STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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DEFENCE

The Royal Air Force 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 Royal Air Force 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 Royal Air Force Terms of Service Regulations 1971**(c)** as amended **(d)**.

Amendments to the 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 and

(*b*) a woman who enlists on or after the 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."

(2) Regulation 4(2) of the Principal Regulations shall have effect in relation to a person who enlists on or after the commencement of these Regulations as though:—

(*a*) the words "date of his attaining the age of 18 years or the" were inserted immediately before the words "date of the expiration of his period of training";

(*b*) the words "whichever is the later" were inserted immediately after the words "date of the expiration of his period of training" and

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(a) 1966 c. 45. **(b)** 1889 c. 63.
(c) S.I. 1971/510 (1971 I, p. 1500).
(d) The relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1972/355 (1972 I, p. 1414).

(*c*) the words "relevant date" were substituted for the words "date of her attestation".

On behalf of the Defence Council,
Brynmor John,
R. E. Ward,
Members of the Defence Council.

Dated 13th February 1975.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations further amend the Royal Air Force Terms of Service Regulations by providing (*a*) in the case of a woman enlisting, on or after the 1st April 1975, 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, (*b*) that in the case of a person who has attained the age of $17\frac{1}{2}$, enlisting on or after 1st April 1975, the period of service which must be completed before being transferred to the reserve (or, in the case of a woman, determining service) under the provisions of Regulation 4(2), shall be calculated from the attainment of the age of 18 or the expiration of training, whichever is the later and (*c*) that in the case of a woman with the right to determine her service after a period of 4 years the period of service which must be completed shall be calculated from "the relevant date".

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