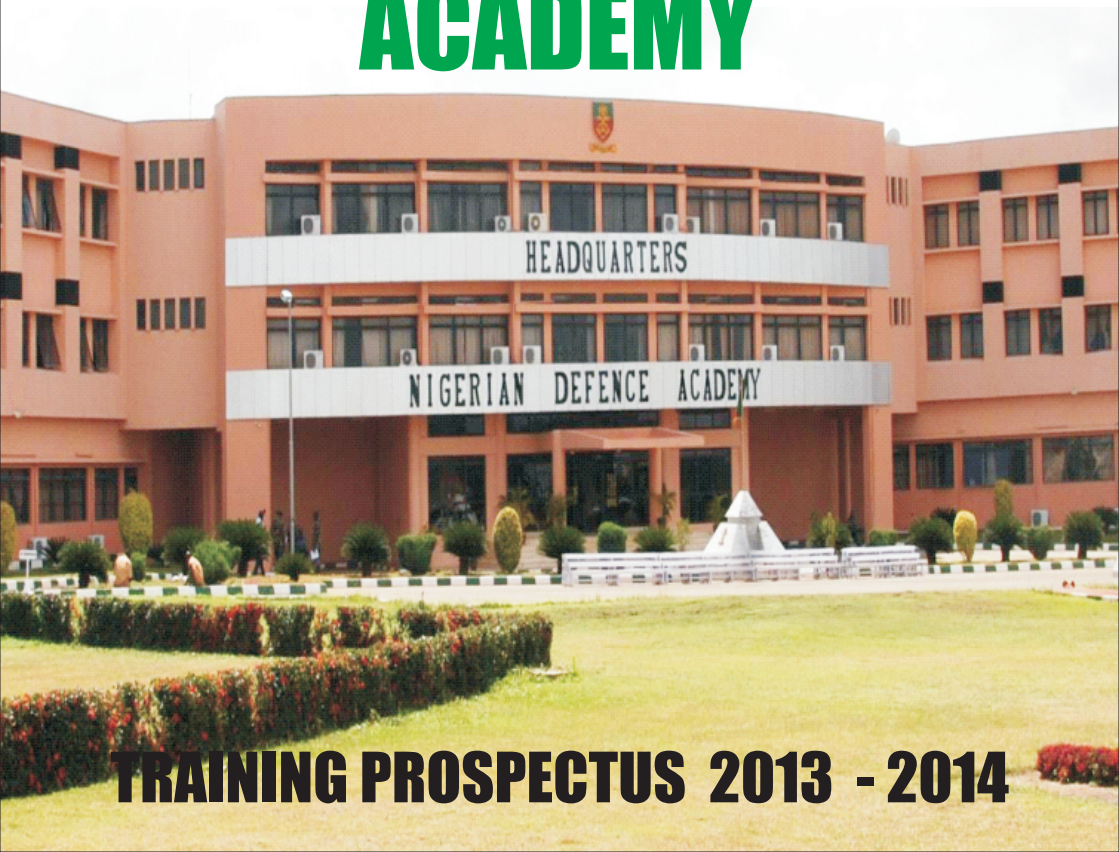




NIGERIAN DEFENCE ACADEMY



TRAINING PROSPECTUS 2013 - 2014

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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

1. The Nigerian Defence Academy (NDA) was established on 5 February 1964 in response to the defence needs of independent Nigeria to train officers for the Armed Forces of Nigeria. Before then, the institution was known as the Royal Military Forces Training College (RMFTC). After independence in 1960, it became known as the Nigerian Military Training College.



NDA Headquarters Complex



New Permanent Site NDA gate

2. The role of the Academy is to provide each officer cadet with knowledge, skills and values necessary to meet the requirements of a military officer through military, academic and character development. In essence, the NDA is an institution

where selected young able-bodied men and women are groomed into well educated, courageous, virile and erudite subalterns.



Main Gate NDA Old Site



Colour Party during Cadets' Passing-Out-Parade

VISION

3. The vision of the NDA is to produce officers with broad-based training in both military and academic subjects designed to serve as a foundation for the future progressive development of officers of the Nigerian Armed Forces.



