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The Afghan Relocation Assistance Policy Scheme and Service Families

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Frequently asked questions (FAQs)

Annex A: Afghan family journey from Third Country to Settled Accommodation in the UK.

1. What is the ARAP scheme?

Those who are eligible under ARAP are given 'indefinite leave to remain' meaning they have the right to live, work and study in the UK indefinitely. See <https://www.gov.uk/indefinite-leave-to-remain> for more information.

[Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy: further information on eligibility criteria, offer details and how to apply - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

2. How does someone become eligible for the ARAP Scheme in and what is Defence's commitment to them?

3. Why is Defence Training Estate and SFA being used to accommodate ARAP families?

4. How are we allocating SFA to ARAP Families?

5. How might this impact SFA provision and maintenance for Service Families?

6. How long will ARAP Families be living on the patch for?

7. What support is provided to the ARAP families in transitional accommodation?

8. What security measures have been carried out before Afghan

9. What should I do if I'm contacted for a comment by the media or other external organisations asking about ARAP?

10. What if I have concerns about the impact of more families on my local services?

11. Where can I go for more information?

12. I'm a member of the Station Welfare staff, where can I go for more information.

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THE ARAP PROCESS

Below details the process an ARAP family will go through, in line with the ARAP Scheme

STEP 1. ELIGIBILITY

There are robust eligibility criteria to be fulfilled before an individual will be accepted onto the ARAP Scheme. Each case is reviewed on the strength of the evidence provided.



STEP 2. SECURITY CHECKS

Afghan nationals undergo strict security checks before entry into the UK. Individuals must provide full employment details in relation to working with the UK Armed Forces before they are subject to background and record checks.



STEP 3. ARRIVAL INTO THE UK

An ARAP family will then fly to the UK. Once landed they are transported to Reception, Staging and Onward Movement sites and temporary accommodation on Defence Estate



STEP 4. MOVE INTO TRANSITIONAL ACCOMMODATION

From the Defence Training Estate, families will usually move to a Transitional (TSFA) site. These are SFA patches outside the wire. At both RSOM and TSFA sites there are military Sub-Units supporting the welfare of the families.



STEP 5. MOVE INTO SETTLED SFA

From TSFA a family will move into Settled Accommodation on a 3-year lease. This is based on allocation by the Home Office under the Local Authority. During this period, a family will transition to the private housing sector as a UK resident.

