

Security and Vetting in France



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National Policy. JSP 440 version 3.8 Jul 09 (Defence Manual of Security) describes the national policy for security.

Local Policy and Advice. There remains a threat against service personnel and their families. Vigilance is always needed as is an awareness of the latest Intelligence readout. Your behaviour should reflect the advice. As always, sensible precautions will help ensure you to have a trouble-free stay in France. Threat changes are usually well publicised in the French military system and you will always wish to take local advice if unsure.

Authority. Whilst in France our point of contact in the first instance is the SHAPE MI detachment: 1521 (UK) MI Det 0032 477 317 562 (Duty Op)

Reporting. If you are involved in any of the following that affects national interest, then you should contact BDS and your Service Attaché without delay:

- Terrorist or suspected terrorist incident(s).
- · Breaches of barrack or office security.
- Theft or loss of arms, ammunition or explosives.
- Loss/compromise of classified information, equipment or cryptographic material.
- Contact with nationals from countries to which special security regulations apply. The FCO
 website holds a wealth of advice on this aspect.
- · Any incident that may have security implications.

You should take the same normal common-sense precautions to personal, family, office and information security.

Vetting. The <u>Chief Clerk</u> is the PVRO/Unit Sponsor for the BAS France Network. All vetting related queries are to be directed to her in the first instance.

You must ensure that you obtain the correct vetting prior to your assignment, and retain a copy for yourself. You are requested to send an electronic copy of your certificate to the Chief Clerk to be held on file.