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## INTRODUCTION

This booklet includes details of the Armed Forces and Veterans Champions who have been established across Scotland to ensure that those who are serving and have served are not disadvantaged as a result of their service. It also brings together a wide range of help available to both the Armed Forces Community and those supporting them, the majority of which is available via the Internet. It lists some but not all of the organisations that provide support and advice to the Armed Forces Community. Additional information is available from the Veterans-Assist website.

### The Armed Forces Community consists of:

1. Serving personnel, including reservists.
2. Service Leavers; those who have served for more than 4 years in HM Armed Forces whether as a regular or a reservist.
3. Early Service Leavers; those who have served for more than one day but fewer than 4 years.
4. Families; consisting of spouse/ partner/ children of both serving personnel and veterans.
5. Veterans; those who served in HM Forces for more than one day.

A common fact that applies to all members of the Armed Forces, irrelevant of service or branch is that at some point they will leave the Armed Forces.

This will result in a period of transition for all personnel and their families. One of the aims of Veterans Scotland is to ensure that when this period is approaching that the service person and the family have all the relevant information, advice and guidance available to them that they may require to ensure that they have a successful transition back to civilian life.

To assist in this process Veterans Scotland has developed the Veterans- Assist website [www.veteransassist.org](http://www.veteransassist.org), which acts as a central information hub in the form of an online directory providing such useful information as housing options, GP practices and employment routes as well as both public sector and voluntary sector support and advisory services.

Veterans Assist provides signposting for: those in the transition period, veterans and very importantly those supporting veterans to engage with the organisations that are best suited to meet the overall needs of the Armed Forces Community. In doing so the website is contributing to the achievement of successful transition and by doing so ensuring a successful transition and thereafter as need arises.



Website: [www.veterans-assist.org](http://www.veterans-assist.org)

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**The Armed Forces Covenant** is a promise from the nation that those who serve or have served in the armed forces, and their families, are treated fairly. The government is committed to supporting the armed forces community by working with a range of partners who have signed the covenant. The covenant is a national responsibility involving government, businesses, local authorities, charities and the public. Further information is available on the Gov.uk website.

Website: [www.gov.uk/government/collections/armed-forces-covenant-supporting-information](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/armed-forces-covenant-supporting-information)

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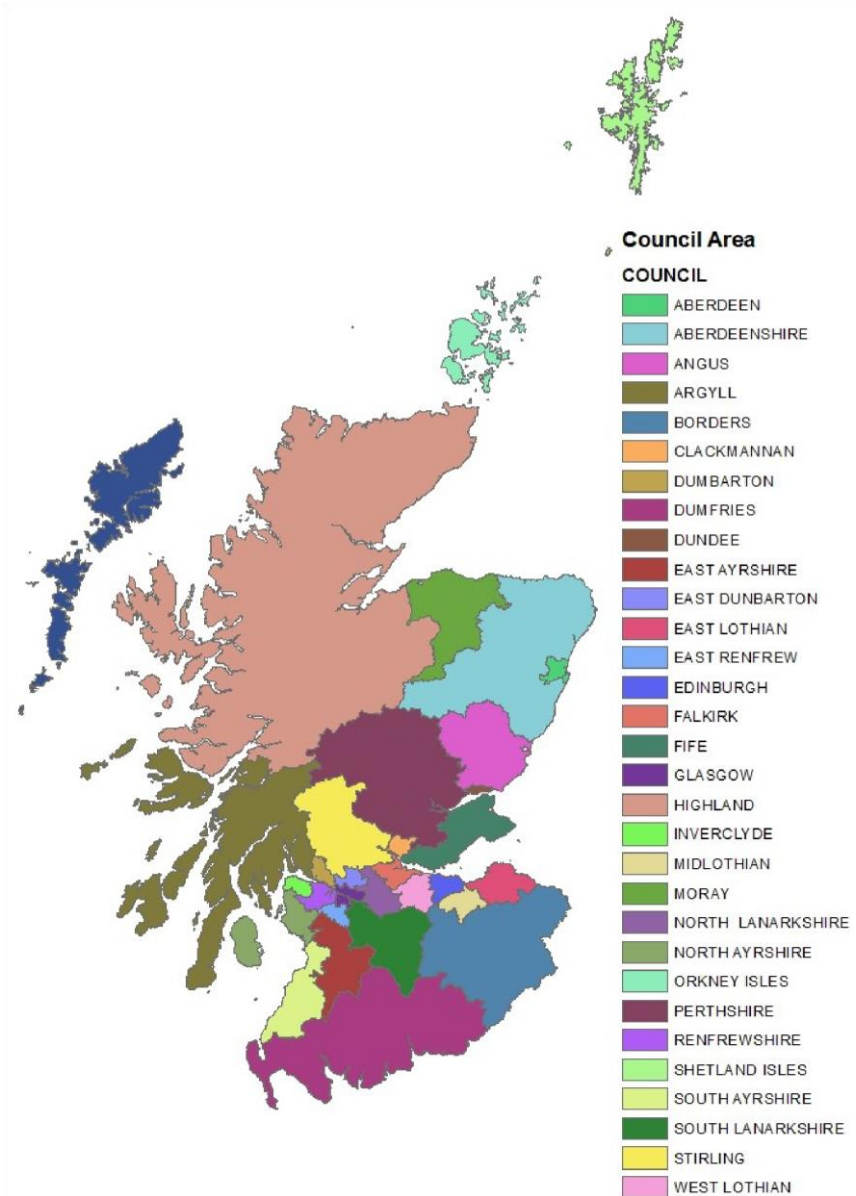
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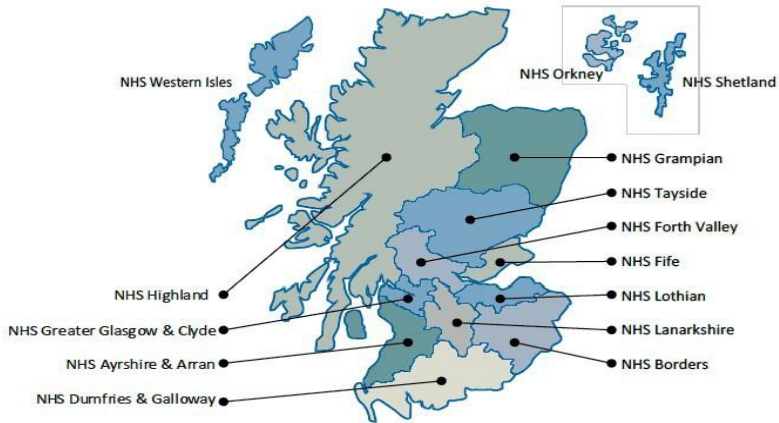
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Support for Armed Forces leavers and veterans

