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DEFENCE

The Board of Inquiry (Army) (Amendment) Rules 1971

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The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 135 of the Army Act 1955(**a**), as amended by section 26 of the Army and Air Force Act 1961(**b**) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf hereby makes the following rules:—

Citation, Interpretation and Commencement

1.—(1) These Rules may be cited as the Board of Inquiry (Army) (Amendment) Rules 1971.

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

(3) These Rules shall come into operation on the 1st day of September 1971.

Amendment of Rule 7 of the Principal Rules

2. Rule 7 of the Board of Inquiry (Army) Rules 1956(**d**), as amended (**e**), shall be further amended as follows:—

(1) For paragraph (2) there shall be substituted the following:—

"(2) One of the members of the board may be a warrant officer or (in the case where a board is convened with reference to such absence and deficiency (if any) as are mentioned in sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph (1) of Rule 4) a non-commissioned officer of the Royal Marines not below the rank of quarter-master-sergeant."

(2) In paragraph (3) for the words "(in the case of a board referred to in paragraph (2) of this Rule) a warrant officer or" there shall be substituted the words "a warrant officer or (in the case mentioned in paragraph (2) of this Rule)."

Dated this 30th day of July 1971.

Carrington,
One of Her Majesty's
Principal Secretaries of State

(**a**) 1955 c. 18.
(**b**) 1961 c. 52.
(**c**) 1889 c. 63.
(**d**) S.I. 1956/630 (1956 I, p. 207).
(**e**) The relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1961/2469 (1961 III, p. 4536).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Rules.*)

These Rules amend the Board of Inquiry (Army) Rules 1956, as amended, so as to enable a Warrant Officer to be a member of any Board of Inquiry and not merely a member of a Board convened under Rule 4(1)(*a*) of the Rules.