



# 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”.