STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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DEFENCE

The Army Terms of Service (Amendment) Regulations 1975

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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 Army Terms of Service (Amendment) Regulations 1975 and shall come into operation on the 1st April 1975.

(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 Army Terms of Service Regulations 1967(**c**) as amended(**d**) Amendments to Principal Regulations.

2.—(1) In regulation 2(2) of the Principal Regulations, the following definition shall be substituted for the definition of "the relevant date":—

" 'the relevant date' means in relation to a person, the date of his attestation, except in relation to—

(*a*) a man who enlists after 1st January 1962;

(*b*) a woman who enlisted after 1st January 1962 and before the 1st August 1967;

(*c*) a woman who enlisted on or after 1st August 1967 and before 1st April 1975 for a term of more than 12 years; and

(*d*) a woman who enlists on or after 1st April 1975;

before attaining the age of 18 years, in which excepted cases 'the relevant date' means the date of that person's attaining the age of 18 years;"

(**a**) 1966 c. 45. (**b**) 1889 c. 63.

(**c**) S.I. 1967/1018 (1967 11, p. 3066).

(**d**) The relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1972/517 (1972 1, p. 1773).

(2) Regulations 4(2) and (3) of the Principal Regulations shall have effect in relation to a woman who enlists on or after the commencement of these Regulations as though the words "the relevant date" were substituted for the words "the date of her attestation", wherever they appear.

On behalf of the Defence Council.

R. C. Brown,
Peter Hunt,
Members of the Defence Council.

Dated 27th February 1975.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations further amend the Army Terms of Service Regulations by providing in the case of a woman enlisting on or after 1st April 1975—

(*a*) that "the relevant date" shall mean the date of attestation or the attainment of 18 years, if at the time of attestation a woman was under the age of 18 years. This provision brings conditions for Servicewomen in this respect into line with those for Servicemen.

(*b*) that the periods of service which must be completed before determining service under the provisions of Regulations 4(2) and (3) shall be calculated from "the relevant date". This is a consequential amendment to that made to Regulation 2(2).

(The provision in Regulation 4(2) in respect of a woman who enlists under the age of 17½ and who revokes any consent given under Regulation 7 remains unchanged.)

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