



Armed Forces Act 1981

CHAPTER 55

ARMED FORCES ACT 1981

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PART II

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- 3 Power to stay further proceedings under one of the Services Acts with a view to other proceedings.
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- 12 Increase in fine for certain minor offences under the Reserve Forces Act 1980 .

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PART III

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New powers in relation to persons under incapacity

- 13 Temporary removal to and detention for treatment in service hospitals abroad of servicemen and others suffering from mental disorder.
- 14 Temporary removal to and detention in a place of safety abroad of children of service families in need of care or control.

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- 15 Prize offence : minor amendment as to intent.
- 16 Power on summary trial to award stoppages.
- 17 Abolition of death penalty for spying in ships, etc. abroad.

Amendments of the Services Acts relating to evidence and proceedings thereunder

- 18 (1) Section 153 of the Army Act 1955 and the...
- 19 Officers who can take affidavits and declarations abroad.
- 20 Women's services: statutory assimilation and application thereto of certain enactments.
- 21 Clarification of the meaning in the Naval Discipline Act 1957 of "marine forces" and "naval reserve forces".
- 22 Members of the armed forces are "employees" for the purposes of the Patents Act 1977.
- 23 Inquiries : persons affected who must be given a opportunity to be present and represented.
- 24 Abolition of the office of Accountant General of the Navy.
- 25 Naval prize cash balance not to include percentage deduction.
- 26 Payment of military pensions.
- 27 Naval and marine pay and pensions: no further publication in London Gazette.

PART IV

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- 28 Minor and consequential amendments and repeals.
- 29 Commencement.
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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1 — Amendments Relating to Trial of Civilians, Etc.

Powers on trial of civilian

- 1 In section 209(3)(b) of the Army Act 1955 and the...
- 2 In section 209(4B) of the Air Force Act 1955 (application...
- 3 (1) The following amendments shall be made in Schedule 5A...

Standing Civilian Courts : appeal and suspending sentence

- 4 (1) Schedule 3 to the Armed Forces Act 1976 (Standing...

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SCHEDULE 2 — Minor Amendments and Repeals Relating to Procedure and Evidence

Election for trial by court-martial after investigation by commanding officer

1 In section 78(5) of the Army Act 1955 and the...

Election for trial by court-martial after investigation by appropriate superior authority

2 In section 79(6) of the Army Act 1955 and the...

Appropriate superior authorities

3 In section 82(2)(b) of the Army Act 1955 and the...

Places for sitting of courts-martial

4 In section 91(1) of the Army Act 1955 and the...

Persons under instruction at courts-martial

5 (1) In section 93(1) of the Army Act 1955 and...

Written evidence at courts-martial : repeal of unnecessary provision

6 Section 99(2) of the Army Act 1955 and the Air...

Correction of wrong cross-reference in provision for making rules of procedure

7 In section 103(2)(i) of the Army Act 1955 and the...

Correction of wrong cross-reference in provision about maintenance orders

8 In section 151(2) of the Army Act 1955 and the...

Evidence in sexual offences cases: application to judge advocate in court's absence

9 In section 3(3) of the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act 1976...

SCHEDULE 3 — Women's Services

Part I — STATUTORY ASSIMILATION

Existing enactments

1 (1) Every enactment which refers to the armed forces or...

Future enactments

2 Paragraph 1 above also applies for the interpretation of references...

Part II — SPECIFIC

3 In section 2 of the Pensions Commutation Act 1871 ,...

4 In section 2(b) of the Colonial Prisoners Removal Act 1884...

5 In the Uniforms Act 1894 , the following section shall...

6 In section 4 of the Air Force (Constitution) Act 1917...

7 In section 5(1) and in the definition of "British ship"...

8 In section 68(2) of the Marriage Act 1949 , in...

9 In section 2(1) of the Marriage (Registration of Buildings) Act...

10 In section 21(5) of the Armed Forces Act 1976 ,...

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Part III — APPLICATION TO QARNNS AND WRNS OF PROVISIONS OF 1966
ACT AS TO DISCHARGE, ETC.

Preliminary

- 11 (1) The provisions of the Armed Forces Act 1966 specified...

Postponement of discharge in event of war, etc.

- 12 So much of section 4 as relates to discharge shall...

Discharge

- 13 Section 6 (except subsection (5)) shall apply to ratings of...

False statements on entry

- 14 Section 8 shall apply to persons offering themselves for service...

SCHEDULE 4 — Minor and Consequential Amendments

The Army Act 1955

- 1 (1) In section 210 of the Army Act 1955 (application...

The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974

- 2 (1) In section 2(4) of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act...

The Rehabilitation of Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1978

- 3 (1) In article 4(4) of the Rehabilitation of Offenders (Northern...

SCHEDULE 5 — Repeals

Part I — REPEALS CONSEQUENT ON ASSIMILATION OF WOMEN'S
SERVICES

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

Part II — OTHER REPEALS

- 1 The following repeals shall come into force on the day...
2 The repeal of section 1 of the Armed Forces Act...
3 Subject to paragraphs 1 and 2 above, the repeals contained...

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