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DEFENCE

The Armed Forces (Discharge by Purchase) (Amendment) Regulations 1971

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Coming into Operation	1*st April* 1971

The Defence Council, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by section 2 of the Armed Forces Act 1966(**a**) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Regulations:—

Citation, Commencement and Interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Armed Forces (Discharge by Purchase) (Amendment) Regulations 1971 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1971.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(**b**) shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(3) In these Regulations "the Principal Regulations" means the Armed Forces (Discharge by Purchase) Regulations 1968(**c**), as amended(**d**).

Amendments to the Principal Regulations

2. In Regulations 3(2) and 4(2) of the Principal Regulations for the words "A person claiming to determine his full-time service by virtue of paragraph (1) above shall, on payment of a sum not exceeding £20, be entitled to be discharged:" there shall be substituted in Regulation 3(2) the following words:

"A person claiming to determine his full-time service by virtue of paragraph (1) above shall, if he had attained the age of 17 years and 6 months on the date of his engagement to serve or, as the case may be, his attestation, on payment of a sum not exceeding £20, and if he had not attained such age on the said date, after giving notice in writing to his commanding officer, be entitled to be discharged:"

and in Regulation 4(2) the following words:

"A person claiming to determine his full-time service by virtue of paragraph (1) above shall, if he had attained the age of 17 years and 6 months on the date of his attestation, on payment of a sum not exceeding £20, and if he had not attained such age on the said date, at the end of 14 days after giving notice in writing to his commanding officer, be entitled to be discharged:".

On behalf of the Defence Council,

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C. N. Foxley-Norris

Members of the Defence Council.

Dated 24th March 1971.

(**a**) 1966 c. 45. (**b**) 1889 c. 63. (**c**) S.I. 1968/1801 (1968 III, p. 4816).

(**d**) There are no relevant amending instruments.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Armed Forces (Discharge by Purchase) Regulations 1968 (which confer rights on certain persons who join the armed forces to claim their discharge) by providing that persons who joined under the age of 17½ years shall, from 1st April 1971, no longer be required to pay a sum not exceeding £20, but shall be required to give notice as specified in the Regulations, before being entitled to be discharged.