Cadets on a March Past during a Passing-Out-Parade

MISSION

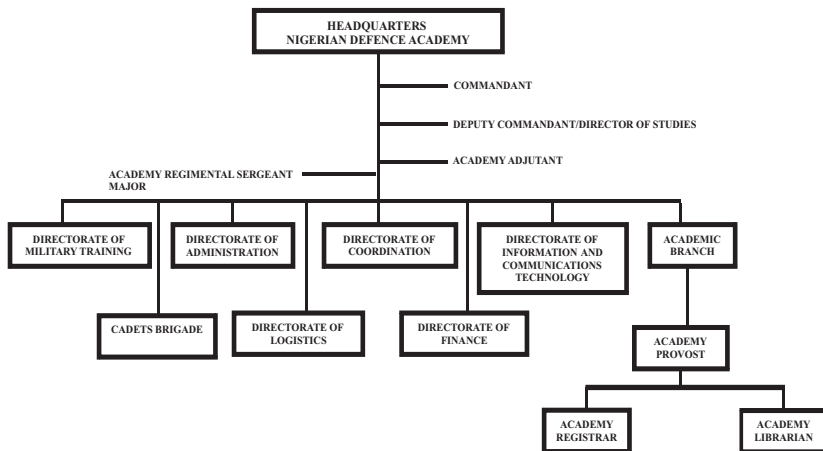
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Cadets Undergoing a Practical Instruction period of Weapon Training

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE



5. NDA is organised as follows:
 - a. **Headquarters NDA.** This is the administrative hub of the NDA. It is headed by the Commandant who is responsible to the NDA Council chaired by the Minister of Defence. The present Commandant of NDA is Major General CO Onwuamaegbu. The

Deputy Commandant assists the Commandant in the implementation of general policies and training. Air Vice Marshal AA Zannah is the current Deputy Commandant and Director of Studies. The Adjutant, Assistant Adjutant and Academy RSM are also part of the headquarters.

THE COMMAND TEAM



Maj Gen CO Onwuamaegbu
Commandant NDA



AVM AA Zannah
Deputy Commandant NDA



Lt Col MI Abdulkadir
Academy Adjutant



SqN Ldr AS Abubakar
Assistant Adjutant



AWO Bako Sale
Academy Regimental Sergeant Major

b. **Directorate of Military Training.**

The Directorate of Military Training (DMT) is responsible for the training of cadets in military related subjects and exercises. The Directorate is headed by a Director of the rank of Brigadier General who is responsible to the Commandant. The DMT offers basic joint officer cadets training to potential Army, Naval and Air Force officers to foster



Directorate of Military Training Complex



Cadets Abseiling from a Hill

early development of esprit-de-corps among the cadets. The DMT has 5 Training Wings under its supervision. These include the following:

(1) **Army Wing.**

The Army Wing runs 3 types of courses for the Nigerian Army (NA). These are the Regular Combatant (RC), Short Service (SS) and the Direct Short Service (DSS)

The Army Wing



Army Wing Complex

Courses. The Army Wing teaches subjects ranging from Field Training to Methods of Instruction which are peculiar to the army.



Cadets in a Watermanship Training



Cadets during a Practical Instruction Period

(2) **Naval Wing.**

The Naval Wing runs the Regular and the Direct Short Service Courses for the Nigerian Navy (NN). During their stay in the Academy, cadets acquire basic training with naval bias. Thereafter, they proceed as midshipmen to the Nigerian Naval College in Onne, near Port- Harcourt, where they undergo intensive naval training after which



Naval Wing Complex



Cadets on Board a Naval Ship during one of the Naval Tour



Cadets receiving Instruction on Board a Naval Ship

they are commissioned sub-lieutenants. While in NDA, naval cadets study naval subjects ranging from seamanship to naval operations, basic engineering, damage control, logistics, naval law, management and administration as well as account and budgeting.



