

Each year the UK Armed Forces encourages people to join and bring their whole selves to work, including their gender and sexuality. This has not always been the case.

2022 - LGBT Veterans Independent Review Launches

The UK Government committed through the Veterans' Strategy Action Plan 2022-2024 to understand and address the impact the ban had on LGBT personnel.

The LGBT Veterans Independent Review has been set up to examine the impact of the 1967 to 2000 ban on homosexuality in the UK Armed forces.

The Review will seek to better understand the experiences of LGBT individuals who served in the Armed Forces from 1967 to 2000 and will provide recommendations to Government on how to address this historic hurt.

If you were impacted by the ban, submit your testimony. Head to our page on gov.uk to find out how.

2000 - UK Armed Forces homosexuality ban lifted

The UK Government accepted this policy was wrong.

Before 2000, it was policy that homosexuality was deemed incompatible with service in the UK Armed Forces. Homosexual acts were described in the Army Act 1955, the Air Force Act 1955 and the Naval Discipline Act 1957 stating personnel would be found guilty under "any disgraceful conduct of a cruel, indecent and unnatural kind" or "any conduct ... to the prejudice of good order and ...discipline".

This caused members of the LGBT community to face discharge and an end to their military careers.

1967 - Sexual Offences Act

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