



Methods Business and Digital Technology *including* Methods Analytics and CoreAzure

We, the undersigned, commit to honour the Armed Forces Covenant and support the Armed Forces Community. We recognise the value serving personnel, both Regular and Reservists, Veterans and military families contribute to our business and our country.

Signed on behalf of:
Methods Business and Digital Technology
including Methods Analytics and CoreAzure

Signed: _____

Position: Chief Executive Officer _____

Date: 19/06/2020 _____

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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

1.1 Methods will endeavour in its 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 Methods 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 and on our websites by displaying the Armed Forces Covenant logo.
- Through Methods' social media channels, we will publicise and show support for our reservists, veterans and service spouses and partners.
- Seeking to support the employment of veterans, young and old, and working with the Career Transition Partnership (CTP) in order to establish a tailored employment pathway for Service Leavers, that builds a relationship with Methods' Talent Acquisition Team and the CTP.
- Supporting the recruitment of veterans, recognising military skills and qualifications.
- Striving to support the employment of Service spouses and partners; with both flexible working and remote working under Methods policies.
- Endeavouring to offer a degree of flexibility in granting leave for Service spouses and partners before, during and after a partner's deployment, with specific policy and offering additional unpaid or, where practicable, even paid leave.
- Seeking to support our employees who choose to be members of the Reserve forces, including by accommodating their training and deployment where possible, with specific policy and offering additional unpaid or, where practicable, even paid leave.
- Actively participating in Armed Forces and Reservist Day by celebrating our veteran and reservist colleagues and following social media channels to publicise our support on by posting messages of support on social media sites and link to the Armed Forces Day website.
- Encouraging members of the Armed Forces community to declare themselves as such, to support building an open relationship where we can supply support for their responsibilities and duties.
- Holding briefing days specifically for those that leave the Armed Forces; raising awareness of opportunities for employment in the business.

2.2 We will publicise these commitments through our website, setting out how we will seek to honour them and inviting feedback from the Service community and our customers on how we are doing.