Cadets receiving Instructions on deck gear onboard NNS ARADU



The Naval Wing Simulation center



Training on the Bridge Trainer Simulator at the Naval Wing



Training at the Electronic Chartroom at the Naval Wing Simulation center

(3) **Air Force Wing.** The Air Force Wing trains Air Force cadets in the Regular and Direct Short Service Courses. The cadets acquire basic Air Force training



Air Force Wing Complex

while in the Academy. The Regular Cadets on completion of 4 years at NDA, proceed to the Nigerian Air Force (NAF) Flying Training School, in Kaduna, for their primary professional Air Force training. At the end of their fifth year of cumulative training, they are commissioned pilot officers.

While in NDA, Air Force cadets learn Air Force subjects ranging from air operations to aerodynamics.



Cadets Alight from a Private Airline during one of their tours prior to their passing out



Air Force Cadets undergoing Training in Air Armament



Short Service Wing



Cadets undergoing Weapon Training

(4) **Short Service Wing.** The Short Service Wing trains Army cadets undergoing the Short Service Course and Army, Navy and Air Force cadets undergoing the Direct Short Service Course.



Cadets Mounted on Amoured Personnel Carrier during a Tactical Training Session

(5) **Training Support Wing.** The Training Support Wing is responsible for the coordination of common to services subjects. These form an important aspect of the military training for cadets other than their core Service subjects. The following military subjects common to the 3 Services are taught at the Academy:



Physical Training a most in Cadets daily Routine



Cadets during a Tactical Training Session

- (a) Weapon Training.
- (b) Physical Training.
- (c) Drill.

(d) Equitation.

(e) First Aid.

c. **Cadets' Brigade.** The Cadets' Brigade (CB) is responsible for cadets' administration, character development and welfare. The Brigade is commanded by an Army officer with the established rank of brigadier general and called the Cadets Brigade Commander (CBC). There are five cadets' battalions under the CB namely:

- (1) Abyssinia Battalion
- (2) Burma Battalion
- (3) Dalet Battalion
- (4) Mogadishu Battalion
- (5) Ashanti Battalion.



Cadets' Brigade Office Complex



Cadets March Past during a Passing -Out-Parade



A Regimental Dinner Night at the Academy



A Cadet being presented with a Medal



A Convocations Ceremony during Cadets Passing Out

d. **Academic Branch.**

The Academic Branch is responsible for the academic training of cadets and administration of the civilian staff. The post graduate school and the Academy Library are also under the branch. It is headed by the Academy Provost (AP) who is a professor. The AP is assisted by the Academy Registrar who is a brigadier general, the Academy Librarian and Deans of Faculties. The Branch discharges functions similar to those performed by conventional universities in terms of teaching, research and community services. Its academic programme was upgraded to a degree awarding status in 1985 with a 5-year course duration for the Regular Combatant Course. This is made up of 4 years of academic training and one year of solely military training. Similarly, the cadets go through the same rigorous intellectual training as undergraduates in other conventional universities.



**A Convocations Ceremony during
Cadets Passing Out**



Cadet in a Graduation Ceremony



**Cadets of 64 RC signing their Matriculation
Oath**

e. **Directorate of Coordination.** The Directorate of Coordination (D-Coord) is headed by a Director with the established rank of a commodore of the Nigerian Navy. He is responsible for all matters relating to coordination of all Academy activities and liaison with outside units, formations and civil organisations.

f. **The Directorate of Administration.** The Directorate of Administration (DOA) is headed by a Director from the Navy with the established rank of commodore. He is responsible for all military personnel and administrative functions, activities and policy formulation in the Academy.

g. **Directorate of Information and Communications Technology.** The Directorate of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) is responsible for the efficient administration and implementation of the NDA ICT policies and programmes. The Directorate is headed by a Director. The office of the Director is headed by a serving military officer with the established rank of air commodore.



An Equipped Information and Communication
Technology in the Academy

h. **Directorate of Logistics.** The Directorate of Logistics (D Log) is responsible for all logistics matters in the Academy. The Directorate is headed by a Director with the established rank of air commodore.

i. **Directorate of Finance.** The Directorate of Finance (DOF) is responsible for the day-to-day administration and control of the financial affairs of the Academy. The Directorate is headed by an Army officer with the established rank of a brigadier general.