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In addition to the contacts within ASAP individuals can also make use of their local Citizens Advice Scotland offices who are able to give advice across a wide range of subjects. More information is available at: <https://www.cas.org.uk/>



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Dumfries & Galloway	6 SCOTS	0131 310 3833
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Inverclyde	APC Glasgow	0141 248 7890
Midlothian	HQ Edinburgh Garrison	0131 3105052
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North Lanarkshire	6 SCOTS	0131 310 3833
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Perth & Kinross	7 SCOTS	01313 108547
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# SUPPORT ORGANISATIONS

## STATUTORY BODIES

All 32 local authorities in Scotland have signed up to the Armed Forces Community Covenant that may help you get access to housing. The LA is able to provide lists of local housing associations within their area.

**NHS Inform** provides a coordinated, single source of quality assured health and care information for the people of Scotland.

Website: [www.nhsinform.co.uk](http://www.nhsinform.co.uk)  
Phone: 0800 224488

**NHS Scotland** is a national Health Board working with public, private and third sectors to reduce health inequalities and improve health.

Website: [www.show.scot.nhs.uk](http://www.show.scot.nhs.uk)

**The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)** is responsible for welfare, pensions and child maintenance policy. As the UK's biggest public service department it administers the State Pension and a range of working age, disability and ill health benefits to over 22 million claimants and customers.

Website: [www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-work-pensions](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-work-pensions)

**Veterans UK** administers the armed forces pension schemes and compensation payments for those injured or bereaved through service. This is the sole source of Government-funded help and advice on veterans' issues.

Website: [www.gov.uk/government/organisations/veterans-uk](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/veterans-uk)  
Email: [veterans-uk@mod.uk](mailto:veterans-uk@mod.uk)  
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**Veterans Welfare Service (VWS)** is committed to enhancing the quality of life for veterans and beneficiaries of Veterans UK pensions and compensation schemes and all of their departments.

Website: [www.gov.uk/government/groups/veterans-welfare-service](http://www.gov.uk/government/groups/veterans-welfare-service)  
Email: [veterans-uk-vws-scot-ni@mod.uk](mailto:veterans-uk-vws-scot-ni@mod.uk)  
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**Defence Transition Service (DTS)** will operate as part of the Defence Holistic Transition Policy to provide a full range of transition support for Service Leavers and their families. The DTS team will work to support single Service business areas responsible for transition and work directly with Service Leavers to provide advice and support to encourage Service Personnel and their families to plan early and leave well.

Website: [www.gov.uk/government/publications/help-and-support-for-service-leavers-and-their-families](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/help-and-support-for-service-leavers-and-their-families)  
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Further information is available in the JSP100

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**Skills Development Scotland (SDS)** is the national skills body supporting the people and businesses of Scotland to develop and apply their skills. Further information on the services that they can provide is available on their website.

Website: [www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk](http://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk)

Phone: 0800 917 8000 (Individual Helpline)

0800 783 6000 (Employers Helpline)

**Scottish Government** have produced two useful guides to support personnel posted to Scotland and/or those settling in Scotland after Service.

