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## SA NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE REQUESTS RESERVE FORCE MEMBERS AND OTHER VOLUNTEERS IN SCARCE SKILLS OCCUPATIONS TO OFFER THEIR SERVICES IN THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19.

The SA National Defence Force (SANDF) appreciates the willingness of South Africans, especially the Reserve Force, who have heeded the call on 30 March 2020 by the Department of Defence to serve their nation in her hour of need and help fight the Covid-19 pandemic.

This was done to complement the already deployed SANDF in the fight against the Covid-19 virus in line with the National Disaster Management Act of 2002.

To strengthen the national effort to curb this pandemic, the SA National Defence Force is now calling on all South Africans to contribute to this fight as volunteers with the following scarce skills:

- Health care practitioners, especially nurses and doctors,
- Qualified chefs.
- Qualified mechanics,
- Qualified engineers, technical and mechanical.
- Combat or aviation experience
- Qualified seamstresses.

Contact can be made by phoning the following people: Ms KB Muregu at 012 3395023 mobile 0828849763 or Ms Z.E. Masondo at 012 3395426 mobile 084 466 8992 and provide them with the following information:

- Name.
- Surname.
- Identity Number.
- Nearest town or city.
- Scarce Skill/ Qualification.

Reserve Force members with the identified scarce skills must contact their nearest Reserve Force Office (numbers at [http://www.rfdiv.mil.za/contact\\_us.html](http://www.rfdiv.mil.za/contact_us.html)) and provide them with the following detail:

- Force Number (If known).
- Rank.
- Name.
- Unit.
- Mustering.
- Nearest Unit and City.
- Qualification/ Scarce skill.

The Minister of Defence and Military Veterans, Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula, and the Chief of the SA National Defence, General Solly Shoke, would like to thank those citizens who are willing to lay a hand in the fight against COVID-19 during these difficult times. South Africa needs you.

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SA National Defence Force, your partner in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

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