

AIR FORCE OF ZIMBABWE RECRUITMENT GUIDED BY COVID-19 PREVENTION PROTOCOLS

The Air Force of Zimbabwe (AFZ) is set to embark on a nation-wide recruitment drive that is different from the previous exercises in recognition of the threat posed by Covid-19 and the necessity to prevent the spread of the pandemic during the recruitment exercise. The AFZ Chief of Staff Supporting Services Air Vice Marshal Jacob John Nzvede, said that while the AFZ was fully aware of the threat posed by Covid-19, the recruitment of personnel was critical in order for the AFZ to effectively fulfill its mandate of defending Zimbabwe's airspace and territorial integrity.

On the urgency of the recruitment exercise while the country was in the midst of a fight to contain the Covid-19 pandemic, Air Vice Marshal Nzvede said that the AFZ was fully aware of the threat posed by the pandemic but pointed out that failure to recruit would have a negative impact on the manning levels in critical areas in the AFZ and resultantly lower the capabilities of the organisation to effectively respond to national security threats. He elaborated that national security was one of the key cog in the national development matrix hence there was need to ensure that the AFZ continuously recruits and trains suitable personnel to perform various roles that guarantee national security.

In recognition of the Covid-19 threat and the efforts to contain the pandemic, the Chief of Staff Supporting Services said that the 2021 recruitment exercise would strictly adhere to the Covid-19 prevention guidelines while at the same time ensuring that the rightful candidates are recruited into the AFZ.

"Traditionally we have conducted nation-wide recruitment exercises that required candidates to gather at designated places around the country. However, in light of the Covid-19 pandemic and the guidelines outlined by the government, this year we will only invite candidates to submit their applications at designated places in their provinces and there after the AFZ will collect the application in order to select suitably qualified candidates that will then be invited in small groups for further selection processes," said Air Vice Marshal Nzvede.

The Chief of Staff Supporting Services further explained that in addition to the implementation of all the Covid-19 prevention measures such as disinfecting shared spaces, wearing of masks and hand sanitization, the AFZ will go further to conduct Covid-19 test (PCR Tests) in order to create a bio-secure bubble for the candidates that will undergo the final selection processes.

He cautioned potential applicants to avoid being duped by unscrupulous individuals and agents that purport to represent the AFZ by posting false recruitment advertisements on social media platforms.