



# Armed Forces Act 2011

## 2011 CHAPTER 18

### *Miscellaneous amendments of Armed Forces Act 2006*

#### **19 Administrative reduction in rank or rate**

(1) In section 332 of AFA 2006 (restriction on administrative reduction in rank or rate), for subsections (1) to (4) substitute—

“(1) The rank or rate of a warrant officer or non-commissioned officer may be reduced only by an order made by that person's commanding officer.

(2) An order of a commanding officer reducing the rank or rate of a warrant officer or non-commissioned officer (“an order reducing rank or rate”)—

- (a) may not be made without the permission of higher authority (but this is subject to subsection (3));
- (b) may not reduce the rank of a person in any of Her Majesty's air forces below the highest rank that person has held in that force as an airman.

(3) The permission of higher authority is not required for an order reducing rank or rate if—

- (a) the person whose rank is to be reduced is a lance corporal or lance bombardier; or
- (b) the commanding officer making the order is of or above the rank of rear admiral, major-general or air vice-marshal.”

(2) For the heading to that section, substitute “ Administrative reduction in rank or rate ”.

#### **Commencement Information**

**II** S. 19 in force at 2.4.2012 by S.I. 2012/669, art. 4(a)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Armed Forces Act 2011, Section 19.