



Afghanistan, Ascension Island, Belgium, Brunei, British Indian Ocean Territory, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Falkland Islands, France, Germany, Italy, Kenya, Nepal, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Turkey and the USA.



Estate Management

The Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) is responsible for providing, developing and maintaining a safe and sustainable training estate. We deliver military training facilities that support and prepare troops for worldwide operations.

More than two-thirds of the 230,000 hectares of MOD land in the UK is held solely for the purpose of training our Armed Forces. DIO is also responsible for the MOD's overseas estate in the following countries:



What is the estate used for?



Our Armed Forces use the training estate in many different ways. Training scenarios include practising fighting in built-up areas, firing artillery, amphibious landings and assaults, driving tanks and other vehicles, and firing from naval vessels and aircraft. The training estate is also used from time to time by the Police and other security and emergency services.

With numerous training areas all over the UK, exercises run regularly with an average of 9,000 service personnel using the Defence training estate daily, though it can be up to 30,000 a day during busy times. There is also a summer surge when annual training camps are provided for the Reserves and Cadet Forces.

Much of the Defence training estate is open to the public, when not being used by the military. DIO is committed to ensuring that the public can enjoy using the Defence training estate whenever possible. For more details about firing times and safe public access, please see:



Can the public access the estate?

<https://www.gov.uk/public-access-to-military-areas>.



The MOD must balance military needs with environmental considerations and legislation. As such, we are responsible for the following:

- more than 170 Sites of Special Scientific Interest
- more than 40 Special Protection Areas
- more than 60 Special Conservation Areas
- more than 25 RAMSAR sites (wetlands of international importance)
- more than 700 Scheduled Archaeological Monuments.

DIO employs the relevant specialists, such as ecologists and archaeologists, to look after these sites and buildings.

