

## **NEW ZEALAND CADET FORCES**

Sea Cadet Corps – New Zealand Cadet Corps - Air Training Corps

### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP FOR CADETS OF THE NEW ZEALAND CADET FORCES (NZCF) (TO BE PROVIDED WITH FORM NZCF 2)**

1. The full consent of Parents or Guardians is required before young people can be enrolled in a Cadet Forces unit. This consent does not in any way imply consent or any obligation to join any arm of the Armed Forces (Navy, Army or Air Force). The Units are community supported and funded youth organisations with direction and additional support from the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF).
2. The functions of the Cadet Forces are:
  - a. The conduct of training courses or training programmes similar to those undertaken by the Armed Forces.
  - b. The promotion of an appreciation among members of the Cadet Forces of the functions and operations of the Armed Forces.
  - c. The development of good citizenship among members of the Cadet Forces.
3. In order to fulfil these functions, the aims of NZCF training are:
  - a. To provide a challenging and disciplined activity which will be useful both in the Services and in civilian life.
  - b. To promote an awareness and appreciation of the Services, and the role they play in the community.
  - c. To foster the spirit of adventure and team-work.
  - d. To develop those qualities of mind and body which make good citizens and leaders.
4. Applicants must meet the following criteria:
  - a. Not less than 13 years of age or in Year 9 at Secondary school;
  - b. Not more than 15 years of age; and be physically and mentally capable of participating in the majority of approved cadet activities. In all cases the NZCF Diversity and Inclusion policy principles apply.
5. Personnel may:
  - a. Serve until his/her 20th birthday.
6. Candidates will attend a probationary period of at least four consecutive weekly parades, after which they will be assessed for continued service as a cadet by the unit commander (Or designated officer).

7. After a probationary period and acceptance, cadets will be enrolled into the unit and issued with a uniform of the appropriate corps from unit stocks. The Parents or Guardians will be held responsible for the upkeep and return of this uniform. The uniform and/or any equipment on the cadet's charge is to be returned, uniform dry cleaned, before the cadet release is finalised.
8. A 'Record of Service' booklet will be issued for signature by the Parent or Guardian. The signature provides permission for the cadet to be involved in Cadet Force's activities, which may include attendance on courses and camps, weapon training and travel in military aircraft and ships. The signed approval must be given before the cadet will be considered for any of these activities. There is provision to cross out any general activity listed to which the Parent or Guardian objects. For adventurous activities the Parent or Guardian's authority specific to the activity may be required separately. The cadet must carry his/her 'Record of Service' booklet when taking part in cadet activities.
9. Orders and instructions will be issued from time to time and cadets will be made familiar with relevant service customs and procedures. Cadets, whilst in uniform or on duty, must abide by the rules, regulations, orders and the Code of Conduct governing the New Zealand Cadet Forces.
10. No payment is made to cadets for any unit activities. Payments may be authorised for cadets who assist during NZDF activities/courses authorised in the NZDF Annual Training Plan.
11. A cadet may resign from the unit at any time by informing the unit commander (Stating his/her reasons) who will ensure the Parent or Guardian is informed. The unit commander may reprimand, reduce in rank or dismiss a cadet for proven misconduct after following the correct procedure for investigation. Additionally, a cadet may be dismissed if they miss four consecutive parades without a satisfactory reason or acceptable prior clearance subject to the correct procedure for investigation being followed.
12. The continued existence of the New Zealand Cadet Forces is dependent on the support of the Sea Cadet Corps (SCC), Cadet Corps (NZCC) and Air Training Corps (ATC) Associations. Local unit support committees are branches of these organisations and Parents or guardians are encouraged to join their local unit support committee so that the Associations can continue to support NZCF. If no local unit support committee exists in a particular town, then the NZCF unit cannot exist. Your support is vital.