

### **COMPULSORY MILITARY SERVICE:**

The National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia adopted the Decision on Abolition of Compulsory Military Service on 15 December 2010 („The Official Journal of RS", No. 95/10).

The Decision on Abolition of Compulsory Military Service specifies that:

- compulsory military service in the Serbian Armed Forces shall be abolished with compulsory military service of the last batch of soldiers referred in 2010, and also pertains to recruits that have replaced military service with civilian service due to conscientious objection;

- as of 1 January 2011, referral to military service in the Serbian Armed Forces shall be done on a voluntary basis in accordance with the Law on Conscription, Compulsory Labour and Requisition („The Official Journal of RS ", No. 88/09 and 95/10).

### **REGULATION OF MILITARY SERVICE**

After the adoption of the Decision on Abolition of Compulsory Military Service, a Serbian national residing abroad is subject to entering into military records kept by diplomatic and consular missions and is obliged to serve in reserve forces.

Recruits and persons in reserve forces who have travelled abroad to stay there for more than a year shall report to the relevant diplomatic or consular mission to be entered into military records within 30 days from the date of crossing the state border.

Serbian nationals permanently residing abroad are obliged to report to the diplomatic or consular mission of the Republic of Serbia in the year in which the individual turns 18 in order to be entered into military records.

Entering into military records kept by the diplomatic consular mission of the Republic of Serbia will signify that the Serbian national has regulated his military service.

For Serbian nationals, who have not fulfilled the obligation of military service, the Ministry of Defence centres for local self-governments shall pass decisions on transfer to the reserve forces when the individual turns 30 years of age.

Decisions on transfer to the reserve forces for nationals under 27 years of age, provided that they meet requirements under articles 44 and 66, paragraph 4, of the Law on Conscription, Compulsory Labour and Requisition, shall be passed upon their request.

### **SERVING OF MILITARY SERVICE**

Upon entering into force of the Decision on Abolition of Compulsory Military Service, military service shall be done on a voluntary basis. Voluntary military service is regulated by the Decree on the Procedure Regulating Voluntary Military Service in the Serbian Armed Forces ("The Official Journal of RS", No. 07/11).

An interested Serbian national residing abroad shall submit his application for voluntary military service under arms to the nearest diplomatic consular mission of the Republic of Serbia.

### COMPULSORY MILITARY SERVICE AND DISMISSAL FROM CITIZENSHIP OF THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA

For Serbian nationals who have completed their legal obligation of being entered into military records, there is no impediment for dismissal from citizenship of the Republic of Serbia.

## AMNESTY LAW

On 23 March 2010, the National Assembly passed a new Amnesty Law ("The Official Journal of RS", No. 18/10), which stipulates that all perpetrators of criminal offences, related to serving compulsory military service from 18 April 2006 until the new law came into force, will be granted amnesty.

A new law is being drafted by which all criminal proceedings against recruits who have avoided military service, from April 2010 until the adoption on the Decision on Abolition of Compulsory Military Service, would be stopped.

Serbian nationals may acquire all additional information through the nearest [diplomatic or consular mission of the R. of Serbia](#)

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