CIVIL DEFENCE CORPS

Men and women are wanted as volunteers for part-time service in Local Divisions of the Civil Defence Corps.

This is a new Crown Service, for which the Home Secretary and the Secretary of State for Scotland are responsible. The Corps affords opportunities for leadership and comradeship, and service to your family, your neighbour, your township and your country.

Local Divisions of the Corps, organised by local authorities, consist of six main Sections—Headquarters, Warden, Rescue, Ambulance*, Pioneer and Welfare—some of which are divided into a number of Sub-Sections with specialised functions. Further information about the Sections is given on page 4.

* *In Scotland, the Ambulance Section is part of the National Hospital Service Reserve.*

HERE ARE THE ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS

Q **Does recruitment for Civil Defence mean that war is likely?**

A No. It is a common-sense method of ensuring that, in the event of war we shall have available, along with the Navy, Army and Air Force, an organised body of trained men and women as an essential "fourth arm" of our national defence.

Q **Who can join?**

A Men and women of 30* or over, except those whose commitments would prevent them from serving. (See 'Eligibility'—page 3).

Q **Is a medical examination necessary?**

A No.

Q **How long do I have to sign on for?**

A You do not enrol for any fixed period of service, but you are expected to continue membership of the Corps as long as you are able. You are, however, free to resign on personal grounds at any time.

Q **How much training have I to do?**

A Normally, 4 or 5 hours a month; but this may vary for the different Sections and Sub-Sections.

Q **When, and where, do I train?**

A In your spare time, at a local centre.

Q **Do I get paid?**

A No. But you get reasonable out-of-pocket expenses.

Q **Can I choose to join a particular Section?**

A Yes. As far as practicable, any preference for service in a particular Section or Sub-Section will be met.

Q **Can I transfer from one Section to another?**

A Yes. Again, as far as practicable, you may transfer from one Section or Sub-Section to another, or from one Local Division to another.

Q **If I join the Corps now, am I free to join later a civil defence unit at my place of work?**

A Yes.

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* *Men of 18 or over who have been declared unfit for H.M. Forces but are sufficiently fit for service with the Civil Defence Corps are eligible for enrolment.*
Women of 18 or over are eligible for enrolment in the Ambulance Section.

Q **Are there opportunities for promotion ?**
A Yes.

Q **Do I get a uniform ?**
A Yes. Uniforms will be provided as soon as possible. Overalls are available, where necessary.

Q **What about badges ?**
A You will receive a Corps badge after you have completed your preliminary training.

Q **Do I get compensation if I am hurt ?**
A Yes.

Q **How much service would I have to give in war time ?**
A Not less than 48 hours a month.

Q **Do I have to serve away from home ?**
A No.

Q **Would there be opportunities for whole-time service in war ?**
A Yes. In most Sections of the Corps.*

Q **Where do I join ?**
A At your local Council office.

ELIGIBILITY

Persons in the following categories are *not* eligible for enrolment:

H.M. Forces (including the Women's Services)
Territorial or Auxiliary Forces
Volunteer Reserves
Royal Observer Corps
Merchant Navy
Police Services
Fire Services
Medical, Nursing or Midwifery Professions
National Hospital Service Reserve
Ambulance Service (whole-time).

Regular Reservists in the organised Reserves
R.N. or R.M. Officers on the Retired or Emergency Lists
Forces Pensioners still liable to recall

Certain categories of Class 'Z' (or equivalent) Reservists *under 40.*

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* *Enrolment does not relieve you from any legal requirement to which you might be subject in war time; e.g., service with H.M. Forces, or liability to take or remain in other work of national importance.*

NOTE: You are a Class 'Z' (or equivalent) Reservist—

if you served in H.M. Forces in the last war and came out with your Age Group or on Class 'B' priority release, *or* if you were called up between 1st January 1947 and 31st December 1948 and were released after a fixed period of service, and are at present *neither* a member of H.M. Forces, the Territorial or Auxiliary Forces, or the Volunteer Reserves *nor* a Pensioner or Regular Reservist in the organised Reserves.

All Class 'Z' (or equivalent) Reservists over 40 are eligible for any Section of the Corps; some under 40 are eligible for enrolment in the Rescue or Pioneer Sections.

The Enrolment Officer will tell you if you are free to join the Corps or any particular Section.

CIVIL DEFENCE CORPS SECTIONS AND MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES

Headquarters: Communications; Special Reconnaissance; Public Information and Administrative Centres; Identification of Toxic Agents.

Warden: Supplementary Air Raid Warnings; Incident Control; Movement of Refugees; Reconnaissance and Reporting; Organisation of Domestic Self-help Parties.

Rescue: Rescue Work; Stretcher Bearing; First Aid.

Ambulance: Ambulance Driving and First Aid.

Pioneer: Debris Clearance; Demolition; Decontamination of Highways, Vehicles and Clothing; Cleansing of Uninjured Persons; Stretcher Bearing; Salvage; Emergency Repairs to Houses and Utility Services; Road Clearance.

Welfare: Escort and Welfare of Homeless and Evacuees; Billeting; Rest Centres; Supervision and Welfare of Public in Shelters; Emergency Cooking and Feeding; Mobile Kitchens and Canteens; Replacement of Clothing; Veterinary Service.

NOTE: This information is given for general guidance, and relates only to part-time volunteers recruited in peace time for Local Divisions of the Civil Defence Corps. The conditions set out may be changed from time to time.

ASK AT YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL OFFICE FOR YOUR ENROLMENT FORM

Leaflets about the Auxiliary Fire Service, the National Hospital Service Reserve and the Special Constabulary are obtainable at your local Council office.

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