MILITARY TRAINING IN NDA

6. The NDA offers 3 types of military training to cadets of the Army, Navy and Air Force, namely; Regular Combatant Course (RC); Short Service Course (SSC) and Direct Short Service Course (DSSC).



Cadets in Obstacle Crossing Exercise in the Academy

REGULAR COMBATANT COURSE (RC)

7. This is a 5 year course, comprising 4 years of academic program and one year of military training culminating in the award of a Bachelor Degree and a presidential commission to the rank of second lieutenant, or equivalent in the Navy and Air Force.

Until 2011, this course used to be exclusively for males. The first set of female cadets commenced training in September 2011.

8. Eligibility for Entry into the NDA Regular Course.

To be eligible for admission into the regular course in the Nigerian Defence Academy, a candidate must meet the following requirements:



Cadets Abseiling from a 42 ft Tower during a Specialise Warfare Training

- a. The admission exercise for Regular Cadets commences with the electronic sale of admission forms. Therefore, candidates are made to purchase and fill the forms online, and therefore sit for the Joint Admission Matriculation Board (JAMB) Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME). It is only those who meet the national cut off mark that are eligible to sit for the NDA Entrance Examination (equivalent of post-UTME). This is followed by an electronic marking of candidates scripts and shortlistment for the Armed Forces Selection Board (AFSB) which

is usually constituted by the Defence Headquarters. The AFSB exercise consists of credential screening, physical and medical tests. Others include aptitude test and oral interviews, among others. The final selection of candidates is done by the AFSB, reflecting federal character.

b. Minimum of 5 credit passes with English and Mathematics at the Senior Secondary Certificate Examination conducted by the West Africa Examination Council or National Examination Commission or General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level or Grade II Teachers Certificate obtained in not more than 2 sittings relevant to the Faculty of their choices.

c. At least one supporting relevant credit to the compulsory credits in Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and Faculty of Science. However, only one supporting relevant credit is required in the Faculty of Engineering.

d. Be at least 17 years old and not more than 21 years old at the time of entry into

the Academy. Nigerian Air Force candidates must be between 17 and 18 years old at entry.

e. Must not be less than 1.68 metres tall for male and 1.50 metres for female.

f. Must be medically and physically fit and must be of good moral character.

g. Must be single male or female without legal obligation to support any child or other individuals.

h. Present a certificate of origin obtained from a Local Government. A certificate of State indigeneship from the Office of the State Governor is desirable.

i. In addition to the foregoing, candidates awaiting results are not qualified and only examination results of not more than 5 years before the date of application are acceptable.

9. **Vacancies.** NDA has an annual cadets' intake of 175 for the RC. This comprises of 155 males and 20 females. Defence Headquarters

allocates these vacancies out of this number to the Army, Navy and Air Force. The number of intakes could vary each year depending on the manpower needs of the armed forces. There are also vacancies reserved for cadets from sister African countries.

10. **Date of Assembly.** The Regular Combatant Course assembles in September each year. However, all nomination processes must be concluded 3 months before the date of assembly.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REGULAR COURSE PROGRAMME

11. The candidates must meet the following prerequisites before they can be admitted into any faculty/department for the degree programme.

a. FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Course	General Requirement	Compulsory Credits	Relevant Credits
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
BSc Economics	5 credit passes in not more than 2 sittings including English Language and Mathematics	English Language, Economics and Mathematics	Accounts, Commerce, Government, Geography, History, French and Arabic
BSc Accounting	5 credit passes in not more than 2 sittings including English Language and Mathematics	English Language, Accounting and Mathematics	Accounts, Commerce, Government, Geography, History, French and Arabic
BSc Geography	5 credit passes in not more than 2 sittings including English Language and Mathematics	English Language, Geography and Mathematics	History, Economics, Government, Accounts, Commerce, French and Arabic