#### Welcome to Scotland



#### A Scottish housing guide for people leaving the Armed Forces & ex-Service personnel



### CHARITIES & THIRD SECTOR ORGANISATIONS

**ABF The Soldiers Charity** is the Army's national charity and is committed to the welfare of Army and Ex-Army personnel and their dependants.

Website: [www.soldierscharity.org](http://www.soldierscharity.org)

Email: [supportercare@soldierscharity.org](mailto:supportercare@soldierscharity.org)

Phone: 0131 310 5132/5116

**Age Scotland** is the leading charity representing older people in Scotland and supporting their rights and interests. It offers free advice guides for veterans on key later life topics, and can provide them with later life information and advice through the Age Scotland helpline 0800 12 44 222 / [Helpline@agescotland.org.uk](mailto:Helpline@agescotland.org.uk). It also offers socially isolated older veterans group telephone camaraderie through its Comradeship Circles service. Age Scotland is coordinating partner in Unforgotten Forces, a consortium of leading charities working together to boost the health and wellbeing of veterans in Scotland age 65 and older.

[www.age.scot/veterans](http://www.age.scot/veterans)

[www.unforgottenforces.scot](http://www.unforgottenforces.scot)

**Blesma – The Limbless Veterans**, a membership organisation, supports Veterans who have served in any of Her Majesty's Armed Forces, regular or reserve, and have either lost a limb(s) or the use of a limb(s) including sight and hearing, during or after their service, for life. Blesma also supports the widows/widowers of Members after the Member has passed away.

#### National Office

Website: [www.blesma.org](http://www.blesma.org)

Email: [chadwellheath@blesma.org](mailto:chadwellheath@blesma.org)

Phone: 0208 590 1124

#### Scotland Office

BSO: Steve Burton Email: [bsosniroi@blesma.org](mailto:bsosniroi@blesma.org) Tel: 07766258461

BOO: Emma Gratton Email: [outreachscotland@blesma.org](mailto:outreachscotland@blesma.org)

Tel: 07884 695703

**Citizens Advice Bureau** provide free and confidential advice and information.

Website: [www.cas.org.uk](http://www.cas.org.uk)

**Combat Stress (Ex Service Mental Welfare Society)** cares for former members of the Armed Force with psychiatric disabilities. Home near Ayr with outreach teams for home visits.

Website: [www.combatstress.org.uk](http://www.combatstress.org.uk)  
Email: [contactus@combatstress.org.uk](mailto:contactus@combatstress.org.uk)  
Phone: 01292 561300

**DMWS** To provide a high-quality medical welfare service to those who serve the nation and the community when they are in the patient care pathway, in order to deliver capability and productivity.

Website: [www.dmws.org.uk](http://www.dmws.org.uk)  
Email: [info@dmws.org.uk](mailto:info@dmws.org.uk)  
Phone: 0800 999 3697

**Erskine** offers ex-Service men and women all over Scotland nursing, dementia and respite care and support (homes in Bishopton, Edinburgh and Glasgow and Bursary scheme places in Aberdeen, Dumfries, Dundee and Perth).

Website: [www.erskine.org.uk](http://www.erskine.org.uk)  
Email: [enquiries@erskine.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@erskine.org.uk)  
Phone: 0141 812 1100

**Fares 4 Free** is a charity that encourages taxi drivers to give up to 4 of their fares every month to help veterans.

Website: [www.fares4free.org](http://www.fares4free.org)  
Email: [info@fares4free.org](mailto:info@fares4free.org)  
Phone: 07708 299399

**Glasgow's Helping Heroes (GHH)** can access advice and support on a wide range of issues including debt, employment, benefits, health and housing issues. Glasgow's Helping Heroes is a partnership between SSAFA Forces Help and Glasgow City Council.

Website: [www.sites.google.com/site/glasgowshelpingheroes/](http://www.sites.google.com/site/glasgowshelpingheroes/)  
Phone: 0141 276 7199

**Glen Art and the BRAVEHOUND** project supports veterans and their families with horticultural and artistic activities as well as an annual Festival of Remembrance. The BRAVEHOUND project places dogs with veterans and provides training and support, training is also available for veterans who already own a dog.

Website: [www.glenart.co.uk](http://www.glenart.co.uk) and [www.bravehound.co.uk](http://www.bravehound.co.uk)  
Email: [info@glenart.co.uk](mailto:info@glenart.co.uk)

**Haig Housing** provides housing assistance to ex-Service people and/or their dependents. Currently this object is achieved by letting general needs homes at affordable rents to the ex-Service community and providing tailored housing solutions to suit specific and individual needs of severely wounded and disabled Service and ex-Service people. Haig Housing also offers a wide range of housing advice to the Service community and is the Strategic Housing Partner of Help for Heroes.

