| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0896  Responded to: 09 April 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## May I request a full copy of the forces policy on officers who apply while also serving as an active armed forces reserve or wish to apply to such a role during employment within the police. What are the limitations, can officers apply for the armed forces while serving as a police officer if so does it only allow up to a certain rank? And can serving armed forces reservists apply to become a police officer in the force?

The information sought is held by Police Scotland, but I am refusing to provide it in terms of section 16(1) of the Act on the basis that the section 25(1) exemption applies:

“Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it […] is exempt information”.

The information sought is publicly available on the link below.

[Draft Volunteer Reserve Forces Nov 2018](https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/bosongjt/volunteer-and-reserve-forces-sop.pdf)

Please note that anyone can apply to become a Police Officer. Further information can be found on the link below.

[Police Officer Jobs - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/jobs/become-a-police-officer/)

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by [email](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible. If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.