

APPROVED

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On the basis of the decision of the Council of the ENDC of 2 November 2011

ADMISSION CRITERIA OF THE ESTONIAN NATIONAL DEFENCE COLLEGE

The Admission Criteria of the Estonian National Defence College (hereinafter: the ENDC) for the Non-commissioned Officer Training Course, Basic Officer Training Course, Advanced Officer Training Course and Junior Officer Training Course for the Navy and Land Force are compiled in accordance with the Institution of Professional Higher Education Act, Defence Forces Service Act, Standard of Higher Education, Vocational Education Standard, Statutes of the Estonian National Defence College, and Order No. 101 of the Commander of the Estonian Defence Forces of 19 March 2010 “Preparation and Execution of Junior Officer Training Course for the Navy”, and Conditions and Procedures of the Admission of the ENDC.

NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER TRAINING COURSE

Candidate requirements:

1. Secondary education or equivalent education obtained abroad.
2. Estonian citizenship.
3. Completion of compulsory military service or similar training.

4. Completion of Junior Non-commissioned Officer Training Course¹.
5. Being medically fit to perform service duties².
6. Being physically fit to perform service duties³.
7. Being eligible to enter contractual active service⁴.

Entrance tests:

1. Orienteering/Trail orienteering.
 - 1.1 Complete a 5 km trail (10 checkpoints) in 80 minutes;
 - 1.2 Evaluation on a scale of 0-5 points, the minimum positive result being 0.5 points.
 2. March:
 - 2.1 Distance of march is 3 kilometres, time allocated: 23 minutes⁵.
 - 2.2 Evaluation on a scale of 0-5 points, the minimum positive result being 0.5 points.
 3. Firing:
 - 3.1. Live fire exercise A.7⁶.
 - 3.2 Evaluation on a scale of 0-3 points, the minimum positive result being 1 point.
 4. Compulsory equipment for candidates during entrance tests:
 - 4.1 Summer uniform No. 2.
 - 4.2 Set of combat webbings with a minimum weight of 5.5 kilograms.
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¹ Pursuant to Order No 16 of Minister of Defence of 16 January 2009 „Military Leadership State Curriculum of Junior Officer Training Course“.

² §79 of Defence Forces Service Act.

³ §79 of Defence Forces Service Act.

⁴ §79 of Defence Forces Service Act.

⁵ Concept of Physical Training and Sports in the Estonian Defence Forces (approved by Order No 114 of the Commander of the Estonian Defence Forces of 13 April 2010).

⁶ Firing Training Regulations of the Estonian Defence Forces and Defence League (approved by Order No 90 of the Commander of the Estonian Defence Forces of 16 March 2010).

- 4.3 Service weapon with three magazines (AK-4, Galil AR or Galil SAR).
5. Based on entrance test results, a ranked placement list of candidates is compiled.

BASIC OFFICER TRAINING COURSE (PROFESSIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION, nominal period of study: three years)

Candidate requirements:

1. Secondary education or relevant education obtained abroad.
2. Estonian language proficiency at level B2⁷.
3. Estonian citizenship.
4. Being at least 18 years old.
5. Being medically and physically fit to perform service duties⁸.
6. Male candidates should have completed compulsory military service, female candidates should have received the relevant military training in the Estonian Defence Forces or Defence League.
7. A prerequisite for enrolment in the Basic Officer Training Course is entering active service.

Entrance tests:

1. Academic aptitude test.
 - 1.1 Test results form a competitive list of scores.
 - 1.2 Test is graded on a scale of 0-100 points.
 2. Professional interview.
 - 2.1 Interview is graded on a scale of 0-10 points.
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⁷ School graduates with Estonian as language of instruction: a state exam in the Estonian language (essay); school graduates with Russian as language of instruction: Estonian language proficiency at level B2. Candidates not in possession of B2 language proficiency level write an essay in Estonian. For the assessment of essays non-differentiated assessment (pass/fail) is used.

