

Faces of the Force

"It is a great pride for me to contribute in safeguarding the sovereignty of Singapore's airspace against all threats."
– Corporal Tommy Peh, ADWO

Singapore Armed Forces | The Brains & The Backbone

The intelligence, communication, and support systems that power the entire force.



Vocation Cluster



Intelligence & Signals: The SAF's 'communication backbone.' Use cutting-edge tech like UAVs, data analytics, and cyber defence systems to give the SAF a decision-making edge."

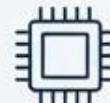


Logistics & Maintenance: The critical enablers. Supply Assistants manage inventory and equipment, while Army and Air Force Technicians ensure the readiness of everything from Leopard Tanks to F-16 fighter jets."



Medical: The first responders in the field. Platoon, Company, or BCS Medics provide vital medical aid and form a critical link in the evacuation chain."

Key Qualities



Tech-Savvy: Leveraging technology has become increasingly crucial in the modern battlefield.



Meticulousness: You need to be meticulous and focused when performing checks and maintenance.



Compassion: You should be compassionate and willing to help others when the need arises.

Faces of the Force

"As Fusion troopers, we are trained to gather intelligence from various sources to make sense of the battlefield situation."

– Corporal Chia Peng Han Wayne, Fusion Trooper

Singapore Armed Forces | Guardians of the Force

Roles dedicated to security, protection, and maintaining military law and order.



Key Qualities



Vigilance

As a defender of our homeland, you must remain alert and vigilant at all times.



Integrity

You must be committed to maintaining the highest standards of integrity.



Responsibility

A strong sense of responsibility... ensuring the safety of the troops you are ferrying.

• Vocation Cluster



Island Defence

Security Troopers (STs) are the first line of defence for key military and civilian installations. They deter, detect, and deny security threats.



Military Police

Uphold military law and order. A diverse role including enforcement duties, security operations at key installations, criminal investigation, and ceremonial duties at the Istana.



Transport

The mission is to deliver integrated transport operations. Transport Operators ensure troops and equipment get where they need to be, maneuvering military vehicles through all terrains.

Faces of the Force

"We are the first line of defence and the law enforcer of the camps and bases! As per our Security Trooper's Creed – We Stand Our Ground, Never Back Down!"

– Lance Corporal Mohamad Shahadan,
Security Trooper

Singapore Civil Defence Force | On the Frontline of Emergencies

As part of "The Life Saving Force," these are the first responders to fires, medical crises, and special rescue situations.

Vocation Cluster



Fire & Rescue

Undergo the Fire Fighter Course (FFC) to take on fire-fighting and rescue missions. You will learn to think on your feet in dynamic conditions.



Medical (EMT)

As an Emergency Medical Technician, you are one of the first responders to pre-hospital patients. You will assist paramedics as part of an ambulance crew.



Special Rescue

Part of the Special Rescue Unit (SRU), specialising in chemical decontamination, large fire support, and mass casualty conveyance.

Key Qualities



Resilience

You need to be mentally resilient in the face of potential risks and challenges.



Quick Thinking

As an EMT, you need to respond to a wide variety of situations and will learn how to think on your feet.



Teamwork

Fire-fighting is a team effort. You will appreciate and value your teammates operating by your side.

Faces of the Force

"The satisfaction and sense of achievement from being able to save lives is something that cannot be found anywhere else."

– Lance Corporal Hong Rui Shu, EMT

Singapore Civil Defence Force | The Backbone of the Mission

The operational support and enforcement vocations that ensure the SCDF is always ready to respond.

Vocation Cluster



Operational Support (Infocomm, Maintenance, Transport, Logistics)

These roles are the force's technical backbone. Infocomm Operators manage the command and control network. Technicians repair and maintain critical equipment. Transport Operators ensure personnel and vehicles arrive safely. Storemen manage the supply chain to keep the force equipped.



Enforcement (Provost)

The Provost Unit enforces the Civil Defence Act and ensures strict compliance with disciplinary standards. Their role includes security, enforcement, and rehabilitation of detainees.



Key Qualities



Technical Expertise

You have a keen eye for finding faults in equipment and an aptitude for handling technical matters.



Meticulousness

You need to be meticulous... to ensure the proper organising and accounting of stock.



Discipline & Integrity

You must be committed to maintaining the highest standards of discipline and integrity.

Faces of the Force

"My stint as a provost has helped me to develop many skills and traits that are important even after National Service, such as professionalism and teamwork."

– Sergeant Roy Khor Yucong, Provost

Singapore Police Force | The Guardians on Patrol

Frontline officers preventing, deterring, and detecting crime across Singapore's neighbourhoods, waters, airport, and public transport network.



