



Armed Forces Act 1971

1971 CHAPTER 33

PART II

REVISION OF SERVICE OFFENCES AND PUNISHMENTS

Misconduct in action and other offences arising out of military etc. service

F¹2 Misconduct in action, assisting the enemy, obstructing operations, etc.

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Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 2-25 repealed (28.3.2009 for specified purposes) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\), s. 383\(2\), Sch. 17; S.I. 2009/812, art. 3\(a\)\(b\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2009/1059](#))

F¹3 Prize offences.

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Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 2-25 repealed (28.3.2009 for specified purposes) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\), s. 383\(2\), Sch. 17; S.I. 2009/812, art. 3\(a\)\(b\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2009/1059](#))

F¹4 Offences by or in relation to sentries, persons on watch etc.

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Textual Amendments

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F¹5 Failure to attend for duty, neglect of duty etc.

Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 2-25 repealed (28.3.2009 for specified purposes) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\), s. 383\(2\), Sch. 17; S.I. 2009/812, art. 3\(a\)\(b\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2009/1059](#))

F¹6 Looting

Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 2-25 repealed (28.3.2009 for specified purposes) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\), s. 383\(2\), Sch. 17; S.I. 2009/812, art. 3\(a\)\(b\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2009/1059](#))

Mutiny, insubordination, etc.

F¹7 Mutiny

Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 2-25 repealed (28.3.2009 for specified purposes) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\), s. 383\(2\), Sch. 17; S.I. 2009/812, art. 3\(a\)\(b\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2009/1059](#))

F¹8 Insurbodinate behaviour, and disobedience to lawful commands.

Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 2-25 repealed (28.3.2009 for specified purposes) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\), s. 383\(2\), Sch. 17; S.I. 2009/812, art. 3\(a\)\(b\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2009/1059](#))

F¹9 Obstruction of provost officers etc.

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Textual Amendments

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F¹10 Disobedience to standing orders etc.

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Textual Amendments

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Desertion, absence without leave, etc.

F¹11 Deserter.

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Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 2-25 repealed (28.3.2009 for specified purposes) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\), s. 383\(2\), Sch. 17; S.I. 2009/812, art. 3\(a\)\(b\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2009/1059](#))

F¹12 Absence without leave.

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Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 2-25 repealed (28.3.2009 for specified purposes) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\), s. 383\(2\), Sch. 17; S.I. 2009/812, art. 3\(a\)\(b\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2009/1059](#))

F¹13 Failure to report or apprehend deserters or absentees.

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Textual Amendments

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Malingering, drunkenness and disorderly conduct

F¹14 Malingering.

Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 2-25 repealed (28.3.2009 for specified purposes) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\), s. 383\(2\), Sch. 17; S.I. 2009/812, art. 3\(a\)\(b\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2009/1059](#))

F¹15 Drunkeness.

Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 2-25 repealed (28.3.2009 for specified purposes) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\), s. 383\(2\), Sch. 17; S.I. 2009/812, art. 3\(a\)\(b\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2009/1059](#))

F¹16 Disorderly conduct.

Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 2-25 repealed (28.3.2009 for specified purposes) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\), s. 383\(2\), Sch. 17; S.I. 2009/812, art. 3\(a\)\(b\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2009/1059](#))

Offences relating to service etc. property

F¹17 Service etc. property: damage, loss, misapplication and waste.

Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 2-25 repealed (28.3.2009 for specified purposes) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\), s. 383\(2\), Sch. 17; S.I. 2009/812, art. 3\(a\)\(b\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2009/1059](#))

Billeting offences

F¹18 Billeting offences.

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Textual Amendments

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Navigation and flying offences etc.

F¹19 Loss or hazarding of ship.

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Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 2-25 repealed (28.3.2009 for specified purposes) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\), s. 383\(2\), Sch. 17; S.I. 2009/812, art. 3\(a\)\(b\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2009/1059](#))

F¹20 Inaccurate certification of ships and aircraft.

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Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 2-25 repealed (28.3.2009 for specified purposes) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\), s. 383\(2\), Sch. 17; S.I. 2009/812, art. 3\(a\)\(b\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2009/1059](#))

F¹21 Low flying and annoyance by flying.

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Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 2-25 repealed (28.3.2009 for specified purposes) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\), s. 383\(2\), Sch. 17; S.I. 2009/812, art. 3\(a\)\(b\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2009/1059](#))

Offences relating to, and by, persons in custody

F¹22 Permitting escape, resisting arrest, and escaping.

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Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 2-25 repealed (28.3.2009 for specified purposes) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\), s. 383\(2\), Sch. 17; S.I. 2009/812, art. 3\(a\)\(b\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2009/1059](#))

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Miscellaneous offences

F¹23 Offences in relation to courts-martial.

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F¹24 Unauthorised disclosure of information.