Website: [www.haighomes.org.uk](http://www.haighomes.org.uk)  
Email: [enquiries@haighomes.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@haighomes.org.uk)  
Phone: 0208 685 5777

**Help for Heroes** give practical, direct support to our current wounded.

Website: [www.helpforheroes.org.uk](http://www.helpforheroes.org.uk)

**Lothian Veterans Centre** was designed to meet the need for a veteran's drop-in centre with no appointment necessary allowing complex needs to be catered for in an environment which is familiar and friendly.

Website: [www.lothiansveteranscentre.org.uk](http://www.lothiansveteranscentre.org.uk)  
Phone: 0131 660 5537

**Officers Association Scotland (OA Scotland)** continues to provide an employment service as one of its key functions but welfare remains the most pressing call on its resources. In recognition of the service officers have selflessly given to the Monarch and Country, the Directors are committed to supporting them, their widows and dependents in their time of need.

Website: [www.oascotland.org.uk](http://www.oascotland.org.uk)  
Phone: 0131 550 1575 or 1581

**On Course Foundation** Supporting the recovery of wounded, injured and sick Service personnel and veterans through confidence building golf events and opportunities for employment in the golf industry.

Website: [www.oucoursefoundation.com](http://www.oucoursefoundation.com)

National office – P: 0208 334 2010 E: [anne.farrow@oucoursefoundation.com](mailto:anne.farrow@oucoursefoundation.com)

Scotland office: P: 07856002176 E: [will.barker@oucoursefoundation.com](mailto:will.barker@oucoursefoundation.com)

**Outpost Charity** Outpost Charity provides two key services to our Armed Forces throughout the UK with the aim of providing relief from suffering and hardship through emotional, social and practical support.

Website: [www.outpostcharity.org](http://www.outpostcharity.org)

Email: [info@outpostcharity.org](mailto:info@outpostcharity.org)

Phone: 01854 655314

**Poppyscotland** provides life-changing support to the Armed Forces community, including those who have served, those still serving, and their families. Support is available to people of all ages, whether difficulties have arisen during their time in service or years later. They deliver tailored support and funding to help overcome challenges related to financial difficulties, employment grants for training, and work alongside partners to offer employment support to those facing barriers to work through vulnerability, disability, mental health conditions or because of a criminal conviction. Poppyscotland also has two Welfare Centres, in Inverness and Kilmarnock, and a dedicated Welfare Support Service to support those most vulnerable and with more complex needs.

Website: [www.poppyscotland.org.uk](http://www.poppyscotland.org.uk)

Email: [gethelp@poppyscotland.org.uk](mailto:gethelp@poppyscotland.org.uk)

Phone: 0131 550 1557

**Regular Forces Employment Association (RFEA)** assists ex-servicemen and women to find employment throughout their working lives through support, advice, research, job-matching, training advice and assistance with CVs and interview techniques.

Website: [www.rfea.org.uk](http://www.rfea.org.uk)

Phone: 0131 557 1747

**Reading Force** provides FREE children's books (for all ages up to and including 18) and special scrapbooks to support shared reading and scrapbooking for families at home together, with wider family members such as grandparents, and for families who are separated for any reason. We particularly welcome veterans to get involved and take part.

Website: [www.readingforce.org.uk](http://www.readingforce.org.uk)

Email: [info@readingforce.org.uk](mailto:info@readingforce.org.uk)

Phone: 07548 778 930

**Remploy** provides career opportunities for disabled people.

Website: [www.remploy.co.uk](http://www.remploy.co.uk)

Phone: 0300 456 8031

**Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund (RAFBF)** exists to help serving and former members of the RAF, their children and their dependants.

Website: [www.rafbf.org](http://www.rafbf.org)

Phone: 0131 225 6421

**The Royal Caledonian Education Trust** is an education trust supporting children from Armed Forces families.

Website: [www.rcet.org.uk](http://www.rcet.org.uk)

Email: [admin@rcet.org.uk](mailto:admin@rcet.org.uk)

Phone: 0131 240 2224

**Royal National Institute for Deaf People (RNID)** work in communities around Scotland to support people with hearing loss including hearing-aid care and specialist employment support. We also campaign for equal access to employment, health, entertainment and to improve standards in audiology care.

Website: [www.rnid.org.uk](http://www.rnid.org.uk)

**Royal Naval Benevolent Trust (RNBT)** provides help in time of need to those who are serving or have served as Royal Naval ratings, Royal Marine other ranks, their wives, husbands and children.

Website: [www.rnbt.org.uk](http://www.rnbt.org.uk)

Email: [rnbt@rnbt.org.uk](mailto:rnbt@rnbt.org.uk)

Phone: 02392 690112

**Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity** is the principal charity of the Royal Navy. It exists to support sailors, marines and their families, for life. Its Group of charities includes The Royal Marines Charitable Trust Fund, The Royal Navy Officers' Charity and The Naval Service Sports Charity.

