STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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DEFENCE

The Royal Air Force Terms of Service (Amendment) Regulations 1983

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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**) as amended by section 2 of the Armed Forces Act 1976 (**b**) 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 1983 and shall come into force on 1st April 1983.

(2) In these Regulations "the Principal Regulations" means the Royal Air Force Terms of Service Regulations 1977 (**c**).

Amendments to principal regulations

2.—(1) The Principal Regulations shall be amended as follows.

(2) In Regulation 4(1) for the words "10 years 6 months" in both places where they occur there shall be substituted the words "20 years 6 months".

(3) For Regulation 8 there shall be substituted—

"**8.** A man transferred to the reserve in consequence of the exercise of the right conferred by Regulation 4(1), (2) or (3) or under Regulation 5 with the approval of the competent air force authority shall serve in the reserve for a period beginning on the date of his transfer and ending:

(a) 6 years later or

(b) 22 years after the relevant date

whichever is the sooner or for such shorter period as the competent air force authority may approve.

(4) For each entry in Column 3 of Schedule 1 there shall be substituted—

"Director of Personnel Management (Airmen) (RAF) Ministry of Defence in the case of personnel serving in ground trades; Director of Personnel (Air) (RAF) Ministry of Defence in the case of personnel serving in an aircrew category."

(**a**) 1966 c.45.
(**b**) 1976 c.52.
(**c**) S.I. 1977/1097; relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1980/747.

Savings

3. The amendments to the Principal Regulations effected by Regulations 2(1) to 2(3) of these Regulations shall not affect the terms of service (either as respects duration, or as respects liability to air force service or any liability to serve in the reserve) for which any person who is in air force service immediately before the commencement of these Regulations is serving immediately before such commencement.

On behalf of the Defence Council,

Keith Williamson,
Jerry Wiggin,
Members of the Defence Council.

Dated 28th February 1983.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

This regulation further amends the Royal Air Force Terms of Service Regulations 1977.

The effect is to

(a) extend from 10½ to 20½ years the period which a man has to serve before he can determine his service as of right;

(b) alter the period of reserve service of men who exercise their right to transfer to the reserve or who transfer to the reserve by agreement;

(c) alter the definition of "competent authority" in certain cases.

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