



Hindu Council UK

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:

Hindu Council UK

Signed:

Name:

DR. JAGDISH CHANDRA

Position:

Founder Trustee
of Hindu Council UK

Date:

09.11.16

Signed on behalf of:

The Ministry of Defence

Signed:

Name:

THE EARL HOWE

Position:

MINISTER OF STATE,
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Date:

9th November 2016

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

We, the Hindu Council UK will endeavour to uphold the following key principles of the Armed Forces Covenant:

- *All those who Serve or have served in the Armed Forces of the Crown, and their Families deserve our respect and support, and fair treatment*

Section 2: Demonstrating our Commitment

We the Hindu Council UK will seek to uphold the principles of the Armed Forces Covenant, by:

- *Promoting the fact that we are an Armed Forces-friendly organization and supporting those members of our community who choose, chose or are considering a career in the Armed Forces, and their families*
- *Linking Hindu Service personnel and their families moving into an area on assignment with local Hindu communities in the area;*
- *Linking Hindu Service personnel and their families to local Hindu priests, temples and other faith-based services as required (for example to conduct specific rites and prayers);*
- *Engaging with commanding officers and units as appropriate across the UK to offer local Hindu expertise, either for guidance and advice in supporting Hindu personnel under their Command and / or for wider education and awareness.*
- *Aiming to actively participate in Armed Forces Day;*
- *Engaging with other community groups and local authorities to promote understanding of and support for the Armed Forces community*

We will publicise these commitments through our literature and on our website, setting out how we will seek to honour them and inviting feedback on how we are doing.