



Reserve Forces Act 1996

1996 CHAPTER 14

PART II

ENLISTMENT AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

Enlistment and re-engagement

13 Transfer of men between reserve forces.

- (1) A man serving in an ex-regular reserve force on transfer from the regular services may, with the consent of an authorised officer, enlist in another reserve force.
- (2) A man enlisted in a reserve force (including a man enlisted by virtue of subsection (1)) may, with the consent of an authorised officer, enlist in another reserve force.
- (3) On enlisting in a reserve force by virtue of this section the man concerned shall cease to be a member of the reserve force in which he was previously serving.
- (4) A man originally serving in an ex-regular reserve force on transfer from the regular services who—
 - (a) ceases to be a member of a reserve force in which he enlisted by virtue of this section without enlisting or re-enlisting in another reserve force; and
 - (b) does so before the date on which his term of compulsory service in the ex-regular reserve force to which he was transferred would have expired if he had not ceased to be a member of it on enlisting in another reserve force,shall, unless an authorised officer otherwise directs, again be a man of the ex-regular reserve force to which he was transferred from the regular services.
- (5) A direction by an authorised officer under subsection (4) may be given in respect of—
 - (a) one or more named individuals; or
 - (b) persons of any description specified in the direction.
- (6) In this section “authorised officer” means an officer authorised by or in accordance with directions of the Defence Council to exercise the powers conferred by this section.

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- (7) In this Act “term of compulsory service” means the term for which a person is required to serve in an ex-regular reserve force in pursuance of a requirement imposed [^{F1}under the Armed Forces Act 2006.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 13(7) 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. 28](#); S.I. 2009/812, art. 3(a)(b) (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2009/1059](#)); S.I. 2009/1167, art. 4

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 13(7) modified (24.4.2009 for specified purposes, 31.10.2009 in so far as not already in force) by [The Armed Forces Act 2006 \(Transitional Provisions etc\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1059\)](#), arts. 1(3), [195](#)

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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](#)