Website: [www.rnrmc.org.uk](http://www.rnrmc.org.uk)

Email: [theteam@rnrmc.org.uk](mailto:theteam@rnrmc.org.uk)

Phone: 023 9387 1520

**SACRO** Veterans Mentoring Service is a service for military veterans who are currently in or are on the periphery of the criminal justice system. The service will work closely with the veteran to put an intensive support plan in place where strategies can be developed to cope with their specific needs. The aim of the service is to enable the service user to enjoy sustainable, independent living. The service currently operates from offices in Dundee, Edinburgh, Elgin and Glasgow.

Website: [www.sacro.org.uk](http://www.sacro.org.uk)

**SaluteMyJob** is a Social Enterprise providing consultancy, recruitment and assessment services to employers that are committed to supporting the Armed Forces and hiring ex-Service men and women. They help employers apply best practice, put structured ex-military programmes in place and to overcome barriers to successful recruitment of former Service men and women.

Website: [www.salutemyjob.com](http://www.salutemyjob.com)

Telephone: 0131 513 9750 or 07756 708105

**Scottish Association for Mental Health (SAMH)** works to ensure that people are talking about mental health and we do this in four ways: community-based service for people with mental health problems, national programmes, policy and campaigning work, raising funds to ensure or vital work can continue. Runs the Employ-Able mentoring/employment service on behalf of Poppyscotland for veterans in Scotland.

Website: [www.samh.org.uk](http://www.samh.org.uk)

Email: [enquire@samh.org.uk](mailto:enquire@samh.org.uk)

Phone: 0141 530 1000

**Scottish Veterans Residences** SVR's operational arm is Scottish Veterans Housing Association (SVHA) which provides high quality, supported accommodation for veterans who are homeless or in need. We house ex-service men and women of all ages in residences in Edinburgh, Dundee and Bellrock Close development in Glasgow.

Website: [www.svronline.org](http://www.svronline.org)

Email: [info@svronline.org](mailto:info@svronline.org)

Phone: 0131 556 0091

**Sight Scotland and Sight Scotland Veterans** provides a free service supporting individuals who at some point in their lives have served in the armed forces and currently live with a visual impairment. Members' sight loss does not have to have occurred during or as a result of time spent in the armed forces. Many of their members have lost their sight due to old age or illness.

Websites: [sightscotland.org.uk](http://sightscotland.org.uk) & [sightscotlandveterans.org.uk](http://sightscotlandveterans.org.uk)

Contact: <https://sightscotland.org.uk/veterans-contact-us>

Phone: 0131 333 1369

**Shoulder to Shoulder** volunteer mentoring programme supports ex-service men and women who are recovering from mental health issues or having difficulty adjusting to civilian life. They also support veterans' families, recognising that there is often little acknowledgement of the unique challenges they face.

Website: [www.timebank.org.uk](http://www.timebank.org.uk)

Email: [shoulder@timebank.org.uk](mailto:shoulder@timebank.org.uk)

Phone: 0121 236 2531

**Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association (SSAFA)** provide lifelong support to our Forces and their families; SSAFA provides practical, emotion and financial support through a network of local branches.

Website: [www.ssafa.org.uk](http://www.ssafa.org.uk)

Email: [info@ssafa.org.uk](mailto:info@ssafa.org.uk)

Phone: 0800 731 4880

**The Armed Services Advice Project (ASAP)**, delivered by Citizens Advice Bureaux, provides dedicated advice, support and information for the Armed Forces Community, including benefits, debt, employment, relationships and housing through Scotland.

Website [www.asapadvice.org.uk](http://www.asapadvice.org.uk)

Helpline 0808 800 1007

**The Royal British Legion Scotland (Legion Scotland)** is Scotland's largest ex-service community membership organisation with a branch network across the country. It promotes comradeship and Remembrance as well as wellbeing, benevolence and pension support.

Website: [www.legionscotland.org.uk](http://www.legionscotland.org.uk)

Phone: 0131 550 1583

**The Veterans Foundation** Many armed forces charities struggle to raise sufficient funding to support serving and former members of the British Armed Forces' and sometimes their dependants who are in need. The Veterans' Foundation has been created to establish a new and nationwide source of funding to help these charities. It acquires its funds through the Veterans' Lottery and donations.

Website: [www.veteransfoundation.org.uk](http://www.veteransfoundation.org.uk)

Email: [enquiries@veteransfoundation.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@veteransfoundation.org.uk)

**Thistle Foundation** is a Scottish charity with a long tradition of pioneering support for people with long term health conditions, including disabilities. They support people to take control and learn how to manage life with their condition so that they are better able to live a good life - whatever that means to them.

Website: [www.thistle.org.uk](http://www.thistle.org.uk)

Phone: 0131 656 7366

**Veterans Housing Scotland** has over 100 years' experience in providing homes for disabled Veterans and are extremely proud of their history and of the service they have provided to those who have served their country yet are equally excited about their future and how as a charity they will continue to work with and support members of the Veterans Housing Scotland family. The Charity's vision is to offer the Veterans Housing Scotland family much more than just a home but also, through coordination and cooperation with specialist partners, ensure that those veterans and their families who are in need of support get that support when and where it is required – as demonstrated in their strapline 'building lives; building communities'.