Vocation Cluster



Neighbourhood Policing (GRF)

As a Ground Response Force officer, you are the first to attend to incidents reported by the public, maintaining peace and order in the community.



Police Coast Guard (PCG)

The first line of defence against maritime security threats. You'll patrol Singapore Territorial Waters on PCG boats or our coastlines.



Airport Patrol

Responsible for law and order at Changi and Seletar Airports, protecting civil aviation against crime and unlawful interference.



Public Transportation Security Command (TransCom)

Conduct high-visibility foot patrols to protect Singapore's public land transport system, including MRT stations and bus interchanges.

Key Qualities



Interpersonal Skills

You must possess excellent interpersonal skills to deal with members of the public.



Alertness

You need to be alert and attentive during patrols.



Critical Thinking

Efficiently use critical thinking skills to defuse and control problems.

Faces of the Force

"A policeman's job is challenging. We must be approachable to members of the public, yet firm when controlling chaotic situations."

– Sergeant Shahul Jahangir Bin Mohammed Abu Bakar, GRF

Singapore Police Force | Specialised Tactical & Command Roles

Elite tactical teams, specialist handlers, and the operational nerve centre of the SPF.



Vocation Cluster



Police Tactical Unit (PTU)
The SPF's strategic force, called upon for serious threats to public order. You will learn advanced weaponry and tactics.



Protective Security (ProCom)
Safeguard Singapore's critical infrastructure and perform strategic location protection to deter terrorist attacks.



Dog Handling (K-9)
Guide a police dog to perform either narcotics detection or security enforcement work at checkpoints and penal institutions.



C3 Operations
As an Assistant Watch Operator in the Police Operations Command Centre (POCC), you are part of the SPF's central nerve centre, reviewing camera footage to track suspects.

Key Qualities



Physical Fitness
You must possess a high level of physical fitness.



Mental Resilience
Composure under duress and a persevering attitude are key traits.



Responsibility
Possess a committed and responsible attitude required for the care of a living animal.

Faces of the Force

"You feel a bond and mutual respect with your canine companion... your 'equipment' is a living animal."
– Corporal James Andrew Wong Wei Lo, Dog Handler

Singapore Police Force | Building Bridges with the Community

Fostering public trust and shaping the next generation of officers.



Vocation Cluster



Community Engagement

Reach out to the public to educate them on crime prevention and counter-terrorism. You will conduct road shows, school visits, and workshops.



Training (AOFI)

As an Assistant Operations and Field Instructor, you will manage, guide, and train squads of new trainees at the Home Team Academy, shaping them into competent officers. You will be a mentor and a role model.

Key Qualities



Communication Skills

You will develop public speaking and communication skills, and form strong bonds with the community.



Service Mindset

You will need a service-oriented mindset, to be able to assist and work in partnership with the public.



Leadership

Works closely with the Course Manager to train and develop the trainees... by maximising their potential.

Faces of the Force



"We are mentors to the trainees; helping and nurturing their growth, as we watch them become more independent. We develop their confidence and maturity, in the hope of encouraging them to their personal best."

– Corporal John Kelvin Chandra, Field Instructor

Finding Your Fit: Which Roles Resonate with You?

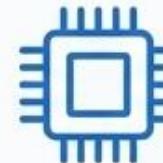
Your vocation is a place where your personal aptitudes can meet the nation's needs.
Consider what motivates you and where you'll thrive. Think about...

- 1. Your Mindset:** Are you drawn to frontline action or strategic support? Do you prefer working with people, technology, or systems?
- 2. Your Strengths:** Do you excel in analytical thinking, physical challenges, teamwork, or meticulous tasks?
- 3. Your Goals:** What skills do you want to build over the next two years? Leadership, technical expertise, communication, or life-saving skills?



Tactical

Frontline Combat (SAF)
Fire & Rescue (SCDF)
Patrol & Tactical (SPF)



Technical

Air Defence/Engineers (SAF)
Infocomm/Maintenance (SCDF)
C3 Ops (SPF)



Support

Logistics/Transport
(SAF & SCDF)



Specialist

Medic (SAF)
EMT (SCDF)



People-Oriented

Community
Engagement/Training (SPF)

Your Journey Starts Now

You now have a map of the possibilities that await you.
The next step is yours to take.

What To Do Next

Explore Deeper. Watch the vocation videos and review this handbook on the CMPB website.

Indicate Your Interest. Log in to the NS Portal before your medical screening to select at least two vocations of interest in each category.

Prepare for Enlistment. Await your posting order and get ready for a challenging and rewarding experience.

www.cmpb.gov.sg/cmpb/ns-vocations

"Remember, wherever you are posted, you will have an opportunity to contribute meaningfully to the defence and security of Singapore. Welcome to the journey.

