

Just the Job Information Sheet

Job title

Systems Engineer

Job description

As a Systems Engineer your role is to provide technical engineering support to the NZ Army's Communication Information Systems (CIS) fleet.

As a Systems Engineer you will need to work in sole charge and in team environments, often in high pressure situations, to ensure integral communication systems are open and maintained at tactical, operational and strategic levels of conflict.

During your training you will learn everything required to provide the full range of services required to keep channels of communication open. From local area networks and routers, to satellites and telephone exchanges, you will be able to engineer, diagnose and repair voice and data communication equipment used by the Army.

Qualifications required

- You must have completed at least three years at secondary school.
- Year 12 completion.
- A proven ability in English, Maths and Physics at NCEA Level 2 (12 credits per subject) or equivalent.

General requirements

- You must be at least 17 years of age.
- Meet the [citizenship & security](#) requirements to gain **SV security clearance** for this trade.
- You must be [medically](#) fit for service.
- No decreased colour perception.

Training costs

The NZDF pays for all training.

Career path

Your trade training will take approximately six years to complete. Throughout this time the NZ Army will provide training within your chosen professional field of employment. To start with, you will undergo the National Diploma of Telecommunications Engineering as well as attending courses on computer networks, system management and engineering. Later on, as you move up within

rank and seniority in your chosen trade of Systems Engineers, you will be posted to other areas such as Wellington, Trentham and Waiouru.

Salary range

Careers in the Army are well-rewarded, as well as being diverse and exciting. As you become more experienced and move up through the ranks, gaining additional skills and qualifications, you will see your salary rise accordingly.

While undertaking initial Recruit Course you will be paid as a Recruit (see attached [pay table](#)). On completion of your Recruit Course you will be paid as a Private and your pay will continue to increase as your career progresses.

How to increase the chances of successfully entering this industry

Each trade within the NZDF has specific academic, aptitude, and fitness entry requirements. Joining the NZDF is a very competitive process and it is rare for anyone to be selected who only has the minimum entry requirements. Best advice is to aim to excel in these areas which will make you a more desirable candidate.

Other places to source information about this job

www.defencecareers.mil.nz/army