

THE PARACHUTE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION (PRA)
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP – 2017

1. **Eligibility for Membership.** All past and present members of Airborne Forces are welcome to join the PRA. This unique Association has over 10,000 members worldwide with 81 branches in the UK alone.

2. **Types of Membership:**

a. **Normal.** Normal Membership of the Association is available to:

(1) Whosoever has served as a qualified military parachutist in The Parachute Regiment is entitled to full membership. Members of the Association will have the right to vote, hold office and wear the insignia of the Association.

(2) It is also available for any officer or other rank who has served on the War Establishment of a Parachute Battalion or Parachute Brigade Headquarters during the Second World War prior to 6th September 1945.

(3) It is also available to any person who, in the opinion of the Committee, has rendered special service to the Regiment.

b. **Associate.** Associate Membership of the Association is available to:

(1) Whosoever has qualified as a military parachutist and served in a British airborne/air assault or Special Forces unit may be considered for associate membership of the Association. Associate Members of the Association will have the right to vote, hold office and wear the insignia of the Association.

c. **Affiliate.** Affiliate Membership of the Association is available to:

(1) Those who have served as a qualified military parachutist in foreign airborne units may be considered for affiliate membership of the Association so long as they are able to prove their airborne credentials to the full satisfaction of the Regional Secretary.

(2) Affiliate Members of the Association will not have the right to vote, hold office or wear the insignia of the Association with the exception of a Branch Tie should there be one.

3. **Membership Subscription Rate.** Life Membership of the Association for all types is £7.50 (OAP Rate £5.00).

4. **Proof of Eligibility.** Documentary proof of military parachute qualification must be provided. A photocopy is sufficient. This can be obtained by writing to: Army Records Centre, APC Disclosures 1, MP520, Kentigern House, 65 Brown Street, Glasgow G2 8EX. Please supply your DOB, Army No, NI No and a photocopy of the photograph page of your passport or driving license. There is no fee for this service.

5. **Branch Membership.** Being a member of a Branch will enable the local Branch Secretary to pass Association information on to you. Details of your nearest branch will be supplied by return of post. Alternatively please advise us of the Branch you wish to join in your local area. We will inform the branch Secretary who will in turn advise you of branch meetings and activities.

6. **Application Requirements.** Please complete Annex A to this document. Please ensure you attach a copy of your Army Record of Service showing your service in Airborne Units.

7. **How your Information will be Used.** RHQ PARA, as part of the Ministry of Defence will protect your privacy by keeping your information safe.

a. We will use the personal details you have provided on this form to contact you by email or telephone to follow up your interest in joining The Parachute Regimental Association.

b. We will not share your personal details with other organisations outside of the Ministry of Defence.

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For security reasons all PRA members are required to have a Membership Card.

Please complete and send to: The Assistant to the Secretary, The Parachute Regimental Association, Merville Barracks, Circular Road South, Colchester CO2 7UT. If you have any queries regarding this application please email or call on:

Email: admin@prahq.com

Tel: 01206 817077

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Membership Applied for: (Please Tick one)	Normal	
	Associate	
	Affiliate	

Cost: (Life Membership)	
Normal	£7.50
Senior Veteran	£5.00

Payment: Payment can be made by Cheque, Postal Order or Debit/Credit Card. Your payment will not be processed until your service and eligibility to join has been confirmed.

Debit/Credit Card Payments: Please complete all fields in this section if you wish to pay by Debit/Credit card. This information can be sent by telephone if preferred. We do not accept American Express or Diners Card.

Name as Shown on Card:													
Card Number:													
Valid From:		/		Expires:		/		Issue No:		/		Security No:	

Last 3 digits on signature strip on reverse

Cheques or Postal Orders: Cheques or Postal Orders should be made payable to "The Parachute Regimental Association"

Army Number:		Rank:		Decorations:					
Title:		First Name:		Last Name:			Date of Birth:		
Address:				Home Number:			Mobile Number:		
Email Address:									
Previous Member:			Airborne Units Served With:				Dates: (Years Only)		
Yes/No (Delete as Applicable)									
PRA Number: (If Known)									
Local Branch (If Known)									

Signature:			Date:		

Please ensure you have enclosed the following:

- A. 1 X Recent colour passport photo (trimmed to 35mm x 45mm). The photograph must show the applicant wearing plain civilian clothes - No Uniforms or Berets
- B. A copy of your Army Record of Service showing your Military Parachute Qualification and date.
- C. Payment by Cheque, Postal Order or Debit/Credit Card.