Email: [admin@vhscot.org.uk](mailto:admin@vhscot.org.uk)

Phone: 0131 557 1188

Address: [525 Ferry Road, Edinburgh EH5 2FF](#)

**Veterans Scotland** is a membership organisation representing over 70 Service charities and organisations from across Scotland and the rest of the UK. Our vision is that Scotland is an environment where veterans are regarded as an asset to society. Veterans Scotland focusses its efforts on the four key areas of: Comradeship, Health & Wellbeing, Housing, and Support. Veterans Scotland seeks to promote the advantages of having served as well as seeking to prevent disadvantages that may come about as a result of service, in line with the Armed Forces Covenant

Website: [www.veteransscotland.org.uk](http://www.veteransscotland.org.uk) or [www.veterans-assist.org](http://www.veterans-assist.org)

Email: [gensec@veteransscotland.org.uk](mailto:gensec@veteransscotland.org.uk)

Phone: 0131 550 1569

**Venture Trust** supports veterans finding it difficult to either transition fully into civilian life or are struggling with maintaining a civilian focussed identity. Their Positive Futures programme involves a 7-day Wilderness Journey, usually in the highlands, supporting individuals to develop their life skills and make positive changes that supports their transition. Veterans are then supported in the community for a period of up to 6 months. This helps individuals make and sustain connections to services and benefit from employment, education, training or volunteering opportunities within their communities.

Website: [www.venturetrust.org.uk](http://www.venturetrust.org.uk)

Email: [info@venturetrust.org.uk](mailto:info@venturetrust.org.uk)

Phone: 0131 228 7700

**Walking With The Wounded (WWTW)** supports those who have served in the Armed Forces and their families, empowering them to regain their independence, thrive and contribute in our communities. WWTW focusses on four key areas; family-centred care coordination, employment, reduction of reoffending and mental health and wellbeing care.

Website: [www.wwtw.org.uk](http://www.wwtw.org.uk)

Email: [info@wwtw.org.uk](mailto:info@wwtw.org.uk)

Phone: 01263 863 900

**War Widows Association of Great Britain (WWA)** exists to improve the conditions of widows and widowers in receipt of a war pension and their dependants in Great Britain.

Website: [www.warwidowsassociation.org.uk](http://www.warwidowsassociation.org.uk)

Email: [info@warwidowsassociation.org.uk](mailto:info@warwidowsassociation.org.uk)

Phone: 0845 2412 189

## EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING

Depending on your length of service and leaving date, you may be eligible for additional support through these organisations offering employment services and advice or events:

**The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)** is responsible for welfare, pensions and child maintenance policy. As the UK's biggest public service department, it administers the State Pension and a range of working age, disability and ill health benefits to over 22 million claimants and customers.

Website: [www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-work-pensions](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-work-pensions)



**British Forces Resettlement Services** provides a careers platform for the Armed Forces Community.

Website: [www.bfrrs.org.uk](http://www.bfrrs.org.uk)

**Business gateway** is a publicly funded service contributing to the economic well being of Scotland by providing access to free business support services.

Website: [www.bgateway.com](http://www.bgateway.com)

Phone: 0300 013 4753

**Career Transition Partnership** is the Ministry of Defence working with Right Management to provide career transition advice and training opportunities.

Website: [www.ctp.org.uk](http://www.ctp.org.uk)

**Enhanced Learning Credits (ELCs)**. Additional funding opportunities for ex-service personnel dependant on length of service.

Website: [www.enhancedlearningcredits.com](http://www.enhancedlearningcredits.com) Telephone:

0845 300 5179 (01452 558390)

**Joined up for Jobs** is the jobs strategy for Edinburgh. It sets out how a partnership of key agencies will help more people into employment.

Website: [www.joinedupforjobs.org.uk](http://www.joinedupforjobs.org.uk)

Email: [joinedupforjobs@capitalcitypartnership.org](mailto:joinedupforjobs@capitalcitypartnership.org) Phone:  
0131 270 6030

**My world of work** providing the help you need for the career you want.

Website: [www.myworldofwork.co.uk](http://www.myworldofwork.co.uk)

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Website: [www.oascotland.org.uk](http://www.oascotland.org.uk)

Phone: 0131 550 1575 or 1581

**Regular Forces Employment Association (RFEA)** Assists ex-servicemen and women to find employment throughout their working lives through support, advice, research, job-matching, training advice and assistance with CV's and interview techniques.

Website: [www.rfea.org.uk](http://www.rfea.org.uk)

Phone: 0131 557 1747 or 0141 339 0700

**Remploy** provides career opportunities for disabled people.

Website: [www.remploy.co.uk](http://www.remploy.co.uk)

Phone: 0300 456 8031

**SaluteMyJob** is a Social Enterprise providing consultancy, recruitment and assessment services to employers that are committed to supporting the Armed Forces and hiring ex-Service men and women. They help employers apply best practice, put structured ex-military programmes in place and to overcome barriers to successful recruitment of former Service men and women.

