



Other useful numbers:

SSAFA offers advice and assistance for all veterans and their spouses.

Tel: 0800 731 4880

The Royal British Legion offer support and practical help to all ex-servicemen or women.

Tel: 0808 802 8080

Haig Housing is a housing association that provides rented accommodation for those that have served in the forces

Tel: 0208 685 5777

Veterans Aid provides help amongst the ex-military community that might be facing homelessness

Tel: 0800 012 6867

If you are actually rough sleeping please also see the Rough Sleepers advice leaflet.



For further information please contact:

Housing Needs Team
Wyre Forest District Council
The Hub
Vicar Street
Kidderminster

Tel: 01562 732928

Out of Hours: 01562 850053

Email: housingservices@wyreforestdc.gov.uk

Homeless and a
member of the
armed forces

**Are you homeless or threatened
with homelessness and a current or
ex-member of the armed forces?**

We can help you...



Key Advice

Get help now by:

- Contacting the Housing Needs Team if you think you might be homeless when you are discharged
- Contact the MOD Joint Service Housing Advice Office on 01252 787574 for advice on civilian housing options
- Register on Home Choice Plus (www.homechoiceplus.org.uk)

You may qualify for help with rehousing from WFDC if you are a former member of the armed forces and are homeless or potentially homeless and are deemed vulnerable or have a priority need due to some other reason e.g. dependent children.

To help support your case you will need to bring supporting evidence with you. Including your discharge letter or some other evidence that confirms your discharge from the armed forces.

The earlier you contact the Housing Needs Team, the greater the chance of helping you secure accommodation.

If you are at immediate risk of homelessness?

If you don't have anywhere to stay then contact the Housing Needs Team. The team may have a duty to help you find somewhere on an emergency basis and will assess your longer term housing and support needs. They may be able to help you with a crisis bed or emergency accommodation.

If you need to move in the longer term?

If you are able to remain in your home but only for a short period of time (whilst you are waiting for the MOD to service notice etc) the Housing Needs Team will be able to explore other housing options with you including purchasing a property, renting in the private sector or applying for social or supported housing.

If you have no / low income?

When you leave the armed forces you may be entitled to a termination payment.

You may also be able to apply for benefit's such as Universal Credit and Job Centre Plus and the Hub team can help you with this.

The Housing Needs Team can help you with a Rent Bond to secure a property in the private rented sector, if this is an option for you.

Applying to join the Housing Register (Local Connection)

Members of the UK armed forces stationed abroad will be considered as living in the United Kingdom for the purposes of applying for social housing.

Secretary of State has the power to prescribe in Regulations criteria that may not be used by local housing authorities in deciding what classes of persons are not qualifying persons (section 160ZA(8)(b)). These Regulations require that local housing authorities do not use local connection (within the meaning of section 199 of the Housing Act 1996) as a criterion in deciding whether the following are not qualifying persons:

(a) persons who are serving in the regular forces or have done so in the five years preceding their application for an allocation of housing accommodation;

(b) bereaved spouses or civil partners of those serving in the regular forces where their spouse or partner's death is attributable (wholly or partly) to their service and the bereaved spouse or civil partner's entitlement to reside in Ministry of Defence accommodation then ceases;

(c) seriously injured, ill or disabled reservists (or former reservists) whose injury, illness or disability is attributable wholly or partly to their service.