



Declaration of Armed Forces Posting

Form UHIFEC9

This form should be completed to support a Further Education Application. Please note that you may be asked to supply documentation to support the information which you give.

Student Name

Date of Birth

D D

M M

Y Y

Please give details of all your addresses in the last 3 years

Address	Dates	
	From	To

What date did you/will you move to Scotland?

D D

M M

Y Y

Who in your family was posted to Scotland?

What is their relationship to you?

Where did they enlist for HM Armed Services?

I declare that the information given above is correct to the best of my knowledge

Signature of Applicant

Date

D D

M M

Y Y

Declaration of Commanding Officer

I declare that the information given above regarding the named service personnel is in accordance with their service record.

Full Name

Rank

Squadron/Division

Contact email

Signature

Date

D D

M M

Y Y

Members of the Armed Forces and their Families

Serving armed forces personnel and their families are very mobile and as such it can be difficult to establish their place of ordinary residence as they can reside in various parts of the UK and overseas for varying periods of time.

As a result, Scottish Government, the Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS) and the Scottish Funding Council (SFC) policy is to consider the place in which the serving forces member was living before they first joined up as their place of ordinary residence. This is regardless of whether they and their family member(s) are living abroad or in the UK, and where in the UK they want to study.

This approach is taken across the UK and means that all serving forces personnel and their family should be eligible for student support from their home part of the UK.

So in most cases, if they are a member of the armed forces and their family member i.e. husband, wife, civil partner, or child (including step child, adopted child and foster child) are entering education and they signed up for the armed forces in Scotland, their family member will apply to SAAS for Higher Education Support or the College for Further Education Support, regardless of where in the UK (or abroad) they are living. If they signed up in England, Wales or Northern Ireland, their family member will apply to that country's funding body for support.

However, there are some circumstances where it is possible to consider a member for the forces and their family as ordinary resident in Scotland, despite them living elsewhere in the UK before they signed up, for example, where a forces family have moved off base and purchased a home in the local community and have remained there while the servicing forces member is posted elsewhere. In this situation they are likely to consider the family as ordinarily resident in Scotland.

Some examples of how the rule works

1. John's mother was living in Wales when she joined the Navy but has been posted to Scotland for the last five years where the family have been living in service families accommodation. As John's mother was living in Wales when she signed up, John should apply to Student Finance Wales for support.
2. Susan's father was living in England when he signed up with the RAF. The family are currently living in Wales but will be relocating to Scotland in 3 months. As Susan's father was living in England when he joined, Susan should apply to Student Finance England for support.
3. Mary's father was living in England when he joined the army. The family were originally based in England before being posted to Scotland where they lived for 10 years. After two years they moved out of army accommodation into their own house which they have a mortgage on. Mary's father was then posted to Iraq and is now serving in Wales. However, Mary and her mother did not accompany him, instead they remained in the family home in Scotland. Although Mary's father was resident in England when he signed up, because they are living in their own home and not armed forces accommodation and have not accompanied him on his most recent posting, the family are deemed to be ordinarily resident in Scotland. Mary can therefore apply to SAAS or the College for support.
4. Ann's father was living in Scotland when he joined the army. Ann was born in Cyprus where the family have been posted for the last 19 years and is going to England to study. Although Ann has never lived in the UK and is studying in England, as her father was living in Scotland when he signed up she applies to SAAS or the College for support. Please note that these examples are intended to give general advice only. SAAS or the College will look at every case individually and make a decision based on the specific circumstances of the applicant.

Veterans of the armed forces

The above exception will not normally apply to veterans of the armed forces. This is because veterans are no longer on active service and are more likely to be residing in a particular location on a permanent basis. Therefore, Veterans who have exited the armed forces and chosen to reside in Scotland on a permanent basis, may qualify for student support under our general residency conditions, irrespective of where they signed up.