



Corporate Covenant

The Armed Forces Corporate Covenant

BMT Group

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.

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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 Corporate Covenant

1.1 We BMT Group Ltd 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 BMT Group Ltd 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; by the provision of key professional services to all three services and displaying the corporate covenant logo on our Group and Company websites*
- *seeking to support the employment of veterans young and old; BMT Group actively recruits all three services veterans in support of its core Defence Businesses. We commit to supporting the Career Transition Partnership and associated service resettlement organisations and charities*
- *striving to support the employment of Service spouses and partners; by taking a sympathetic view of requests for holidays before, during or after a partner's deployment and / or when the Service person has leave - in order that they can spend time with their family*
- *seeking to support our employees who choose to be members of the Reserve forces, including by accommodating their training and deployment where possible; and by encouragement of BMT Group reservists to participate in Uniform to Work Day. We also commit to accommodating reservists' training commitments wherever possible. BMT Group will also consider offering additional unpaid or, where practicable, paid leave to accommodate mobilisation of our reservists if they are required to deploy*
- *offering support to our local cadet units, either in our local community or in local schools, where possible; this is in the form of encouragement of our staff to be cadet helpers or instructors. Making company facilities and premises available for the use of the cadets where possible and offering support or sponsorship, either in cash or kind, to local cadet units*
- *aiming to actively participate in Armed Forces Day; we aspire to become an Armed Forces Day Corporate Partner and use the Logo on Group and Company websites*

2.3 We will publicise these commitments through our literature and/or on 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.