

MOD/HOME OFFICE IMMIGRATION CONSULTATION RESPONSE FORM

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If you are unable to complete the survey then please send the response form electronically as an attachment to: ArmySec-ImmFees-Consult-Multi@mod.gov.uk, or, alternatively, post to:

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A consultation to seek public views regarding the proposal for the UK Government to meet the cost of an application for Immigration Fees for those non-UK Service Personnel who wish to remain in the UK after they leave HM Armed Forces.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

If you have not already done so, it is recommended that you read the consultation document before answering this survey. The consultation document can be found at www.gov.uk/government/consultations/mod-immigration-fee-consultation

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QUESTIONS

GQ1: Choose one of the following answers

Are you:

- A serving member of HM Armed Forces
- A veteran of HM Armed Forces
- A family member of someone serving in HM Armed Forces
- A family member of a veteran of HM Armed Forces
- A member of the public
- Prefer not to say
- Representing an organisation - please provide the organisation's name:

GQ2: Choose one of the following answers

Are you:

- Female
- Male
- Prefer not to say
- Responding on behalf of an organisation
- Other:

GQ3: Choose one of the following answers

Are you:

- UK citizen
- Non-UK citizen
- Have dual nationality
- Prefer not to say
- Responding on behalf of an organisation

GQ4: If you are currently a serving member of HM Armed Forces are you considering applying for settlement in the UK on completion of your service (subject to current guidelines)?

- Not a serving member of HM Armed Forces
- I have already submitted an application for settlement in the UK
- Yes. I would consider submitting an application for settlement in the UK
- No. I would not consider submitting an application for settlement in the UK
- Prefer not to say
- Responding on behalf of an organisation

GQ5: If you are a serving member of HM Armed Forces what is the length of your service?

Choose one of the following answers;

- Not a serving member of HM Armed Forces
- Less than four years service
- More than four years service but less than 12 years service
- More than 12 years service
- Prefer not to say
- Responding on behalf of an organisation

Q1: Do you agree with the principle that UKG should, in some way, seek to alleviate the financial liability on non-UK nationals who have served in the Regular Armed Forces who wish to stay in the UK following their service?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Q2. Do you agree that UKG should alleviate this liability by meeting the cost of settlement upon an individual's discharge from HM Armed Forces as long as they have served at least 12 years?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know
- If No, then what would you suggest as an alternative?

Q3. Do you agree that this policy should apply to those who have served for at least 12 years in the Regular Armed Forces?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know
- No. I don't think there should be a minimum length of service requirement
- No. I think there should be a length of service requirement of at least 4 years
- No. I think there should be a length of service requirement of at least 10 years
- No. I think there should be a length of service requirement of at least 15 years
- No. I think there should be a length of service requirement of at least 20 years

Q4. Do you agree that this policy should apply to those who have received a medical discharge as a result of an illness or injury which is attributable to their service no matter how long they have served?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know
- If you disagree please state why

Q5. The government policy of non-retrospectivity¹ means that this proposal would not apply to those who have made paid applications or had leave granted before a new policy is implemented. However, we understand that some veterans do not regularise their immigration status and we welcome your views on how government can support these veterans to do so.

¹ The government policy of non-retrospectivity means no changes to policy are backdated.

Q6. Do you agree that the arrangements currently in place to support the dependants of Service Personnel in this area are sufficient?

Yes

No

Don't know

If you disagree then what else do you think could be done?

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Your views are important to us and the time you have taken today will directly contribute to the framing of government policy.