



## Software Box Limited

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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:

**Software Box Limited**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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Position: Bids and Frameworks Manager \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 16/01/2019 \_\_\_\_\_



# 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 We **Software Box Limited** 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 **Software Box Limited** 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; this will be through the website, social media, and email banners.*
- *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; Software Box currently employ a number of veterans, in a range of positions including management.*
- *striving to support the employment of Service spouses and partners; the spouses of current veterans, and of any future Service members, working for Software Box are supported by the generous policies of the company. Additionally, they are supported through the work SBL does for charities such as Help for Heroes.*
- *endeavouring to offer a degree of flexibility in granting leave for Service spouses and partners before, during and after a partner's deployment; this is reflected and supported in Software Box's policies for leave.*
- *seeking to support our employees who choose to be members of the Reserve forces, including by accommodating their training and deployment where possible; this is reflected and supported in Software Box's policies for leave.*

- *offering support to our local cadet units, either in our local community or in local schools, where possible; Software Box seek opportunities to support cadets in the local community and schools wherever possible.*
- *aiming to actively participate in Armed Forces Day; Software Box raise awareness and regularly participate in/organise charity events for Armed Forces Day.*
- *offering a discount to members of the Armed Forces Community; Software Box provide deal registered ICT products and services to the MoD and Armed Forces Community, providing significant discounts over the RRP.*
- *any additional commitments Software Box Limited could make (based on local circumstances).*

2.2 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.