

## **EMPLOYMENT & PENSIONS SUPPORT**

The Covenant is a promise from the nation ensuring that those who serve and have served in the Armed Forces and their families are treated fairly

Part of fair treatment is about supporting Service Personnel and their families in fulfilling their career goals and receiving the pension which they deserve. Here are some of the ways in which the Armed Forces Covenant makes sure that no matter where you and your family are deployed in the world, you are supported in finding a job.

Jobcentre Plus Armed Forces Champions

A network of local Armed Forces Champions in Jobcentre Plus ensure that serving personnel, veterans and their families get the right advice on finding a job or accessing any benefits which they might be entitled to.

**Working with Employers** 

The Ministry of Defence and Department for Work and Pensions work with employers at a local and national level so that they understand the benefits of employing Service leavers and Reservists, as well as the need for flexible employment policies.

**Returning from overseas** 

If you have recently returned from overseas and a member of your family is looking for work, they can put in their claim for income-based Jobseeker's Allowance immediately. They do not have to be living in the UK in the three month period before their claim.

National Insurance Contributions for Service spouses and partners

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Career development & transition

Make use of Moneyforce learning credits and continue to learn and develop, whatever stage your career is at. Service Personnel can take advantage of support from Jobcentre Plus and early access to the Work Programme to help them find the perfect career after their Service.

**The Career Transition Partnership** 

Helps you to find a new civilian career by translating your skills, experience and qualifications into a successful civilian life.



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