BA History and International Studies	5 credit passes in not more than 2 sittings including English Language and Mathematics	English Language, History and Mathematics	Economics, Geography, Government, French and Account and Commerce
BA French	5 credit passes in not more than 2 sittings including English Language and Mathematics	English Language, French and Mathematics	Economics, Geography, Government, French, Arabic Commerce and Accounts
BA Arabic	5 credit passes in not more than 2 sittings including English Language and Mathematics	English Language, Arabic and Mathematics	History, Economics, French, Geography, Accounts and Commerce
BSc Political Science and Defence Studies	5 credit passes in not more than 2 sittings including English Language and Mathematics	English Language, Government and Mathematics	History, Economics, French, Geography, Accounts and Commerce
BSc Psychology	5 credit passes in not more than 2 sittings including English Language and Mathematics	English Language, Biology and Mathematics	Economic, Health Science, Government and Agric Science

b. FACULTY OF ENGINEERING

COURSE	GENERAL REQUIREMENT	COMPULSORY CREDITS	RELEVANT CREDITS
BEngr Civil	5 credit passes in not more than 2 sittings including English Language and Mathematics	English Language, Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry	Technical Drawing, Further Mathematics, Biology and Geography
BEngr Electrical and Electronics	5 credit passes in not more than 2 sittings including English Language and Mathematics	English Language, Mathematics, Chemistry and Physics	Technical Drawing, Further Mathematics, Biology and Geography
BEngr Mechanical	5 credit passes in not more than 2 sittings including English Language and Mathematics	English Language, Mathematics, Chemistry and Physics	Technical Drawing, Further Mathematics, Biology and Geography

c. FACULTY OF SCIENCE

BSc Biological Sciences	5 credit passes in not more than 2 sittings including English Language and Mathematics	English Language, Mathematics, Biology and Chemistry	Physics, Agric Science, Geography and Health Science
BSc Chemistry	5 credit passes in not more than 2 sittings including English Language and Mathematics	English Language, Mathematics, Chemistry and Biology	Physics, Health Science, Agric Science and Geography

BSc Mathematics	5 credit passes in not more than 2 sittings including English Language and Mathematics	English Language, Mathematics and Physics	Chemistry, Additional/ Further Mathematics, Biology and Geography
BSc Computer Science	5 credit passes in not more than 2 sittings including English Language and Mathematics	English Language, Mathematics and Physics	Chemistry, Additional/ Further Mathematics, Biology and Geography
BSc Physics	5 credit passes in not more than 2 sittings including English Language and Mathematics	English Language, Mathematics and Physics	Chemistry, Biology, Technical Drawing and Geography

THE SHORT SERVICE COURSE (SSC).

12. The Short Service Course is a 9 month intensive military training exclusively targeted at beefing up the officer requirement of the Nigerian Army from time to time. Those so trained could be deployed to the combat as well as non combat arms of the Army. Other arms of the Armed Forces, presently do not



Cadets Jumping a 9 ft ditch during an Obstacle Crossing

subscribe to this course. Some sister African countries utilise the programme to fill gaps in their combatant officer requirement.

13. **Entry Qualification for the SSC.** Entry qualifications for the SSC are as follows:

- (a) Be a Nigerian as defined in the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- (b) Be a male or female between the age of 24 and 29 years.
- (c) Possess at least a first degree of not less than Second Class Lower Division or HND of not less than Lower Credit in the arts, sciences or humanities from any recognized University or Polytechnic as the case may be.
- (d) Measure at least 1.68m in height.
- (e) Be medically and physically fit.
- (f) Applicants (less serving members of the Armed Forces) must possess the NYSC discharge certificate or a valid exemption as the case may be.
- (g) Possess valid birth certificate endorsed by the National Population Commission,

hospital or local government council of birth or valid age declaration.

(h) Possess a valid certificate of state of origin.

(i) Must not have been convicted by any competent court of law.

(j) Be recommended by at least 2 recognizable referees who must attest to the applicant's character and integrity. Serving military personnel must be recommended by their commanding officers.

14. **Vacancies.** The Short Service Course has an intake of about 100 cadets annually. This may however be subject to review from time to time by the Army Headquarters. Vacancies are also reserved for cadets of sister African countries.

15. **Assembling Date for Short Service Course.** The Short Service Course assembles in July/August of every year.

DIRECT SHORT SERVICE COURSE (DSSC).

