

**MINISTRY OF DEFENCE & MILITARY VETERANS**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**13. Mr G A Gardee (EFF) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

(1) What (a) total number of applications were received from young applicants who wished to join the SA National Defence Force in each respective year from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2019 and (b) was the breakdown of such applications for each province;

(2) what number of the specified applicants in each year (a) are (i) diploma and (ii) degree graduates and (b)(i) were enrolled and (ii) successfully completed the training programme? NW13E

**REPLY:**

(1)(a) Six hundred and forty eight thousand and thirty nine (648 039) applications were received from young applicants who wished to join the SA National Defence Force over the period 01 January 2014 to 31 December 2019.

(b) The breakdown per province is as follows:

**2014**

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| **Ser****No** | **Province** | **Number of Applicants** |
| a | b |
| 1 | Gauteng | 33 936 |
| 2 | Limpopo | 12 501 |
| 3 | Mpumalanga | 7 343 |
| 4 | KwaZulu Natal | 9 869 |
| 5 | Free State | 5 869 |
| 6 | North West | 7 079 |
| 7 | Northern Cape | 3 873 |
| 8 | Eastern Cape | 6 350 |
| 9 | Western Cape | 5 054 |
| **Total Number of Applicants** | **91 874** |

**2015**

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| **Ser****No** | **Province** | **Number of Applicants** |
| a | b |
| 1 | Gauteng | 29 179 |
| 2 | Limpopo | 7 869 |
| 3 | Mpumalanga | 7 016 |
| 4 | KwaZulu Natal | 11 458 |
| 5 | Free State | 6 592 |
| 6 | North West | 4 838 |
| 7 | Northern Cape | 4 125 |
| 8 | Eastern Cape | 5 550 |
| 9 | Western Cape | 5 049 |
| **Total Number of Applicants** | **81 676** |

**2016**

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| **Ser****No** | **Province** | **Number of Applicants** |
| a | b |
| 1 | Gauteng | 29 694 |
| 2 | Limpopo | 8 828 |
| 3 | Mpumalanga | 8 865 |
| 4 | KwaZulu Natal | 12 298 |
| 5 | Free State | 6 500 |
| 6 | North West | 7 321 |
| 7 | Northern Cape | 6 004 |
| 8 | Eastern Cape | 6 727 |
| 9 | Western Cape | 6 047 |
| **Total Number of Applicants** | **92 284** |

**2017**

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| **Ser****No** | **Province** | **Number of Applicants** |
| a | b |
| 1 | Gauteng | 46 515 |
| 2 | Limpopo | 12 368 |
| 3 | Mpumalanga | 9 230 |
| 4 | Kwa Zulu Natal | 9 879 |
| 5 | Free State | 9 354 |
| 6 | North West | 7 012 |
| 7 | Northern Cape | 7 379 |
| 8 | Eastern Cape | 8 524 |
| 9 | Western Cape | 5 837 |
| **Total Number of Applicants** | **113 098** |

**2018**

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| **Ser****No** | **Province** | **Number of Applicants** |
| a | b |
| 1 | Gauteng | 52 905 |
| 2 | Limpopo | 15 281 |
| 3 | Mpumalanga | 13 746 |
| 4 | Kwa Zulu Natal | 15 206 |
| 5 | Free State | 10 108 |
| 6 | North West | 10 478 |
| 7 | Northern Cape | 7 165 |
| 8 | Eastern Cape | 10 970 |
| 9 | Western Cape | 10 984 |
| **Total Number of Applicants** | **146 843** |

**2019**

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| **Ser No** | **Province** | **Number of Applicants** |
| a | b |
| 1 | Gauteng | 42 915 |
| 2 | Limpopo | 13 801 |
| 3 | Mpumalanga | 10 741 |
| 4 | Kwa Zulu Natal | 13 331 |
| 5 | Free State |  8 925 |
| 6 | North West | 10 367 |
| 7 | Northern Cape |  4 919 |
| 8 | Eastern Cape |  6 934 |
| 9 | Western Cape | 10 331 |
| **Total Number of Applicants** | **122 264** |

(2)(a) The system classifies applicants with post matric qualifications as graduates. Eight thousand five hundred and ten (8 510) graduates applied over the period 01 January 2014 to 31 December 2019.

(b)(i) Nine thousand three hundred and six (9 306) applicants were enrolled over the period 01 January 2014 to 31 December 2019.

(b)(ii) Nine thousand one hundred and twenty three (9 123) applicants successfully completed the training programme.