

Employment and Education

Many former military personnel leave the armed forces with plenty still to offer society and the intention of working in a civilian capacity.

[Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council](#) is an armed-forces friendly employer who recognises the valuable transferable skills and qualities of those who serve, so we welcome applications for [our job vacancies](#) from military veterans. In addition, the Council has introduced a **Veterans' Guaranteed Interview Scheme** for UK's armed forces' veterans. This guarantees an interview to veterans that meet the essential requirements of a job vacancy.

Career Transition Partnership

The Ministry of Defence (MOD) and careers specialists Right Management Ltd formed the [Career Transition Partnership \(CTP\)](#) to provide resettlement services for those leaving the armed forces, regardless of time served.



CTP provides flexible support from two years **before** discharge, through to two years **after**. They aim to give you all the tools needed to market yourself confidently to employers and to get the most out of life outside the forces. [CTP](#) connects veterans with jobs, employment fairs, courses and training programmes.

[Veterans' Gateway](#) is the first point of contact for veterans seeking support. It's made up of a number of military charities and can put you in touch with organisations who can help further. [Contact Veteran's Gateway on 0808 802 1212 \(24 hours a day, 365 days a year\)](#).

There is now a [Veterans' Gateway App](#) which you can use to find support organisations in your area using a smartphone or tablet.

[Service for Experienced, Rejoiner and Volunteer Engagements \(SERVE\)](#) is a free and easy to use website. It can be used by all regular and reserve service personnel, Veterans; and anyone interested in staying connected with defence.

SERVE advertises Reserve, re-joiner and wider opportunities across all 3 services, including joint organisations, in one place. It is available through any internet-connected device such as a mobile, desktop or tablet.

[Regular Forces Employment Agency \(RFEA\)](#) provides service leavers and veterans. with specialist careers information, advice and support to access job and training opportunities. The RFEA works with a number of partners and is supported by a number of national military charities.

[ExForces Jobs Network](#) is a joint venture with the **British Forces Broadcasting Service (BFBS)** – the UK's only media organisation dedicated to Britain's armed forces and veterans – which also includes BFBS TV and BFBS Radio. This site is run by ExForces Information Services in conjunction with Forces Network.

[JobOppO](#) was founded by Ex-Military, to serve Ex-Military. It doesn't matter whether you left yesterday or 20 years ago, after serving for 2 hours or 20 more years – JobOppO is there to help YOU!

They have been where you are now, so they know first-hand that the transition from 'Military life to Civilian life' is not always an easy one. The thought of settling into a 9-5 after serving our country may seem daunting, but they aim to help make sure it is not that way. That's why their founder set up JobOppO.

Partnering with global brands and SMEs, JobOppO grew from an idea into a thriving online platform which exclusively supports the Ex-Military community in the UK. [Register with their site](#), upload your CV and begin searching for jobs.

[‘Step into Health’](#) is an initiative to help the Armed Forces community access career opportunities in the NHS. The programme is open to all service-leavers, reservists, veterans, Cadet Force Adult Volunteers and the families of all of these. It enables you to connect to NHS organisations to set up training opportunities, clinical and general work placements, insight days and receive application support – providing a dedicated pathway into a career in the NHS.

[The Officers’ Association](#) provides support and advice to **former officers** and their dependents on a variety of matters including employment, finances, housing, health, wellbeing, volunteering and maintaining a social life.

[The Finchale Group](#) is an independent charity providing specialist support programmes for veterans and their families across the north east. This includes debt, housing, vocational training, CV building, cover letters, relationships, employment, addiction counselling, mental and physical health assistance, benefits and education.

[Hire a Hero](#) is a registered UK charity that offers opportunities for training, mentoring and career coaching, as well as providing a job board where vacancies can be browsed and posted.

[Civvy Street Magazine](#) provides a whole range of useful information, advice and support for finding jobs, employment training – this includes various grant programmes.

[Troops to Teachers](#) is a government initiative, designed to encourage military personnel to re-train as educators.

[The Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen Families Association \(SSAFA\)](#) provide financial, practical and emotional assistance to anyone that is currently serving or has ever served in the Army, Navy or RAF, and their families. The Stockton branch is based at the T. A. Centre on Norton Rd, Stockton. Clients are usually seen in their homes but can be seen at the Norton office. The service is available **Monday to Friday 10.00am – 12 noon**. To make an appointment call **01642 553666** or e-mail stockton.ssafa@hotmail.com