



Reserve Forces Act 1980

1980 CHAPTER 9

PART VII

ULSTER DEFENCE REGIMENT

Offences

143 Failure to attend or comply.

[^{F1}(1) Any member of the Ulster Defence Regiment who—

- (a) when required by or in pursuance of regulations making any such provision as is mentioned in section 44 above to attend at any place fails without reasonable excuse to attend in accordance with the requirement, or
- (b) fails without reasonable excuse to comply with orders or regulations under this Part of this Act.

shall, whether otherwise subject to military law or not, be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction by court-martial to a fine not exceeding [^{F2}£50].

- (2) That offence shall, for all purposes of and incidental to the trial of the offender, including the summary disposal of the case otherwise than by court-martial, be deemed to be an offence under the Army Act 1955.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 141-144 repealed (28.3.2009 for specified purposes, 31.10.2009 in so far as not already in force) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\)](#), s. 383(2), [Sch. 14 para. 20](#), [Sch. 17](#); [S.I. 2009/812](#), art. 3(a)(b) (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2009/1059](#)); [S.I. 2009/1167](#), art. 4
- F2** Figure substituted by [Armed Forces Act 1981 \(c. 55, SIF 7:1\)](#), s. 12

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Ss. 140-144 applied (with modifications) (1.7.1992) by [Army Act 1992 \(c. 39\)](#), [ss. 3\(2\)](#), 5

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144 Assistance in desertion, etc.

[^{F1}(1) Any person who, in Northern Ireland or elsewhere—

- (a) procures or persuades any member of the Ulster Defence Regiment to desert within the meaning of section 37 of the Army Act 1955 or to absent himself without leave, or
- (b) knowing that any member of that force is about to desert as mentioned in paragraph (a) above or to absent himself without leave, assists him in so doing, or
- (c) knowing any person to be a deserter within the meaning of that section 37 or an absentee without leave from that force, procures or persuades or assists him to remain such a deserter or absentee, or assists in his rescue from custody.

shall be liable—

- (i) on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 months or to both;
- (ii)^{F3}
- (iii) on conviction on indictment ^{F4}to a fine or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or to both.

^{F5}(2)]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 141-144 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. 20, [Sch. 17](#); S.I. 2009/812, art. 3(a)(b) (with transitional provisions in S.I. 2009/1059); S.I. 2009/1167, art. 4
- F3** S. 144(1) para. (ii) repealed by S.I. 1984/703 (N.I. 3), art. 19(2), [Sch. 7](#)
- F4** Words repealed by S.I. 1984/703 (N.I. 3), art. 19(2), [Sch. 7](#)
- F5** S. 144(2) repealed (5.11.1993) by 1993 c. 50, s. 1(1), [Sch. 1 Pt. XIV](#) group2

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C2** Ss. 140-144 applied (with modifications) (1.7.1992) by [Army Act 1992 \(c. 39\)](#), [ss. 3\(2\)](#), 5

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

- Act excluded (prosp.) by [1996 c. 14 s. 129\(2\)](#)
- Act modified (prosp.) by [1996 c. 14 s. 128Sch. 8 para. 4\(5\)](#)
- Act repealed (except s.048, 55, 130-138,140,151,156,157, 158) (prosp.) by [1996 c. 14 s. 131\(2\)Sch. 11](#)