

**BROADENING THE POSSIBILITIES FOR ALTERNATIVE NATIONAL SERVICE
QUESTIONNAIRE**

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1. Do you, as a representative of your organisation, agree that men with conscientious objection to serving in the South African Defence Force should be entitled to do non-governmental community service instead?

Place an 'X' in the applicable block: Yes No

2. Would your organisation be willing and able to employ such a person in a full-time position?

Place an 'X' in the applicable block: Yes No

3. What kind of skills would you expect of such a person? (For example: professional, technical, administrative.)

Please give details: CLERICAL, ADMINISTRATIVE, BOOK KEEPING OR TEACHING, COURSE WRITING, TRAINING TEACHERS LAYOUT EDITING, PROOF READING.

4. Give a brief job description.

CLERICAL OR COURSE WRITER OR TRAINER
ALL STAFF TEACH AT LEAST ONE CLASS

5. The Act at present provides that alternative service must be one and a half times the length of military service still due, with a maximum of six years, served in one continuous period. For how long would your organisation be willing to employ a conscientious objector?

1 year 2 years 3 years 4 years 5 years 6 years
RENEWABLE, DEPENDS ON FUNDS.

6. Where would your employee be based? ORANGE GROVE

7. Current rates of pay for conscientious objectors doing "community service" range from R5,19 per day for unskilled single men (plus a living-out allowance of R250,00 per month) to R18,38 per day for professional married men. Would your organisation be prepared to pay these rates?

Place an 'X' in the applicable block: Yes No

(There are extensive regulations under the Act with regard to conditions of employment. These can be made available to you on request.)

8. In the event of the Conscientious Objectors' Support Group wishing to make use of this information, for example in approaching the government to make further amendments to the law, would you agree to the name of your organisation being mentioned?

Place an 'X' in the applicable block: Yes No

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION

QUESTIONNAIRE

1. DO YOU BELIEVE THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE CONSCRIPTED INTO THE SADF SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE TO DO A NON MILITARY FORM OF NATIONAL SERVICE ?

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2. WHO SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO PERFORM NON MILITARY NATIONAL SERVICE ?

(PROMPTS : RELIGIOUS
MORAL
POLITICAL

3. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING FORMS OF NON MILITARY SERVICE OUTSIDE OF THE SADF WOULD YOU ENDORSE ?

- CLERICAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS
- NATURE CONSERVATION
- WELFARE ORGANISATIONS
- EDUCATION
- HEALTH CARE
- PROFESSIONAL USING THEIR SKILLS
- RELIGIOUS ORGANISATIONS
- LEGAL AID
- OTHER CATEGORIES

4. ARE YOU AWARE OF ANY ALTERNATIVE NATIONAL SERVICE SYSTEM UNDER THE CURRENT DEFENCE ACT ?
IF YES, ELABORATE BRIEFLY

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5. SHOULD ALTERNATIVE SERVICE BE SHORTER / LONGER (BY HOW MUCH) / OR SAME LENGTH AS MILITARY SERVICE ?

6. WOULD YOU SUPPORT ECC IN THEIR CALL FOR ALTERNATIVE NATIONAL SERVICE ?

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- RELIGIOUS
- MORAL
- POLITICAL
- ALL OF ABOVE

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GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS
(eg Manpower or Education)

NON GOVERNMENT WELFARE ORGANISATIONS
(eg health, nature conservation
legal aid, educational)

NON GOVERNMENT RELIGIOUS ORGANISATIONS

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
(eg teachers, lawyers,
accountants, architects)

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ALTERNATIVE NATIONAL SERVICE QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Age:....
2. Belief: (e.g. Catholic, Jews).....
3. Academic Year:.....
4. Faculty:.....

PLEASE CIRCLE THE CORRECT ANSWER:

5. Have you completed your initial period of service in the S.A.D.F? YES/NO.
6. Do you think that other forms of national service should be provided as an alternative to military (e.g. army) and para-military (e.g. Police and Prisons Dept.) YES/NO
7. Do you feel that the alternatives already provided in the S.A.D.F., i.e. non-combatant military service (e.g. cook, clerk) are sufficient? YES/NO
8. If an alternative (e.g. community service, medical service, teaching) to military service was provided, would you choose to do that rather than military service? YES/NO

IF YOUR ANSWER TO QUESTION 8 IS NO, PLEASE DO NOT ANSWER ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS ON THIS SHEET.

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9. If you would choose an alternative non-military form of national service, is it because:
 - a) You are a pacifist
 - b) You prefer not to be involved in combat
 - c) You disagree with some of the present South African policies
 - d) You are looking for a soft option
 - e) Some other reason. (Please state it): _____
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CIRCLE AS MANY ANSWERS AS ARE RELEVANT TO YOU.

10. If you would choose to do alternative national service, in what capacity would you like to do your service?
 - a) Community service e.g. agricultural advisor.
 - b) Medical services e.g. working with paraplegics and other physically disabled people.
 - c) Teaching
 - d) In any other capacity (please state): _____
11. Would you be prepared to do alternative national service even if it was longer and/or less well paid than ordinary military service? YES/NO
12. Do you know of any person/s who have left South Africa in order to avoid service in the S.A.D.F., who might otherwise have remained had there been some form of alternative national service? YES/NO

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