

Ulster Defence Regiment Act 1973

1973 CHAPTER 34

An Act to enable women to serve in the Ulster Defence Regiment, and for connected purposes.

[18th July 1973]

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Service of women in Ulster Defence Regiment.

1.—(1) Women may volunteer and be accepted for service in the Ulster Defence Regiment, and accordingly in section 1(1) of the Ulster Defence Regiment Act 1969 (establishment of the Regiment) for the word " men " there shall be substituted the word " persons ". 1969 c. 65.

(2) Section 1(6) of that Act (which excludes section 3(1) of the Army and Air Force (Women's Service) Act 1948 in the case of the Ulster Defence Regiment) shall cease to have effect. 1948 c. 21.

(3) In section 16 of the Disabled Persons (Employment) Act (Northern Ireland) 1945, as amended by section 4 of the Disabled Persons (Employment) Act (Northern Ireland) 1960 (preference for ex-service men and women in selection for training and rehabilitation courses), in paragraph (*b*), after the words " 1948 " there shall be inserted the words " or in the Ulster Defence Regiment ". 1965 c. 6 (N.I.) 1960 c. 4 (N.I.)

(4) Any increase in the expenditure of any government department under the Ulster Defence Regiment Act 1969 which is attributable to the provisions of this section shall be defrayed out of moneys provided by Parliament.

Short title.

2. This Act may be cited as the Ulster Defence Regiment Act 1973.