

Becoming A Police Officer As A Career

Have you ever considered joining the South African Police Service?

Being a police officer can be an interesting job where no two days are ever the same. Although it can be dangerous and stressful, it can also be very rewarding as you are able to make a real difference in peoples lives.



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Do You Have What It Takes?

To become a police officer you will need to be fit. They also have strict physical requirements: your Body Mass Index must be less than 30. If you are a male then your height must be over 1,6m with a waist measurement of less than 102cm, if you are a female then you must be taller than 1,5m with a waist measurement of less than 88cm.

- You have to be between the ages of 18 and 29 years old.
- You will need a matric certificate.
- You should be mentally fit and be able to make good split second decisions.
- You can NOT have any visible tattoos.
- You must have a valid drivers licence.
- You must be energetic, self disciplined and be able to follow orders and rules.
- You must be able to cope with stressful and sometimes traumatic situations.
- You will need good communication skills, and be fluent in at least two languages, one of which must be English.
- You must NOT have been declared unfit to carry a firearm.
- You must have no criminal or civil convictions pending against you.
- As part of the requirements the community will be consulted on your reputation in the community.
- You will need to pass a selection of internal assessments on your driving skills, integrity, fitness and communication.



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What Will You Need To Do To Become A Qualified Police Officer?

You will undergo a selection of Psychological and Psychometric Assessments which you must pass. Once you are accepted into the program you will begin a 24 month training program. 12 months of your training is spent at the Police Academy and the other 12 is spent doing practical training on the job.

