

Who are we?

Children's Education Advisory Service (CEAS) is part of the MOD's Directorate Children and Young People (DCYP). We are a tri-service organisation which aims to:

'Support operational effectiveness of the Armed Forces by enabling service and eligible MOD civilian families to secure appropriate provision for their children and to develop strategies to mitigate the impact of mobility and deployment.'

What do we do?

- We provide information, advice and guidance about access to educational provision and services available to your child, in the UK and around the world.
- We provide service parents with support when assignments require changes to your children's educational provision.
- We are a professional point of contact regarding service children with special educational needs. With your consent we are able to support you in securing the right educational provision for your child.
- We offer information and advice about state and independent boarding education and the associated MOD allowances available to service parents to support such provision.

- We offer specialist support, (non-legal) advocacy and representation in meetings, hearings and appeal forums regarding school admissions and special educational needs (SEN).
- We provide support for other issues, e.g. retaining service family accommodation if your child is at a crucial stage of education when you are assigned.
- Maintain a CEAS website at **www.gov.uk/childrens-education-advisory-service**
- CEAS also supports the wider remit of DCYP and the MOD on issues relating to service children. We liaise with local authorities and others to achieve solutions to issues around the education of service children.

**CURRICULUM CONCERNS
EDUCATIONAL ALLOWANCES
ADMISSIONS TO SCHOOLS
SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS**

CEAS IS HERE TO HELP YOU!

If you need information or help about these or any other issues regarding your child's education please e-mail us:
DCYP-CEAS-Enquiries@mod.gov.uk

You need to know

- There may not always be a place available in the school you want for your child when you move to a new location in the UK. CEAS can offer advice and guidance regarding this.
- There are some key issues which Service parents need to keep in mind including that all school place applications have to be completed by the parent. CEAS can offer advice and guidance regarding this.
- Infant class sizes in England and Wales are not allowed, by law, to exceed 30, although in-year applications from Service families may now be treated as exceptions to this legislative requirement. CEAS can give advice on in-year applications.
- Schools may not always be able to provide exactly what is specified in a plan for your child's Special Educational Needs (SEN). The terminology around SEN differs in different parts of the UK and CEAS can help you make sense of the system and explain your rights. The CEAS team is experienced in SEN and Disabilities and can help you ensure that your child's needs are met.
- You must contact CEAS first if you plan to use the MOD's Continuity of Education Allowance (CEA) for boarding education, or if you plan to change any of the arrangements for a child in receipt of CEA. We can explain the process and ensure you have access to all the information you need.

Useful Contacts

- **ACE - Advisory Centre for Education**
Tel: 0300 0115 142
(free advice line) www.ace-ed.org.uk
- **AWS - Army Welfare Service**
www.army.mod.uk
- **AWS NI Community Education Support Officer (CESCO)**
Tel: 02892 266347
E-mail: AWS-38X-CESCO@mod.uk
- **HIVE GB** See website for contact numbers
www.gov.uk/army-hive-information-service
- **SSAFA - Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association**
Tel: 0845 1300 975
www.ssafa.org.uk
- **RN RM Welfare**
Tel: 02392 728777
- **RAF Community Support**
www.RAF.mod.uk/community
- **Department for Education**
Tel: 0870 000 2288
www.education.gov.uk
- **The Scottish Executive**
www.scotland.gov.uk
- **Welsh Assembly**
www.wales.gov.uk
- **Department of Education in Northern Ireland**
www.deni.gov.uk
- **OfSTED - Office for Standards in Education**
Tel: 0845 6404040
www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ofsted



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