

Membership Categories and Criteria July 2017

1. Full Membership

Any person who has completed training and has been cap badged as a member of the Parachute Regiment are eligible for Full Membership of the Parachute Regimental Association. Full members of the Association will have the right to attend all meetings, to vote and to be elected as officers of the Branch Committee. They are entitled to wear the maroon beret, Regimental Cap Badge and insignia of the Parachute Regiment and the Association.

2. Associate Membership

Any person who has completed training and has served as a qualified Military Parachutist with British Airborne Forces, Air Assault, Airborne Brigade and/or Special Forces unit may be considered for Associate Membership. Associate Members will have the right to vote and be elected as Officers of the Branch Committee. They are entitled to wear the maroon beret and their parent Regiment or Corps cap badge and insignia's of their parent unit and the Association. They are entitled to wear the Branch tie, should there be one.

3. Affiliate Membership

Serving and former members of Foreign Airborne units may be considered for Affiliate Membership. They must have served as a qualified Military Parachutist. They must be able to prove their Airborne credentials to the full satisfaction of the Membership Secretary. Affiliate members shall have the right to vote and be elected as Officers of the Branch Committee. They are entitled to wear the beret and insignia of their parent unit. They are entitled to wear the Branch tie, should there be one.

4. Armed Forces/Cadet/Social Membership

For Armed Forces personnel, Parachute Regiment cadet instructors, families and friends with a connection to The Parachute Regiment or Airborne Forces and civilians that support the Association. Armed Forces, Cadet and Social Members may hold office and be elected as members of the Branch Committee subject to the following conditions. The total number of Armed Forces/Social/Cadet members must be a minority of the total number of Officers of the Branch Committee. They are only permitted to vote in their capacity as Officers of the Branch Committee. They are entitled to wear the beret and insignia of their parent unit or the maroon beret if they can provide evidence of service within an Airborne Unit or Brigade. They are entitled to wear the Branch tie, should there be one.

5. Honorary Membership

Any person, who in the opinion of the Branch Committee has rendered special service to the Regiment, Branch or Association may be considered for Honorary Membership. The number of honorary members within a Branch is restricted to ten. Honorary members shall have the right to attend all meetings of the Association. Honorary members may hold office and be elected as members of the Branch Committee subject to the following conditions: the total number of Honourary members must be a minority of the total number of Committee members. They are only permitted to vote in their capacity as Committee members. They are entitled to wear the Branch tie or female equivalent should there be one. Honorary membership is to be awarded in exceptional circumstances only and must be reviewed on an annual basis.