



# Reserve Forces Act 1996

## 1996 CHAPTER 14

### PART XII

#### MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

##### *General*

#### **127 Interpretation.**

(1) In this Act—

“additional duties commitment” means a commitment under section 25;

“call-out order” has the meaning given by section 64;

“the ex-regular reserve forces” has the meaning given by section 2(2);

[<sup>F1</sup>“full-time service commitment” means a commitment under section 24;]

“man” (except in Part VII) has the meaning given by section 2(4);

<sup>F2</sup>  
...

“prescribed” means (except in Part VII) prescribed by orders or regulations under section 4;

“recall” and “recall order” have the meanings given by section 77;

<sup>F3</sup>  
...

[<sup>F4</sup>“the regular army” has the meaning given by section 374 of the Armed Forces Act 2006;]

“regular services” means the Royal Navy, the Royal Marines, the regular army or the [<sup>F5</sup>Royal Air Force];

“the reserve forces”, “the reserve naval and marine forces”, “the reserve land forces” and “the reserve air forces” have the meaning given by section 1(2);

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“reserve marine force” means the Royal Marines Reserve;

[<sup>F6</sup>“ section 24 commitment ” means a commitment under section 24;]

[<sup>F7</sup>“service offence” has the meaning given by section 50 of the Armed Forces Act 2006;]

“special member” means a member of a reserve force who is, by virtue of Part V, a special member of that force;

“term of compulsory service” has the meaning given by section 13(7);

“the volunteer reserve forces” has the meaning given by section 2(3).

(2) Any reference in this Act to a member of a reserve force or a member of the reserve forces is to an officer in, or a man of, that force or any of those forces, as the case may be.

[<sup>F8</sup>(3) The officer who is the “commanding officer” of a person for the purposes of any provision of this Act shall be determined by or under regulations made by the Defence Council under this subsection.

(4) Section 164(2) and (3) of the Armed Forces Act 2006 apply in relation to section 95(2) (a) of, and paragraph 5(3) of Schedule 1 to, this Act.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 127(1) omitted (1.5.2022 for specified purposes) by virtue of [Armed Forces Act 2021 \(c. 35\)](#), s. 24(1), [Sch. 2 para. 5\(a\)](#) (with [Sch. 2 para. 10](#)); S.I. 2022/471, [reg. 2\(c\)](#)
- F2** S. 127(1): definition of "permanent service" omitted (1.1.1999) by virtue of [S.I. 1998/3086](#), [reg. 10\(5\)](#)
- F3** Words in s. 127(1) repealed (28.3.2009 for specified purposes, 31.10.2009 in so far as not already in force) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\)](#), s. 383(2), [Sch. 14 para. 53\(2\)\(a\)](#), [Sch. 17](#); S.I. 2009/812, [art. 3\(a\)\(b\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2009/1059](#)); S.I. 2009/1167, [art. 4](#)
- F4** Words in s. 127(1) substituted (28.3.2009 for specified purposes, 31.10.2009 in so far as not already in force) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\)](#), s. 383(2), [Sch. 14 para. 53\(2\)\(b\)](#); S.I. 2009/812, [art. 3\(a\)\(b\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2009/1059](#)); S.I. 2009/1167, [art. 4](#)
- F5** Words in s. 127(1) substituted (28.3.2009 for specified purposes, 31.10.2009 in so far as not already in force) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\)](#), s. 383(2), [Sch. 14 para. 53\(2\)\(c\)](#); S.I. 2009/812, [art. 3\(a\)\(b\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2009/1059](#)); S.I. 2009/1167, [art. 4](#)
- F6** Words in s. 127(1) inserted (1.5.2022 for specified purposes) by [Armed Forces Act 2021 \(c. 35\)](#), s. 24(1), [Sch. 2 para. 5\(b\)](#) (with [Sch. 2 para. 10](#)); S.I. 2022/471, [reg. 2\(c\)](#)
- F7** Words in s. 127(1) substituted (28.3.2009 for specified purposes, 31.10.2009 in so far as not already in force) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\)](#), s. 383(2), [Sch. 14 para. 53\(2\)\(d\)](#); S.I. 2009/812, [art. 3\(a\)\(b\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2009/1059](#)); S.I. 2009/1167, [art. 4](#)
- F8** S. 127(3)(4) added (28.3.2009 for specified purposes, 31.10.2009 in so far as not already in force) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\)](#), s. 383(2), [Sch. 14 para. 53\(3\)](#); S.I. 2009/812, [art. 3\(a\)\(b\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2009/1059](#)); S.I. 2009/1167, [art. 4](#)

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- Sch. 2 para. 3(2A) inserted by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 3 para. 65](#)