

How do I join as a Garda Reserve?

Applications for the position of Garda Reserve are made by way of an online application process which is managed by the Public Appointments Service. To receive notifications of Garda Reserve recruitment campaigns as they arise you must register as a member of <http://www.publicjobs.ie> and create the relevant job alert.

Is there a height requirement?

There is no height requirement to join the Garda Reserve.

Is there an age limit?

Applicants must be 18 years of age but not yet 60 years of age when commencing the prescribed training.

What are the Conditions for Entry?

An applicant must:

Be of good character;

Supply to a registered medical practitioner nominated by the Garda Commissioner, a medical certificate, in such form as that practitioner may determine, detailing the person's medical history for the previous 5 years;

Be certified by that registered medical practitioner to be in good health, of sound constitution and fitted physically and mentally to perform the duties of a Reserve member;

What are the educational requirements?

Candidates must have before the date of application to be accepted as a Reserve trainee obtained:

- (a) in the Irish Established Leaving Certificate Examination or Irish Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme:
 - (i) A grade not lower than B3 at Foundation Level or D3 at another level in Mathematics, and
 - (ii) A qualifying grade in two languages, one of which must be English or Irish, as follows :
Irish: a grade not lower than C3 at Foundation Level or D3 at another level,
English or another language: a grade not lower than D3 at Ordinary Level, and

(iii) A grade not lower than D3 at Ordinary Level, in not less than two other subjects.

or

(b) The Merit Grade in the Applied Leaving Certificate,

or

(c) Grades in at least five subjects (including mathematics and two languages at least one of which must be either Irish or English) in another examination of a kind that is, in the Minister's opinion, of a standard not lower than the standard of either of the examinations referred to above.

Among the qualifications, which are considered as acceptable alternatives to the Leaving Certificate Examination, are the following:

Matriculation of a recognised university;
A General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level);
NCEA / HETAC National Certificate;
NCEA / HETAC National Diploma

Applicants with these qualifications must have the required standard in Mathematics, two languages, one of which must be English or Irish, and at least two other subjects.

A former member of An Garda Síochána who, on retirement, received an 'exemplary', 'very good' or 'good' discharge from the Garda Síochána is deemed to meet the requirements.

The Garda Commissioner may exempt a person from meeting these if satisfied that the person has personal attributes which otherwise render him or her suitable to be admitted as a Reserve trainee.

Can a citizen from any country join?

To join applicants must:-

(a) Be a national of a European Union Member State, **or**

(b) Be a national of a European Economic Area State or the Swiss Confederation;
or

(c) Be a Refugee under the Refugee Act, 1996; **or**

(d) Have had a period of one year's continuous residence in the State on the closing date of the advertisement for the competition for the vacancy to which the admission relates, and during the eight years immediately preceding that period, has had a total residence in the State amounting to four years;

(e) Have been granted subsidiary protection, or is a family member of such a person, in compliance with the Garda Síochána (Reserve Members) Regulations, 2006.

What are the restrictions on admission to training for the Garda Reserve?

Notwithstanding that the requirements of Regulation 4 (Section 3 above) are met, a person may not be recruited for admission as a Reserve trainee if the person-

- holds a designated certificate, licence or permit, (which is issued by the District Court, Circuit Court, Garda Síochána or Revenue Commissioners and that involves gain to the holder, including any such certificate, licence or permit issued pursuant to – (i) the Licensing Acts 1833 to 2004, (ii) the Betting Acts 1931 and 1994, or (iii) any laws regulating places of public entertainment),
- is a member of the Defence Forces,
- is an officer of court,
- is an officer of the probation and welfare service,
- is a bailiff,
- is a prison officer,
- is a practising barrister or a practising solicitor,
- for reward or personal gain, manages or conducts, or assists in the management or conducting of, a concern or premises which is required by law to be operated under a licence, permit or certificate, the grant of which may be opposed by the Garda Síochána,
- provides a security service within the meaning of the Private Security Services Act 2004,
- serves summonses as a spare time activity, or
- is employed in any occupation or holds any appointment or position which, in the opinion of the Garda Commissioner, may cause a conflict of interest with the proper discharge of the duties of a Reserve member.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Regulations, the Garda Commissioner may not recruit a person for admission as a Reserve trainee if it appears to the Commissioner that the person is generally unsuitable for such admission.

How can I find out more?

Visit the Website of the Public Appointments Service, www.publicjobs.ie