



Department for Transport

Armed Forces Covenant

1. The Armed Forces Covenant is a public sector pledge from Government, businesses, charities and organisations to demonstrate their support for the armed forces community. The Covenant was brought in under the Armed Forces Act 2011 to recognise that the whole nation has a moral obligation to redress the disadvantages the armed forces community face in comparison to other citizens, and recognise sacrifices made.

2. The Covenant's 2 principles are that:

- the armed forces community should not face disadvantages when 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.

The Authority encourages all Tenderers, and their suppliers, to sign the Corporate Covenant, declaring their support for the Armed Forces community by displaying the values and behaviours set out therein.

3. Guidance on the various ways you can demonstrate your support through the Corporate Covenant is at The Corporate Covenant below.

4. If you wish to register your support you can provide a point of contact for your company on this issue to the Armed Forces Covenant Team at the address below, so that the MOD can alert you to any events or initiatives in which you may wish to participate. The Covenant Team can also provide any information you require in addition to that included on the website.

Email address: covenant-mailbox@mod.uk

Address: Armed Forces Covenant Team

Zone D, 6th Floor, Ministry of Defence,

Main Building, Whitehall, London, SW1A 2HB

5. Paragraphs 1 – 4 above are not a condition of working with the Authority now or in the future, nor will this issue form any part of the tender evaluation, contract award procedure or any resulting contract. However, the Authority very much hopes you will want to provide your support.



The Corporate Covenant:

Section 1: Principles of the Armed Forces Covenant

- 1.1 We **Company XYZ** 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 **Company XYZ** recognises the value serving personnel, reservists, veterans and military families bring to our business. We (**Company XYZ**) will seek to uphold the principles of the Armed Forces Covenant, by:
- *promoting the fact that we are an armed forces-friendly organisation;*
 - *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;*
 - *striving to support the employment of Service spouses and partners;*
 - *endeavouring to offer a degree of flexibility in granting leave for Service spouses and partners before, during and after a partner's deployment;*
 - *seeking to support our employees who choose to be members of the Reserve forces, including by accommodating their training and deployment where possible;*
 - *offering support to our local cadet units, either in our local community or in local schools, where possible;*
 - *aiming to actively participate in Armed Forces Day;*
 - *offering a discount to members of the Armed Forces Community;*
 - *any additional commitments **XYZ** could make (based on local circumstances).*
 - ***[You are encouraged to sign up to as many of the above as appropriate to your business. Please amend to provide details of how you intend to meet each commitment.]***
- 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. ***[Amended as appropriate for your business].***