NATIONAL RESERVE FORCES STATUS

COUNTRY: ROMANIA

GENERAL INFO

According to Romanian Laws, starting with 2007, the military enrollment is voluntarily during peace time and compulsory during war time.

Reserve volunteers are the Romanian citizens who signed contracts with the military units regarding their acceptance to fill posts within them. The duration of the first contract is minimum 2 years and can be extended by additional contracts of 2 to 3 years.

The Reserve volunteers can be selected amongst:
- The retired Armed Forces personnel
- Civilians without military background, with their age, studies and abilities accordingly to the post to fill requirements.

They can be used during Collective Defence operations and Other than War operations filling specialist posts, identically with their posts in the Crisis Establishment.

THE STRUCTURE OF RESERVE FORCES:

1. Operational reserve
Consists of reserve volunteers who signed a contract to serve in military units;

2. General reserve
Consists of citizens who are not part of Operational Reserve and their main task is to fill military units during war time

3. Citizens reserve
Consists of all kind of personalities (politicians, social workers, spiritual leaders, mass-media, sport and arts) who’s role is to strengthen the links between nation and Armed Forces. It is unlimited in numbers.

RESERVE FORCES MISSIONS

1. During peace time and crisis situations:
   a. To generate and re-generate the military structures destined for the crisis situations management;
   b. To participate within multi-national entities to Other than War operations carried on the national territory or abroad, under EU, OSCE or UN lead
   c. To participate in the Humanitarian Assistance operations;
   d. To provide the needs for special transportation and delivering of humanitarian aid;
   e. To participate in the rehabilitation of military and civil infrastructure;
   f. To participate in the evacuation of population affected by disasters;
   g. To provide the medical assistance for military and civilian personnel;
   h. To ensure CIMIC activities;
i. To provide force protection for special facilities and refugee camps.

2. During war time:
   a. To generate and re-generate the military units engaged in missions
   b. To participate in the national defence operations and in Collective Defence operations after full operationalization of the units;
   c. To support military units engaged in missions, by:
      • Participation in providing the Host Nation Support for the Coalition forces;
      • Participation in the establishing and protection of refugee and prisoner camps;
      • Participation in the de-mobilization (return to normal) of the Armed Forces and national economy;
      • To participate in the evacuation and protection of population from the probable war zones;
      • To participate in the support activities for the families of the personnel deployed in operations.

TRAINING

• On-the-job training courses in the military units in which they are assigned;
• Participation in exercises and mobilization training activities with the military units in which they are assigned;
• Various courses in the Services Training Schools;
• For the reserve personnel without military background, at the beginning of their first contract, there is a 4 months training period in their respective units and, during the contract, 2 days monthly during the week-ends and a 5 days training session annually;
• The evaluation standards are identically with the ones for active forces.

FINANCING

• Same payment, equipment and food as the respective active military personnel;
• One premium payment in amount of one monthly salary with their position accordingly, made on the occasion of signing the contract;
• All other rights (social protection, medical assistance) identical with active military personnel;
• Re-imbursement of travel expenses when are required to join Armed forces;
• Priority given in case of enrolls in the active military system;
• There are several compensations given to companies which employ the reserve personnel, for the period they are serving.