

Accompanied Established Long Term Relationships (LTR(E)) Overseas Pilot MOD FAQs

Who does this apply to? Service personnel who are already on assignment or will be assigned to The Falkland Islands or Sovereign Base Areas Cyprus who are in an established Long Term Relationship (LTR(E)) and meet the entitlement criteria will gain access to Service Families Accommodation (SFA) under this pilot.

Are the Ascension Islands included in the pilot? Only The Falkland Islands, as part of BFSAI, is included in this pilot. Service personnel assigned to the Ascension Islands will be subject to current policies.

When do I need to apply? Personnel already on assignment at one of the overseas locations who already have a registered LTR(E) will have two months from the go-live date of 22 Jan 24 to apply for accommodation. They must then be residing in the accommodation within six months of the go-live date. Service personnel newly assigned to The Falkland Islands or Sovereign Base Areas Cyprus from 2 Jan 24, with an accommodation required by date between 22 Jan 24 and 31 Mar 25, may apply on receipt of assignment.

What will my accommodation entitlement be? SFA entitlement will be rank-based under the pilot. A summary of SFA entitlements by Officers SFA and Other Ranks SFA Type is at Annex E to DIN No. 2023DIN01- 132.

What if we are dual serving but serving on different SBAs in Cyprus? If both partners of the LTR(E) are co-located entitled serving members of the armed forces who intend to reside together, one partner will be designated as PStatCat1s and the other partner PStatCat5s (as defined in JSP 752 Chapter 2 Section 2). Both parties must declare their intention to serve accompanied. The partner designated as PStatCat1s has the entitlement to SFA which they may exercise at their duty station, and if applicable, the allowances stated within this DIN, as governed by JSP 752. The partner designated as PStatCat5s has no entitlement to SFA, and neither partner will be entitled to SLA.

What If I have difficulties evidencing my partner as an LTR(E)? JSP 464 provides guidance on LTR(E) eligibility criteria, alongside all recognised evidence and application forms, which upon completion should be submitted to your HR. Any questions on the process or the evidence criteria should be emailed to the Accommodation Support Cell at People-Accom-ASC@mod.gov.uk.

Who counts as an entitled child? Children identified on JPA as part of the LTR(E), who are anticipated to be living there on a full-time basis, will be recognised as 'service children' for the period of the pilot.

Will I have an entitlement for children I see for over 80 nights of the year? This accompanied pilot focuses on LTR(E)s only. Additional entitlements for Service personnel with visitation for 80 nights or more, gained under the New Accommodation Offer, are out of scope due to the unique challenges this presents.

What facilities will my partner and children be able to access? LTR(E) partners and children will be able to access the full spectrum of services whilst accompanying their Service person including education, medical, and welfare services. Further information can be sought at a local level. Newly assigned personnel, and/or accompanying family must ensure they complete the relevant supportability assessments to gain an entitlement to these resources. SP should refer to their assignment order and their chain of command for further information.

Are there employment opportunities if my partner accompanies me? Service personnel should be aware that there are limited workplace opportunities within SBAs. However, where opportunities do arise LTR(E) partners will be able to apply. Partners wishing to run a business from home are subject to extant policy criteria and must seek permission from the Local Service Commander. Partners wishing to work from home whilst remaining contracted within the UK should contact HMRC to understand any personal tax implications.

What allowances are available? An allowances package specific to the pilot will ensure families are supported throughout. Entitlements will be subject to the individual circumstances and will be affected by your current assignment location as well as your LTR(E) status at the point the pilot goes live. A reference table can be found in DIN No. 2023DIN01-132.

Will my partner be entitled to Get You Home (Overseas) (GYH(O))? Service personnel and accompanying LTR(E) family members will be entitled to GYH(O), as conferred in DIN No. 2023DIN01-132.

Will I get a furniture allowance/removals? Allowances will be subject to the individual circumstances and will be affected by your current assignment location as well as your LTR(E) status at the point the pilot goes live. Service personnel should confirm entitlement to furniture allowances in DIN No. 2023DIN01-132.

What if I'm still living with my partner at the end of the pilot? Service personnel who gain an entitlement under the pilot will remain entitled until the end of the pilot or the qualifying assignment, whichever is later.

What happens if I extend or receive a new assignment for the same location during the pilot? Service personnel who are extended, or who receive a new assignment order to the same location within the pilot dates, may continue to reside in the accommodation assigned to them, as well as attracting all entitled allowances, as appropriate.

What if we have a change of circumstances? (Increase in family size) Service personnel who, during the course of their assignment, expect to see an increase in family size will be treated in the same manner as their married/civil partnership counterparts. A supportability assessment will need to be completed to ensure that all needs can continue to be met for the duration of the assignment. Where the increase in family size entitles you to bigger Service Family Accommodation, a 1132 will need to be submitted.

What if we have a change in circumstances? (Marriage) Service personnel who have been accommodated under the LTR(E) pilot, and who subsequently marry, will

become a fully entitled PStatCat1/1s. As under normal circumstances SP should bring proof of marriage to their HRs to ensure they can access entitlements linked to their PStatCat.

What if my relationship breaks down? If the LTR(E) breaks down SP are to inform their Unit HR and Chain of Command in writing within 14 days after it has happened or as soon as is reasonably practicable. Estrangement policy for cohabiting SP in an LTR(E) will be applied in accordance with extant policy on marital/civil partnership breakdown/estrangement which can be found in JSP 464.

Will my long-term partner be subject to service law or a Status of Forces Agreement? As with any overseas posting, partners of an LTR(E) will be subject to the same military law as the SP they accompany.

I live in a country where my partner holds citizenship, why can't I live in accommodation with them? As with any assignment both domestic and overseas, SP must be in an established LTR and in a location that is able to support LTR cohabitation.

I've been assigned to a different overseas location and want to take my LTR(E) partner there. A staged approach is being taken for the implementation of accompanied LTR(E) postings to prevent delay whilst solutions are developed for more complex locations. The Falkland Islands and Sovereign Base Areas Cyprus were identified as priority locations for a pilot scheme with few barriers to be overcome. As and when accompanied LTR(E) postings are launched for other locations, further information will be communicated.

Who do I contact if I have any further questions? For questions regarding your individual circumstances, you should contact your base commander or the Overseas Bases team at UKStratCom-DirOB-HR@mod.gov.uk. For questions regarding the policy, you should contact the Accommodation Support Cell at People-Accom-ASC@mod.gov.uk