Website: [www.salutemyjob.com](http://www.salutemyjob.com)

Email: [info@salutemyjob.com](mailto:info@salutemyjob.com)

Telephone: 01249 691415

**Skillforce** is the trusted bridge for Service leavers and ex-Forces into a new career in education.

Website: [www.skillforce.org](http://www.skillforce.org)

**Skills Development Scotland (SDS)** is the national skills body supporting the people and businesses of Scotland to develop and apply their skills. Further information on the services that they can provide is available on their website.

Website: [www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk](http://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk)

Phone: 0800 917 8000 (Individual Helpline)

0800 783 6000 (Employers Helpline)

**The Scottish Veterans Employment and Training Service (SVETS)** is a collaborative initiative between employers and veterans' organisations in Scotland, designed to link former Service men and women with those organisations best placed to support them. This is a unique, collaborative programme delivered in partnership of SaluteMyJob, Forth Valley Chamber of Commerce and Veterans Scotland. SVETS is designed to enable employers' access to ex-military talent, address skills shortages and help drive businesses forward.

Website: [www.svets.org.uk](http://www.svets.org.uk)

Email: [info@svets.org.uk](mailto:info@svets.org.uk)

**X-Forces** may be able to help if a veteran or their spouse are considering self-employment.

Website: [www.x-forces.com](http://www.x-forces.com)

Email: [helpdesk@x-forces.com](mailto:helpdesk@x-forces.com)

Telephone: 0207 022 0600

## Finding a job as a veteran

If you're thinking about leaving the armed forces, or have already left, you can get help to find a job.

You can use the [usual job search methods](#).

[Modern apprenticeships](#) are a way to learn on the job, get the experience you need, and work towards a qualification.

The [My World of Work website](#) has information for armed forces leavers and veterans.

There are also several charities that help veterans get new skills and training.

## Other support

You can get [help and advice with things like jobs or money](#) from groups who support people who've left the armed forces.

## RELATED ITEMS

[Veteran support](#)

[Education and training funding for veterans](#)

## EDUCATION

### Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS)



The Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS) is the national student funding body for eligible Scottish and EU students in Higher Education at college or university. SAAS provide eligible students with a range of support, guidance and information and will assess each student based on their circumstances.

SAAS have produced a one-page guide for Armed Forces personnel and their families which should help them understand which UK funding body they should apply to for funding. Personnel who have 'signed up' to the forces in Scotland or meet the residency requirements may be eligible to apply to SAAS for HE financial support for themselves, their spouses and children.

<http://www.saas.gov.uk/>

[http://www.saas.gov.uk/forms/funding\\_guide.pdf](http://www.saas.gov.uk/forms/funding_guide.pdf)

[http://www.saas.gov.uk/forms/armed\\_forces.pdf](http://www.saas.gov.uk/forms/armed_forces.pdf)

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### SCQF



The Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework is Scotland's lifelong learning framework. Through the Framework you can gain a better understanding of qualifications in Scotland and plan your future learning.

The Framework supports service leavers in helping them understand the qualifications they have gained while serving in the armed forces, so they can think about their next move whether that be employment or further learning.

For more information go to [www.scqf.org.uk](http://www.scqf.org.uk)

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### Scottish Colleges



There are 13 colleges in Scotland. The website below has a list of all colleges.

<https://collegesscotland.ac.uk/>

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**Erskine** have a range of accommodation options available to Veterans from five Assisted Living flats and 44 cottages to four care home facilities. New to the portfolio is the Erskine Transitional Supported Accommodation (David Boyle Court), which supports Service leavers and Veterans whose life or transition plans had been disrupted. We are offering accommodation in the David Boyle Court and wraparound support, so that Veterans have a mutual support base in which to reflect, reorientate and retrain before relocating to the region and employment of their choice – giving back to their community in the way we know they can.

Website: [www.erskine.org.uk](http://www.erskine.org.uk)

Email: [enquiries@erskine.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@erskine.org.uk)

Phone: 0141 812 1100



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Email: [enquiries@haighomes.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@haighomes.org.uk)

Phone: 0208 685 5777

**Housing Options Scotland** provides information and advice to disabled people, veterans and older people. They do not provide housing. Our main aim is to ensure that disabled people, veterans and older people can access the right home for them. They advise on social renting, private renting, and home ownership.

Website: [www.housingoptionsscotland.org.uk](http://www.housingoptionsscotland.org.uk)

Email: [info@housingoptionsscotland.org.uk](mailto:info@housingoptionsscotland.org.uk)

Phone: 0131 247 1400

**Joint Service Housing Advice Office (JSHAO)** has information about the

different types of housing available. They also provide housing briefs in Scotland and general housing advice, it should be remembered Housing is a devolved matter in Scotland so the rules regarding provision do vary compared with the rest of UK.

