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SAPS Internship Opportunity 2026 – Become a Police Constable

Description

The South African Police Service (SAPS) is inviting young, dynamic, and dedicated South African citizens from all backgrounds to apply for the Police Trainee / Internship Programme 2026. This is an excellent opportunity for individuals who are passionate about public service, upholding the law, and making a real impact in their communities by pursuing a career in Policing.

Selected candidates will undergo a 21-month Basic Police Development Learning Programme (BPDLP) at a SAPS Academy. During this period, they will receive full training, a monthly stipend, and applicable benefits. Upon successful completion of the training, candidates will be permanently appointed as Constables within the SAPS.

What's in it for you?

- Monthly Stipend During Training: R4,500
- Free Accommodation, Meals & Training Gear
- Medical Aid for Training Duration
- Permanent Appointment After Training: R238,629 per annum
- Opportunity to Serve & Protect South Africa

Core Duties & Responsibilities:

As a SAPS Police Trainee, your responsibilities will include:

- Preventing and combating crime
- Conducting investigations
- Maintaining public order and safety
- Protecting the lives and property of citizens
- Upholding and enforcing the law across the Republic

Minimum Requirements:

To be considered, applicants must:

- Be a South African citizen (proof required)
- Be between 18 and 35 years old
- Be medically, mentally, and physically fit (assessments will be conducted)
- Undergo a psychological integrity assessment
- Hold a Grade 12 certificate or equivalent
- Be proficient in English and at least one other official language
- Have no visible tattoos when in uniform
- Have no criminal record or pending cases
- Be willing to take an oath of office
- Be willing to serve anywhere in South Africa
- Submit biometric samples (fingerprints and DNA if required)
- Be willing to undergo vetting and security clearance

Hiring organization

South African Police Service

Employment Type

Intern

Duration of employment

21-months

Industry

Law Enforcement

Job Location

South Africa

Working Hours

09

Date posted

July 8, 2025

Valid through

09.07.2029

Preferred Candidates:

Although not mandatory, preference will be given to candidates who:

- Hold a valid driver's license (light motor vehicle)
- Have a relevant tertiary qualification (e.g., Criminal Law, Policing, Forensics – NQF level 6 or higher)
- Meet university entrance requirements (Bachelor's, Diploma, or Higher Certificate)

Physical Fitness Requirements:

To qualify for the fitness test, applicants must meet the following:

- BMI: ≤ 30
- Waist Circumference: ≤ 102 cm (males), ≤ 90 cm (females)

How to Apply:

Applications must be completed online only via the SAPS eRecruitment Portal:

[Apply Online Here](#)

Step-by-Step Application Guide:

1. Register on the SAPS recruitment portal
2. Complete your profile
3. Log into your account
4. Go to the SAPS Vacancy Page
5. Select the post: TRAINEE2025/2026
6. Follow the multi-step application process and submit

Important Notes:

- Application Deadline: 18 July 2025
- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted
- If you don't hear back within 3 months after the closing date, consider your application unsuccessful
- Applicants must be willing to undergo fitness assessments and background checks