



National Service in Singapore

NS in Singapore

- Full-time National Service (NS) began in 1967
- Our national servicemen form the core of an operationally-ready SAF
- The SAF is fundamentally a citizen-based armed forces



Our NS Journey

16½ years old
NS Registration &
Medical Screening

≥ 18 years old
Enlistment

Up to 50 years old
For officers

Up to 40 years old
For non-officers

**Pre-
Enlistment**

**2 Years
Full-Time NS**

**10 Years
Operationally Ready NS
(ORNS)**

**Reserves/
ROVERS**

Volunteers

Full-Time NS

- 2 years of progressive training
- Comprises Basic Military Training, vocational training/command school training, and unit training
- Holistic training to develop physically strong and psychologically resilient servicemen
- More recently, pre-enlistees have been able to indicate interest in vocations

Basic Military Training (BMT)

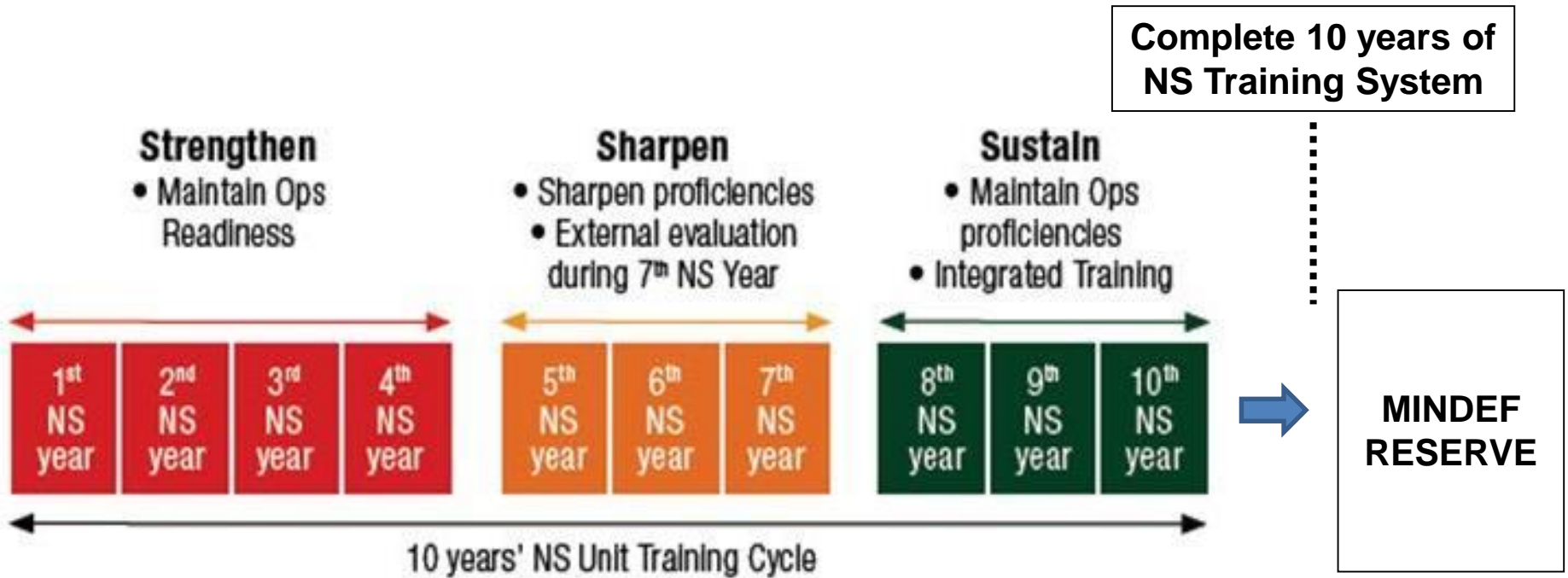
Vocational/Command School Training

Unit Training

2 years



Operationally Ready NS (ORNS)



Types of Training:

- Low Key training (up to 6 days)
- High Key training (7 days or more)

Annual **Individual Physical Proficiency Test (IPPT)**

Mobilisation Response Rate has been consistently high

Maintaining our national servicemen's readiness

Optimising Deployment of our National Servicemen

- Expanded roles for national servicemen to take on greater responsibilities and higher positions of command in the SAF
- For instance, the Republic of Singapore Navy deploys warships completely run by national servicemen
- Optimising time spent during ICT and overseas deployment of national servicemen for military exercises



Tackling New and Complex Threats

- “**3rd Generation SAF**”- training of national servicemen has continually evolved to tackle new and complex threats
- National servicemen are trained in peacetime contingency operation roles to support our regular force in **counter-terrorism efforts**
- Expanding the SAF’s operational capabilities in niche expertise areas through the **Expertise Conversion Scheme (ECS)**



Commitment to NS

NS requires a strong support base

Motivated National Servicemen



A public that values a strong defence





Thank You