



Degrees of Separation

We, the undersigned,
commit to honour the Armed Forces Covenant
and support the Armed Forces Community.

We recognise the value Serving Personnel (Regular & Reserve), Cadets,
Veterans, and military families contribute to our business/school/charity
and our country.

Signed:

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Position: Director

Date: 10th July 2019



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The Armed Forces Covenant

An Enduring Covenant Between

The People of the United Kingdom
Her Majesty's Government

and

All those who serve or have served in the Armed Forces of the Crown

And their Families

The first duty of Government is the defence of the realm. Our Armed Forces fulfil that responsibility on behalf of the Government, sacrificing some civilian freedoms, facing danger and, sometimes, suffering serious injury or death as a result of their duty. Families also play a vital role in supporting the operational effectiveness of our Armed Forces. In return, the whole nation has a moral obligation to the members of the Naval Service, the Army and the Royal Air Force, together with their families. They deserve our respect and support, and fair treatment.

Those who serve in the Armed Forces, whether Regular or Reserve, those who have served in the past, and their families, should face no disadvantage compared to other citizens in the provision of public and commercial services. Special consideration is appropriate in some cases, especially for those who have given most such as the injured and the bereaved.

This obligation involves the whole of society: it includes voluntary and charitable bodies, private organisations, and the actions of individuals in supporting the Armed Forces. Recognising those who have performed military duty unites the country and demonstrates the value of their contribution. This has no greater expression than in upholding this Covenant.

Section 1: Principles Of The Armed Forces Covenant

1. We Degrees of Separation will endeavour in our business dealings to uphold the key principles of the Armed Forces Covenant, which are:
 - *no member of the Armed Forces Community should face disadvantage in the provision of public and commercial services compared to any other citizen*
 - *in some circumstances special treatment may be appropriate especially for the injured or bereaved.*

Section 2: Demonstrating our Commitment

- 2.1 Degrees of Separation recognises the value serving personnel, reservists, veterans and military families bring to our business. We will seek to uphold the principles of the Armed Forces Covenant, by:
 - **promoting the fact that we are an armed forces-friendly organisation;**
 - *promoting our work, activities and events through our own digital & social media channels*
 - *publicising displaying the Covenant logo on our website; www.dos.uk.com with a link to our Covenant.*
 - **seeking to support the employment of veterans young and old:**
 - *working with and advertising vacancies through the Career Transition Partnership (CTP,) as well as advertising widely in the Armed Forces Community, to ensure employment opportunities are made available to Veterans*
 - *welcoming applications from Veterans who meet the criteria in the job specification*
 - *recognising military skills and qualifications in our recruitment and selection process*
 - **striving to support the employment of Service spouses and partners;**
 - *welcoming applications from spouses/partners who meet the criteria in the job specification*
 - *endeavouring to offer a degree of flexibility in granting leave for Service spouses and partners before, during and after a partner's deployment*
 - **offering a discount to members of the Armed Forces Community;**
 - *registering with Defence Discount Service*
 - **additional commitments:**
 - *encourage and support employee fundraising for Service Charities*
- 2.2 We will publicise these commitments through our literature and/or on our website.