

ARMY SERVICE RECORDS – SERVICE AFTER 1920

Records for army service personnel who served after 1920 are held by the Army Personnel Centre at the Ministry of Defence in Glasgow. You may require access to this personal data for many reasons, including:

- Proof of Service in HM Armed Forces
- Medical reasons
- Family history or research

Records date from 1920 and may include:

- Medals received
- Medical records
- Details about someone's career, eg the units they served in
- Date of death, if they died in service

In some cases little or no information is available about someone's military service.

You can apply for a copy of your own service records (<https://www.gov.uk/requests-for-personal-data-and-service-records>) if you are, or have been, a member of the armed forces.

You can apply for a copy of someone else's service records (<https://www.gov.uk/requests-for-personal-data-and-service-records>) if one of the following apply:

- You're their immediate next of kin, eg spouse or parent
- You've got consent from their immediate next of kin
- You have a general research interest – you'll only have access to limited information, unless they died more than 25 years ago

There's no fee:

- For your own records

- If you were someone's spouse or civil partner at the time of their death (or their parent, if there was no spouse)

All other applications cost £30.

It can take up to several months for your application to be processed.

Your application will be prioritised if it's urgent, eg you need proof of service so you can claim benefits.

Where do I send the application forms (ie Search Document and Next of Kin form). The address is printed on the Search form. However, the address is:

The Army Personnel Centre
MS Support Unit, P&D Branch
Historical Disclosures, MP 555
Kentigern House, 65 Brown Street, Glasgow, G2 8EX
email: DBSKI-RecordsPubEnqTeam@mod.uk
telephone: 0845 600 9663 (helpline)

Records for earlier periods, including those for World War One, are generally available to visitors to the National Archives at Kew. However much of this historical data is now on-line through the National Archives website www.nationalarchives.org.uk or through www.ancestry.co.uk