



## **Ascent Flight Training (Management) Ltd**

**We, the undersigned, commit to honour the Armed Forces Covenant and support the Armed Forces Community. We recognise the value Serving Personnel, both Regular and Reservists, Veterans and military families contribute to our business and our country.**

Signed on behalf of:

**Ascent Flight Training (Management) Ltd**

Signed:

Name: Tim James

Position: Managing Director

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022



## The Armed Forces Covenant

An Enduring Covenant Between

The People of the United Kingdom  
Her Majesty's Government

– and –

All those who serve or have served in the Armed Forces of the Crown  
and their Families

The first duty of Government is the defence of the realm. Our Armed Forces fulfil that responsibility on behalf of the Government, sacrificing some civilian freedoms, facing danger and, sometimes, suffering serious injury or death as a result of their duty. Families also play a vital role in supporting the operational effectiveness of our Armed Forces. In return, the whole nation has a moral obligation to the members of the Naval Service, the Army and the Royal Air Force, together with their families. They deserve our respect and support, and fair treatment.

Those who serve in the Armed Forces, whether Regular or Reserve, those who have served in the past, and their families, should face no disadvantage compared to other citizens in the provision of public and commercial services. Special consideration is appropriate in some cases, especially for those who have given most such as the injured and the bereaved.

This obligation involves the whole of society: it includes voluntary and charitable bodies, private organisations, and the actions of individuals in supporting the Armed Forces. Recognising those who have performed military duty unites the country and demonstrates the value of their contribution. This has no greater expression than in upholding this Covenant.

## Section 1: Principles of the Armed Forces Covenant

1.1 We **Ascent Flight Training (Management) Ltd** will endeavour in our business dealings to uphold the key principles of the Armed Forces Covenant, which are:

- *no member of the Armed Forces Community should face disadvantage in the provision of public and commercial services compared to any other citizen*
- *In some circumstances special treatment may be appropriate especially for the injured or bereaved.*

## Section 2: Demonstrating our Commitment

2.1 We recognise the value serving personnel, reservists, veterans and military families bring to our business and to our country. We will seek to uphold the principles of the Armed Forces Covenant, by:

- **Promoting the Armed Forces:**

*Promoting our work, activities and events through our own digital and social media channels as well as working with the press*

*Publishing our Covenant pledges on our website*

*Promoting the fact that we are an Armed Forces friendly organisation, to our staff, contractors, customers, suppliers and wider public*

- **Veterans:**

*Advertising vacancies through Career Transition Partnership (CTP), as well as advertising widely in the Armed Forces community, to ensure employment opportunities are made available to veterans*

*Welcoming applications from veterans who meet the criteria in the job specification*

*Recognising military skills and qualifications in our recruitment and selection process*

*Providing private BUPA health cover*

*Access to our workplace mental health platform 'Unmind' which empowers veterans to proactively measure, understand, and improve their mental wellbeing*

*Providing an employee assistance programme which provides telephone or face to face assistance and legal advice together with free counselling sessions*

*Supplying a wellbeing hub that provides physical, mental and financial health support*

*Building a culture where mental health is discussed and accepted (i.e. via lunchtime talks where employees share their stories and educate others on their mental health conditions, having a wellbeing forum and trained mental health first aiders)*

*Providing enhanced sick pay of up to 6 months full pay and occupational health support*

- **Service Spouses & Partners:**

*Providing private BUPA health cover for the immediate family of our veterans*

*Access to our workplace mental health platform 'Unmind' which empowers spouses and partners to proactively measure, understand, and improve their mental wellbeing*

*Supporting the employment of Service spouses and partners by welcoming applications from spouses/partners who meet the criteria in the job specifications*

*Advertising vacancies on Forces Families Jobs as well as advertising widely within the Armed Forces community*

*Endeavouring to offer a degree of flexibility in granting leave for services spouses and partners before, during and after a partner's deployment*

- **Reserves:**

*Supporting our employees who are already members of the Reserve Force*

*Granting additional paid leave for annual Reserve Forces training*

- **National Events:**

*Supporting Armed Forces Day, Reserves Day, the Poppy Appeal Day and Remembrance activities*

2.2 We will publicise these commitments through our literature and/or on our website, setting out how we will seek to honour them and inviting feedback from the Service community and our customers on how we are doing.