Website: [www.gov.uk/housing-for-service-personnel-and-families](http://www.gov.uk/housing-for-service-personnel-and-families)

**Scottish Veterans Residences (SVRs)** operational arm is Scottish Veterans Housing Association (SVHA) which provides high quality, supported accommodation for veterans who are homeless or in need. We house ex-service men and women of all ages in residences in Edinburgh, Dundee and Bellrock Close development in Glasgow.

Website: [www.svronline.org](http://www.svronline.org)

Email: [info@svronline.org](mailto:info@svronline.org)

Phone: 0131 556 0091

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For all enquiries please contact:

Email [admin@vhscot.org.uk](mailto:admin@vhscot.org.uk)

Phone: 0131 557 1188

Address: 525 Ferry Road, Edinburgh EH5 2FF



## GENERAL ADVICE

<p>Citizens Advice Scotland <a href="http://www.cas.org.uk">www.cas.org.uk</a></p> <p>Courses4Forces <a href="http://www.courses4forces.co.uk">www.courses4forces.co.uk</a></p> <p>Entitled To <a href="http://www.entitledto.co.uk">www.entitledto.co.uk</a></p> <p>Turn2Us <a href="http://www.turn2us.org.uk">www.turn2us.org.uk</a></p> <p>The Money Advice Service <a href="http://www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk">www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk</a></p> <p>Money Force <a href="http://www.moneyforce.org.uk">www.moneyforce.org.uk</a></p> <p>Shelter Scotland <a href="https://scotland.shelter.org.uk">https://scotland.shelter.org.uk</a></p>	<p>Defence Discount Service <a href="http://www.defencediscountservice.co.uk">www.defencediscountservice.co.uk</a></p> <p>Equipped magazine <a href="http://www.equippedmagazine.co.uk">www.equippedmagazine.co.uk</a></p> <p>Pathfinder International <a href="http://www.pathfinderinternational.co.uk">www.pathfinderinternational.co.uk</a></p> <p>Veterans' Gateway <a href="http://www.veteransgateway.org.uk">www.veteransgateway.org.uk</a></p> <p>Veterans UK <a href="http://www.veterans-uk.info">www.veterans-uk.info</a></p> <p>Quest online <a href="http://www.questonline.co.uk">www.questonline.co.uk</a></p>
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of Defence



Department  
for Work &  
Pensions



The Scottish  
Government  
Riaghaltas na h-Alba



Health information  
you can trust

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ABF—The Soldier's Charity  
Airborne Alliance Association  
Age Scotland  
Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders Regimental Association  
Black Watch Association  
Blesma  
Blind Veterans UK  
Burma Star Association  
Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) Regimental Association  
Canine Partners  
Combat Stress  
Defence Medical Welfare Services  
East of Scotland Veterans Advisory & Pensions Committee  
Erskine  
Fares4Free  
Fife Veterans Association  
Firstlight Trust  
Glasgow's Helping Heroes  
Glen Art - (Brave Hound)  
Gordon Highlanders Association  
Ghurka Welfare Trust  
Haig Housing Trust  
Help for Heroes  
Highlanders Regimental Secretary  
Horseback UK  
Housing Options Scotland  
Kings Own Scottish Borderers Association  
Lady Haig Poppy Factory  
Lothian Veterans Centre  
National War Pensions  
North East Scotland Veterans Association  
Officer's Association Scotland  
On Course Foundation  
Outpost Charity  
Poppyscotland  
Queens Own Highlanders Association  
RAF Association  
RAF Benevolent Fund  
RASC & RCT Association  
Reading Force  
Regular Forces Employment Association  
Royal British Legion Scotland (Legion Scotland)  
Royal British Legion Scotland Women's Section  
Royal Caledonian Education Trust  
Royal Highland Fusiliers Regimental Benevolent Association  
Royal Marines Association  
Royal National Institute for Deaf People (RNID)  
Royal Navy Association  
Royal Naval Benevolent Trust  
Royal Navy & Royal Marines Charity  
Royal Regiment of Scotland  
Royal Scots Dragoon Guards Regimental Trust  
SACRO  
Salute My Job  
Sandilands Memorial Trust  
Scots Guards Association  
Scottish National War Memorial  
Scottish Region Royal Artillery Association  
Scottish Veterans Association  
Scottish Veterans Residences  
Sight Scotland Veterans (Scottish War Blinded)  
Seafarers UK  
Skillforce  
South Atlantic Medal Association 82  
SSAFA  
Stand Easy  
Submariners Association Scotland  
Suez Veterans Association Scotland  
Scottish Veterans Housing Association  
The Coming Home Centre  
The Royal Scots Benevolent Fund  
The Veterans Foundation  
Thistle Foundation  
Venture Trust  
Veterans First Point  
Veterans Housing Scotland - (SVGCA)  
Walking With the Wounded  
War Widows Association  
West of Scotland Veterans Advisory & Pensions Committee  
William Simpson's Home

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