



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:

Mayor of London

Signed:

Name: Sadiq Khan
Position: Mayor of London
Date: 24th June, 2019

Signed on behalf of:

London Assembly

Signed:

Position: Chair of the London Assembly
Date: 24th June, 2019

Signed on behalf of:

The Ministry of Defence

Signed:

Name: Major General B.J. Bathurst CBE
Position: General Officer Commanding,
London District
Date: 24th June, 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. The GREATERLONDONAUTHORITY and the LONDONASSEMBLY 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. The GREATERLONDONAUTHORITY and the LONDONASSEMBLY recognise 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 that we are an armed forces-friendly organisation;
 - offering free travel across London's transport network to former service personnel (in line with Transport For London's policy);
 - funding work to help former service personnel in London who are facing homelessness;
 - pushing Government to help local authorities meet their obligations around access to social housing for current and former service personnel and their families;
 - seeking to support unemployed veterans, young and old, into sustained employment;
 - offering support to our local cadet units in London;
 - actively participating in Armed Forces Day, and holding an annual Remembrance Service;
 - implementing a Reservist Policy to bring the Greater London Authority in line with the rest of the GLA family;
 - appointing an Armed Forces Champion;
 - meeting regularly with the Armed Forces community and former service personnel to ensure they are involved in the Mayor's work.

2.2 We will publicise these commitments through our literature and/or on our website and social media, setting out how we will seek to honour them and inviting feedback from the Service community, and our employees, on how we are doing.