16. The DSSC is a 9 month intensive military training for professionals drawn from various disciplines to serve as officers in the non

combat services of the Army, Navy and the Air Force.

17. **Entry Qualification for the DSSC.** The entry qualifications for the DSSC are as follows:

- (a) Be a Nigerian as defined in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- (b) Be male or female between the ages of 22 to 35 years for both serving personnel and civilians.
- (c) Be medically and physically fit.
- (d) Measure not less than 1.68m (for male) and 1.65m (for female) in height.
- (e) Must not have been convicted by any court of law.
- (f) Possess a minimum of first degree of not less than Second Class Lower Division from a recognized University or HND from a recognized Polytechnic of not less than Lower Credit.
- (g) Applicants (less serving members of the Armed Forces) must have completed the NYSC Scheme or provide proof of exemption as the case may be.
- (h) Graduates with professional qualifications must be duly registered by

relevant bodies recognized by Nigerian Laws at the commencement of cadet training.

(i) Possess valid birth certificate endorsed by the National Population Commission, Hospital or Local Government Council of birth or valid age declaration.

(j) Possess a valid certificate of state of origin.

(k) Recommended by at least two recognizable referees who must attest to the applicant's character and integrity. Serving military personnel must be recommended by their commanders.

18. **Vacancies.** The Direct Short Service Course has an annual intake of about 100 cadets per Service, totaling 300 cadets for a course. There is provision to increase the number whenever there is a need.

19. **Assembly Date.** The DSSC normally assembles in July/August of every year.

ACADEMIC TRAINING

20. The Academic branch is responsible for running the academic degree program of the

Regular Combatant Course of the NDA. It also runs post graduate programmes for both military and civilian candidates. On completion of the academic programme, cadets who are found worthy in character and learning are awarded Bachelor's degrees in the following disciplines.

- (a) Physics
- (b) Chemistry
- (c) Mathematics
- (d) Computer Science
- (e) Economics
- (f) Accounting
- (g) Geography
- (h) History & International Studies
- (i) French
- (j) Arabic
- (k) Biological Sciences
- (l) Political Science and Defence Studies
- (m) Civil Engineering
- (n) Mechanical Engineering
- (o) Electrical/Electronic Engineering

ACHIEVEMENTS

21. Quite a number of humble strides have been made by our noble and prestigious academy. Some of our modest achievements are cataloged

as follows:

(a) In order to align its operations with global best practices and highest military tradition, NDA joined other tertiary institutions (universities) by conducting the first ever matriculation years after the inception of the degree programme. The cadets of 64 Regular Course took the matriculation oath to mark their formal admission into various degree programmes of the NDA on Wednesday 12 June 2013.

(b) A total of 18,339 officers have so far graduated from the academy, including 470 from the following 10 sister African countries: Benin, Chad, Guinea, The Gambia, Liberia, Niger, Sierra Leone, Uganda, Zimbabwe and Central African Republic. Currently, Republic of Liberia, Benin, Togo and Central African Republic have 8, 2, 4, and 9 officer cadets respectively undergoing regular cadets training in the academy.

(c) Since inception of the degree programme in 1985, the Academy has produced 3,876 graduate officers in various

disciplines. NDA now boasts of a Postgraduate School that consists of 3 Faculties with 14 degree awarding Departments.

(d) Another area of achievement is the establishment of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Centre that facilitates research and effective instruction. Currently, the academy free to air wireless internet service runs for 24 hours daily in every part of the institution.

(e) NDA has the only ultra modern naval simulation trainer in the sub region.

PROSPECTS

22. NDA plays an important role in the national life of Nigeria and its goals and aspirations have continued to blossom. The academy has successfully moved to its permanent site where work is on going to complete the rest of Phases 1 and 2 projects. When the construction is complete, it will mark a milestone in the history of NDA in particular and Nigeria in general. By 2014, NDA will

celebrate its Golden Jubilee anniversary, marking 50 years of its establishment. This event will symbolise the attainment of a prestigious status such as those attained by academies like Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, UK, West Point USA and National Defence Academy, India that have not only celebrated such milestones but have progressed tremendously.