

**CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY
FOR ADMISSION AND RE-ADMISSION TO THE COMPANY**

(approved by the Court of Assistants on 27th February 2001
and incorporating amendments to 26th June 2018)

I Regimental members. There are two categories of Regimental membership, 'Active' and 'Veteran'.

1. In the case of **admission to the Active List**, the following shall be eligible:
 - a. Members of the Royal Family;
 - b. The Colonel Commandant for the time being;
 - c. Officers serving and soldiers enlisted in a military unit of the Regiment;
 - d. Those serving in the HAC Special Constabulary Detachment;
 - e. Regular and Full Time Reserve Service (FTRS) Officers and soldiers posted to a tour of duty with the Regiment or the HAC Special Constabulary Detachment; and
 - f. Reserve officers and soldiers attached to and forming part of the establishment of the Regiment.

2. In the case of **admission to the Veteran Company**:
 - a. the following shall be eligible, subject to a satisfactory report on each applicant being obtained by the Membership & Recruiting Committee from a Regimental member who has served with the applicant, preferably his unit or sub-unit Commander:
 - i. Those with war service with a unit of the Regiment; and
 - ii. Those who served in the HAC Cadet Battalion for a minimum of three years' efficient service or six months' wartime service.
 - b. Posted Regular Army personnel not admitted to the Active List during their tour of duty shall also be eligible on completion of their tour, if recommended by the Commanding Officer.

3. In the case of **Re-admission to the Active List**.

Applicants shall be dealt with on the same lines as for admissions to the Active List save that they pay no rejoining fee and shall not be required to appear with proposers before the Court.

4. **Transfer to the Veteran Company.**
 - a. In the case of existing Regimental Members leaving the Active List, the following shall, if recommended by their unit Commander, be eligible:
 - i. Those on the Active List with three years' efficient service;
 - ii. Those on the Active List with at least one year's efficient service proceeding overseas, or to areas in the United Kingdom where there is no suitable TA unit or Special Constabulary Detachment to which they can transfer, on the understanding that, as soon as they are able, they complete the requisite qualifying years of service (if within the relevant age limit) on the Active List or resign. Veteran Membership in the case of transfers to other areas in the United Kingdom is limited to a period of three years from the date of transfer.
 - iii. Those on the Active List with at least one year's efficient service who either join the Regular Armed Forces or Police, or who move their place of residence or work to somewhere so distant from London that the Committee considers further service on the Active List is impracticable, and who join another Territorial or Special Constabulary unit, on the understanding that if they do not thus complete the

- requisite qualifying years of efficient service, or do not have any war service, they will resign.
- iv. Posted Regular Army personnel, admitted to the Active List during their tour of duty, on the completion of their tour.
- b. For the purposes of the above:
 - i. Length of service shall be calculated from date of admission to the Company, except that in the case of those who applied to join the Company immediately upon completion of the Recruits Course it shall be calculated from the date of the start of the Recruits' Course. (See notes below.)
 - ii. Those serving on the Active List shall not be deemed to cease so to serve while engaged in ERE duties.
5. In the case of **Re-admission to the Veteran Company**:
- a. Applicants for Re-admission shall complete the necessary form and be proposed and seconded by Regimental Members but shall not be required to appear with proposers before the Court as they will have previously been proposed and admitted.
 - b. The following shall be eligible:
 - i. Those with three years' efficient service on the Active List;
 - ii. Those completing the requisite period of service with the Regular Armed Forces or Police or another Territorial or Special Constabulary unit in accordance with 4(a)(iii) above.
 - c. Length of service on the Active List shall be calculated as in 4(b) above.

II Non-Regimental members

Those who have served for two years in Regular or three years in Reserve units of any of the Armed Services or who have two years' efficient service on the Active List, and who are proposed and seconded by Regimental Members, shall be eligible to become non-Regimental Members.

III General

The Court shall be empowered, in special individual circumstances, to vary the periods of service stated in the previous paragraph.

IV Notes

1. The Court agreed on 22nd September 1992 that all Home Service Force members, including those who did not have the requisite five years' service, would be awarded full Veteran membership provided application was made prior to the demise of the HSF on 31st March 1993.
2. The Court ruled on 21st July 1993 that 'service' means service to the British Crown and that those without such service do not qualify for membership.
3. The M&R Committee ruled on 7th September 1993 that service in a university OTC counted towards the three year qualification for membership. On 4th June 2018 the M&C Committee added that such service would only count however, if formal evidence of three bounties having been awarded in those three years could be provided to the HAC for consideration with the application form.
4. The M&R Committee ruled on 3rd April 2000 that persons relying on service in the HAC Cadet Battalion must be proposed or seconded by Regimental members who served in the Cadet Battalion. For the purposes of these rules, service in the HAC

Cadet Battalion includes service in those units which for the time being comprised or were affiliated to it.

5. The M&R Committee ruled on 6th February 2001 that Recruits undergoing their Basic Military Training prior to admission to the Company should have the use of all the facilities other than the bedrooms and those offered by Virgin Active.
6. The Court ruled on 29th May 2001 that subscription debtors, once struck off, would have to comply with I (3) or (5) above, rather than simply being reinstated upon payment of the arrears.
7. The Court ruled on 25th June 2002, reversing its decision of 27th June 2000, that current and retired members of the Police Service were eligible for admission as Non-Regimental members.
8. Although officers and the Regimental Sergeant Major are admitted to the Company at the beginning of their tour with the HAC Regiment, the Court ruled on 26th June 2018 that it was optional for PSIs and those on FTRS so they could be admitted either at the beginning or end of their tour, as they wished.
9. The Court ruled on 19th December 2006 that ACF, Sea Cadet and Air Cadet Officers, who hold or held Special Commissions and who have served for the requisite period, are eligible to join the Company as Non-Regimental members.
10. The Court ruled on 16th December 2008 that as from Recruits Course 62 (October 2007) onwards, the start date from which length of service in the Regiment is assessed shall be taken from the start of the Recruits Course. Prior to October 2007 the start date is the date of attestation.
11. The Court ruled on 22nd June 2010 that individuals exempt from the Recruits Course and entering directly onto Phase Two training (RA Comms) may apply for Active Unit membership as use of the Virgin Active gym would aid them on the RA Comms course. It was also agreed that those candidates with Direct Entry to the Active Unit should be eligible to be proposed for Company Membership upon joining the Regiment.
12. The Court ruled on 28th February 2012 that Police Instructors (and their successors, if any) should be treated as equivalent to permanent staff of the Active Unit and thus eligible for Regimental membership of the Company on commencement of their attachment to the HAC Special Constabulary. The Court also confirmed that such Special Constabulary Police Instructors would, in line with the Regimental custom, be admitted to the Company at the last Court **before** being posted away from the Detachment.
13. The Court ruled on 23rd June 2015 that officers serving with the City of London Academy Islington (HAC) Combined Cadet Force were eligible for admission as Regimental Members after at least six months' efficient service, if proposed by the Commanding Officer, and that for the purpose of transfer to the Veteran Company length of service shall be calculated from the beginning of the qualifying period.