



Centenary of the Battle of the Somme

How to apply for a ticket

To commemorate the centenary of the Battle of the Somme, the UK Government is hosting an event at the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Thiepval Memorial to the Missing in France. Given the level of interest in attending, this will be a ticketed event and the ballot for tickets launched on 28 September 2015. Applicants, who must be residents of the UK or Ireland, can enter by completing the enclosed application form or by visiting the website: <http://somme2016.org/en/>. Tickets are free, and will be distributed in pairs to successful applicants in 2016. Facilities will be in place for people with disabilities.

Tickets will be allocated in pairs. Unwanted tickets can be returned once the ballot closes on 18 November.

Timeline

28 September 2015 - ballot opens

18 November 2015 - ballot closes

23 - 30 November 2015 - ballot results, successful Applicants asked to provide further information

29 January 2016 - deadline for successful Applicants to provide requested information

If information is not provided by this date, tickets will be forfeited and reallocated to the next person on the waiting list

February - June 2016 - reallocation of any returned tickets

1 June 2016 - all tickets issued

1 July 2016 - the event

Requests for postal applications must be made well in advance of the closing date of **18 November 2015** in order to allow sufficient time for the form to be processed. No entries received after this date will be accepted.

Key points to note

In order to enter the ballot it is important to remember the following key points:

- Applicants must be a resident of the UK or Ireland
- Applicants must hold a valid passport and provide proof to the Organisers on request
- Applicants must be 18 years of age or over, as of 1 July 2016

Please note, due to the transport and security arrangements on the day, it is very likely that those attending the Centenary of the Battle of the Somme will be unable to attend other events in the area on 1 July 2016.