

# The Armed Forces Covenant



The Armed Forces Covenant is a promise that together we acknowledge and understand that those who serve or have served in the Armed Forces, and their families, including the bereaved, should be treated with fairness and respect in the communities, economy, and society they serve with their lives.

## Duty:

The statutory [Armed Forces Covenant Duty](#) in the Armed Forces Act 2021 places a legal obligation on local authorities to have due regard to the principles of the Armed Forces Covenant when exercising certain functions, in [healthcare](#), [education](#) and [housing](#), that could impact the Armed Forces community. The Duty came into force on 22 November 2022.

## Latest News:

7th July 2025. The Prime Minister has announced that legislation will be brought forward to deliver the manifesto promise to bring the [Armed Forces Covenant](#) fully into law, placing the Armed Forces community at the heart of government decision-making.

This will strengthen and broaden the Covenant Duty legislated in 2022.

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