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Factsheet - SAF Overseas Scholarships

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The SAF Overseas Scholarship (SAFOS) was introduced in 1971, with the aim of recruiting top male students of each year's GCE 'A' Levels cohort to serve in MINDEF and the SAF. The SAFOS is widely recognised as being second in prestige only to the President's Scholarship.

The SAFOS does not limit the career paths of these scholars to just MINDEF and the SAF. Under the Dual Career Scheme, which was introduced in 1981, SAFOS scholars are given the opportunity to serve in the prestigious Administrative Service as well as in other Ministries.

The training that the SAF overseas scholars undergo prepares them for top management positions in the SAF, public service and private sector.

Only about 1,000 of the 5,000 male students who sit for the GCE 'A' levels each year will be selected for officer cadet training. Amongst them, only about 60 - 80 will qualify for the SAFOS selection, and ultimately, only about 10 in the 5,000 will have made it through the rigorous selection process to win the scholarship.

The selected scholars will receive a monthly maintenance allowance and an annual book allowance. They will also be paid a full officer's salary during their studies. These scholars are commissioned as 2nd Lieutenants prior to their studies, and will be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant after their first year of study. One year after graduation, they will be promoted to the rank of Captain.

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