



Parent to Family Member Guide

The CAF serve on the sea, on land, and in the air, with the [Royal Canadian Navy](#), the [Canadian Army](#), the [Royal Canadian Air Force](#) and the [Canadian Special Operations Forces Command](#), supported by the civilian employees of DND.

At any given time, the Government of Canada can call upon the CAF to undertake missions for the protection of Canada and Canadians and to maintain international peace and stability.

YOUR FAMILY MEMBER JOINING THE CANADIAN ARMED FORCES TEAM

Becoming a member of the Canadian Armed Forces allows your family member to serve our country in a variety of occupations, gaining a valuable skill that will last a lifetime. And they will do all this while experiencing outstanding adventures around the globe

ENVIRONMENTS

The Canadian Armed Forces has something for every Canadian. If sailing on the world's oceans appeals to you, our Royal Canadian Navy sails there. If serving on land is your preference, then the Canadian Army is your choice. If you prefer to get to places in a hurry, and want to experience the world from above, then the Royal Canadian Air Force has the lift capacity to take you there.

WHY YOUR FAMILY MEMBER SHOULD CONSIDER THE CANADIAN ARMED FORCES

- Pride in displaying the Canadian Flag on your uniform wherever you are serving in the world
- Personal pride in accomplishing goals you never thought were attainable
- Protecting Canadian values at home and abroad
- Maintaining international peace and security

YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS GOALS FOR THE FUTURE

- Serving with the Canadian Armed Forces is not just a job, but it is a lifestyle where your family member can make a difference
- Skills learned in the Canadian Armed Forces, will prepare your family member to excel in the world of work
- The Canadian Armed Forces provides extensive educational benefits, ensuring your family member will receive continuous learning throughout their service
- Your family member will gain valuable leadership and team work, making them the envy of their civilian friends
- Your family member will gain confidence as well as physical and mental strength





- Your family member has the potential for a full career in the Canadian Armed Forces, culminating in a lucrative pension at the end of their required terms of service

HAS YOUR FAMILY MEMBER SPOKEN TO A CANADIAN ARMED FORCES RECRUITER YET?

- Recruiters are experienced Canadian Armed Forces members, who will guide and support your family member throughout the decision-making process
- Recruiters have information on all the Canadian Armed Forces employment opportunities, as well as being able to discuss the lifestyle of service to your country
- It is important for parents/guardians/other family members to talk to a Recruiter as well

TERMS OF SERVICE WITH THE CANADIAN ARMED FORCES

- For full time service, Canadian Armed Forces members must sign a Terms of Service contract
- Terms of Service contracts allow the Canadian Armed Forces to secure an employment commitment for the training and employment provided to our members. Conversely, it gives the members the assurance that they will also have guaranteed employment during their terms of service
- The Canadian Armed Forces also offers part-time reserve employment opportunities that allows your family member to remain and serve in your community

