The Australian Defence Force (ADF) Gap Year program is for students or recent school leavers. Individual programs run across Navy, Army and Air Force and are designed to give you detailed insight into how the ADF operates. Think of it as a once in a lifetime work experience placement in the ADF. Due to the enormous popularity of the program, the application process in place provides a fairer selection by considering a complete pool of applicants and the abilities they can bring to the experience.

Key Points:
- You need to apply online for the ADF Gap Year
- Applications are open from the 1 May to 30 June, 2010
- The application process is based on a merit system

Application process
The only way to apply for the ADF Gap Year is to complete an online application at www.defencejobs.gov.au/gapyear. The application process will require you to answer a range of questions to determine your eligibility, suitability and to establish what sort of ADF Gap Year role may suit you. Applications are open from 1 May and close on the 30 June 2010. Defence Force Recruiting will compile a list of candidates to move to the next stage of the recruitment process based on your application.

If I am successful, when would I start?
The ADF Gap Year program commencement starts at different times depending on the Service. Navy has 12 monthly enlistments from January to December and accepts a moderate amount of candidates in each intake. Army has a small intake in December; however, the majority of participants will be placed in January to March. Air Force will enlist all participants in mid to late January.

What happens at the end of my ADF Gap Year?
Beyond your 12 month ADF Gap Year, you may be offered the opportunity to apply for continued service in the ADF. Vacancies for ADF careers are always competitive so you should be aware that your ADF Gap Year service performance will be taken into account. Note: there may be limited opportunity for permanent Air Force roles. If you decide you wish to continue in the Navy, Army or Air Force, there are many options available including tertiary level study at the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA). Alternatively, you may wish to consider the Army or Air Force Reserves.

For further information, visit www.defencejobs.gov.au/gapyear

Regards
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