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## Burial in a Services Cemetery

To be buried in a Services Cemetery you must have served as a member of Her Majesty's Forces on certain deployments, or be the spouse or partner of someone who has.

Eligibility to be buried in a Services Cemetery needs to be approved by your local authority.

## Who can get this

You may be able to be buried in a Services Cemetery if you:

- have Operational Service under the Burial and Cremation Act, or
- your spouse or partner has Operational Service under the Burial and Cremation Act.

[Operational Service under the Burial and Cremation Act](#)

### Spouse or partner burial

Some local authorities may only allow burial of a spouse or partner after the member of Her Majesty's Forces burial.

## Find out more

Local authorities are responsible for the management of Services Cemeteries and approving who may be buried in them. Visit our 'Find a Services Cemetery' page to check which local authority looks after your nearest Services Cemetery.

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