



# Air Force (Constitution) Act 1917

1917 CHAPTER 51 7 and 8 Geo 5

## PART I

### ESTABLISHMENT OF AIR FORCE

#### 2 Government, discipline, and pay of Air Force.

- <sup>F1F2</sup>(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act it shall be lawful for His Majesty, by order signified under the hand of a Secretary of State, to make orders with respect to the government, discipline<sup>F1</sup> ... and pensions of the Air Force, and with respect to all other matters and things relating to the Air Force<sup>F2</sup> (except pay and allowances), including any matter by this Act authorised to be prescribed or expressed to be subject to orders or regulations.
- (2) The said orders may provide for the formation of men of the Air Force into separate units, and for the formation of such units into corps, and for appointing, transferring, or attaching men of the Air Force to units, and for posting, attaching, and otherwise dealing with such men within the units, and may regulate the appointment, rank, duties, and numbers of the officers and non-commissioned officers of the Air Force.
- (3) Subject to the provisions of any such order, the Air Council hereinafter constituted may make general or special regulations with respect to any matter with respect to which His Majesty may make orders under this section:  
Provided that the administration of pensions, other than service pensions within the meaning of the <sup>M1</sup>Ministry of Pensions Act, 1916, shall vest in the Minister of Pensions.
- (4) All orders and general regulations made under this section shall be laid before Parliament as soon as may be after they are made.

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 2(1) repealed (28.3.2009 for specified purposes, 31.10.2009 in so far as not already in force) by *Armed Forces Act 2006* (c. 52), s. 383(2), Sch. 16 para. 13(a), **Sch.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

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- F2** Words in s. 2(1) inserted (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. 16 para. 13(b)**; 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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**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** Functions of Air Council now exercisable by Defence Council: [Defence \(Transfer of Functions\) Act 1964 \(c. 15\)](#), **s. 1(b)(3)(5)**
- C2** Functions of Minister of Pensions now exercisable by Secretary of State: S.I. 1953/1198 (1953 I, p. 1228), [Ministry of Social Security Act 1966 \(c. 20\)](#), **s. 2** and S.I. 1968/1699
- C3** S. 2(3) amended by [War Pensions Act 1920 \(c. 23\)](#), **s. 1(2)**
- C4** S. 2(4) amended by [Statutory Instruments Act 1946 \(c. 36\)](#), **s. 4(3)**

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**Marginal Citations**

- M1** [1916 c. 65](#).

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