⁸ §79 of Defence Forces Service Act.

2.2 Candidates attaining “0” points are excluded from competition.

3. Physical ability test⁹.

4. Admission is based on competitive placement results: points obtained for the academic aptitude test (50%) and professional interview (50%).

5. Candidates graduating from secondary school with a gold or silver medal:

5.1 are not required to sit the academic aptitude test and

5.2 are admitted outside of regular competition requirements based on professional interview results.

ADVANCED OFFICER TRAINING COURSE (MASTER’S STUDIES, nominal period of study: two years)

Candidate requirements:

1. Conformity to conditions of acceptance for contractual active service (pertains to reservists).
2. Level 1 of higher education in military leadership or equivalent education (including military training).
3. Service experience of three years minimum in the field of the master’s level curriculum.
4. Possession of valid NATO STANAG 6001 certificate.
5. Security clearance for information classified as “SECRET” (pertains to members of active service).
6. A prerequisite for enrolment in the Advanced Officer Training Course is entering active service (pertains to reservists).

Entrance tests:

1. An interview.
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⁹ Physical ability test results are not graded. Guidance is taken from the requirements set forth in Ministry of Defence Regulation No 35 of 21 December 2007.

- 1.1 The interview is graded on a scale of 0-10 points.
- 1.2 Discussion of the potential field of candidate's future master's thesis.
- 1.3 Recommendation from candidate's former chief is taken into consideration.
- 1.4 Candidates attaining "0" are excluded from competition.
2. Admission is based on interview results.

JUNIOR OFFICER TRAINING COURSE FOR NAVY AND LAND FORCE (BASED ON PRIOR HIGHER EDUCATION, nominal period of study: one year)

Land Force candidate requirements:

1. Estonian citizenship.
2. Level 1 of higher education.
3. Being up to 35 years old.
4. Being medically and physically fit to perform service duties¹⁰.
5. Male candidates should have completed compulsory military service, female candidates should have received the relevant military training in the Estonian Defence Forces or Defence League.
6. Command of the Estonian language as required for members of the Estonian Defence Forces¹¹.
7. A prerequisite for enrolment in the Junior Officer Training Course is entering active service.

Navy candidate requirements:

1. Estonian citizenship.
 2. Level 1 of higher education in one of the following specialties:
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¹⁰ §79 of Defence Forces Service Act.

¹¹ §79 of Defence Forces Service Act and Government of the Republic of Estonia Regulation No. 84 of 20 June 2011.

- 2.1 Professional higher education in navigation, ship engines, hydrography or port and shipping management obtained from the Estonian Maritime Academy.
- 2.2 B.A. in mechatronics obtained from the Tallinn Technical University.
- 2.3 Level 1 of higher education and qualification equal to 3rd or 4th level qualification in the professional standard of a navigation officer or ship mechanic
3. Being up to 35 years old.
4. Being medically and physically fit to perform service duties¹².
5. Male candidates should have completed compulsory military service, female candidates should have received the relevant military training in the Estonian Defence Forces or Defence League.
6. Command of the Estonian language as required for members of the Estonian Defence Forces¹³.
7. A prerequisite for enrolment in the Junior Officer Training Course is entering active service.

Entrance tests:

1. American Language Course Placement Test (ALCPT) or valid NATO STANAG 6001 certificate.
2. An interview.
 - 2.1 The interview is graded on a scale of 0-10 points.
 - 2.2 Candidates attaining “0” points are excluded from competition.
3. Physical ability test¹⁴.
4. Admission is based on candidates’ competitive placement results.

¹² §79 of Defence Forces Service Act.

¹³ §79 of Defence Forces Service Act and Government of the Republic of Estonia Regulation No. 84 of 20 June 2011.

¹⁴ Physical ability test results are not graded. Guidance is taken from the requirements set forth in Ministry of Defence Regulation No 35 of 21 December 2007.