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Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 2-25 repealed (28.3.2009 for specified purposes) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\), s. 383\(2\), Sch. 17; S.I. 2009/812, art. 3\(a\)\(b\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2009/1059](#))

F¹25 False statements on entry into Royal Navy.

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Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 2-25 repealed (28.3.2009 for specified purposes) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\), s. 383\(2\), Sch. 17; S.I. 2009/812, art. 3\(a\)\(b\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2009/1059](#))

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Textual Amendments

F2 S. 26 repealed (31.1.1997) by [1995 c. 38, s. 15\(2\), Sch. 2](#) (with ss. 6(4)(5), 14); [S.I. 1996/3217, art. 2](#)

F³27 Offences against civilian population.

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Textual Amendments

F3 Ss. 27-48 repealed (28.3.2009 for specified purposes) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\), s. 383\(2\), Sch. 17; S.I. 2009/812, art. 3\(a\)\(b\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2009/1059](#))

F¹28 Offences against morale.

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F³29 Scandalous conduct by officers.

Textual Amendments

F3 Ss. 27-48 repealed (28.3.2009 for specified purposes) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\), s. 383\(2\), Sch. 17; S.I. 2009/812, art. 3\(a\)\(b\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2009/1059](#))

F³30 Ill-treatment of persons of inferior rank etc.

Textual Amendments

F3 Ss. 27-48 repealed (28.3.2009 for specified purposes) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\), s. 383\(2\), Sch. 17; S.I. 2009/812, art. 3\(a\)\(b\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2009/1059](#))

F³31 Disgraceful conduct.

Textual Amendments

F3 Ss. 27-48 repealed (28.3.2009 for specified purposes) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\), s. 383\(2\), Sch. 17; S.I. 2009/812, art. 3\(a\)\(b\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2009/1059](#))

F³32 Attempts, aiding and abetting etc., and inciting.

Textual Amendments

F3 Ss. 27-48 repealed (28.3.2009 for specified purposes) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\), s. 383\(2\), Sch. 17; S.I. 2009/812, art. 3\(a\)\(b\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2009/1059](#))

F³33 Conduct to the prejudice of service discipline.

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Textual Amendments

F3 Ss. 27-48 repealed (28.3.2009 for specified purposes) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\), s. 383\(2\)](#),
[Sch. 17; S.I. 2009/812, art. 3\(a\)\(b\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2009/1059](#))

F34 Civil offences.

Textual Amendments

F3 Ss. 27-48 repealed (28.3.2009 for specified purposes) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\), s. 383\(2\)](#),
[Sch. 17; S.I. 2009/812, art. 3\(a\)\(b\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2009/1059](#))

Abolition of certain offences

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Textual Amendments

F3 Ss. 27-48 repealed (28.3.2009 for specified purposes) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\), s. 383\(2\)](#),
[Sch. 17; S.I. 2009/812, art. 3\(a\)\(b\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2009/1059](#))

Punishments

F36 Punishments for army and air-force offences dealt with courts-martial.

Textual Amendments

F3 Ss. 27-48 repealed (28.3.2009 for specified purposes) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\), s. 383\(2\)](#),
[Sch. 17; S.I. 2009/812, art. 3\(a\)\(b\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2009/1059](#))

F37 Punishments for army and air-force offences dealt with summarily.

Textual Amendments

F3 Ss. 27-48 repealed (28.3.2009 for specified purposes) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\), s. 383\(2\)](#),
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F³38 Punishments for naval offences.

Textual Amendments

F3 Ss. 27-48 repealed (28.3.2009 for specified purposes) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\), s. 383\(2\), Sch. 17; S.I. 2009/812, art. 3\(a\)\(b\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2009/1059](#))

F³39 Imprisonment and detention: consecutive terms.

Textual Amendments

F3 Ss. 27-48 repealed (28.3.2009 for specified purposes) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\), s. 383\(2\), Sch. 17; S.I. 2009/812, art. 3\(a\)\(b\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2009/1059](#))

F³40 Detention for army and air-force offences: limitation of total period.

Textual Amendments

F3 Ss. 27-48 repealed (28.3.2009 for specified purposes) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\), s. 383\(2\), Sch. 17; S.I. 2009/812, art. 3\(a\)\(b\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2009/1059](#))

Other provisions

F³41 Time for trial of offences under s. 42 of Naval Discipline Act 1957.

Textual Amendments

F3 Ss. 27-48 repealed (28.3.2009 for specified purposes) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\), s. 383\(2\), Sch. 17; S.I. 2009/812, art. 3\(a\)\(b\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2009/1059](#))

F³42 Naval offences by civilians.

Textual Amendments

F3 Ss. 27-48 repealed (28.3.2009 for specified purposes) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\), s. 383\(2\), Sch. 17; S.I. 2009/812, art. 3\(a\)\(b\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2009/1059](#))

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F³43 Consequential and minor, amendments.

Textual Amendments

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