



# Reserve Forces Act 1996

## 1996 CHAPTER 14

### PART III

#### TRAINING AND OTHER DUTIES

##### *Commitments to perform additional duties*

#### 26 Parliamentary control of commitments.

- (1) Parliament may authorise for each of the reserve forces a maximum number of officers and a maximum number of men who may at any time be—
  - <sup>F1</sup>(a) in service under section 24 commitments; or
  - (b) subject to additional duties commitments which are in force.
- (2) Accordingly, the numbers of officers and men of a reserve force who are in [<sup>F2</sup>full-time service][<sup>F2</sup>service under section 24 commitments], or subject to additional duties commitments which are in force, shall not exceed any numbers for the time being authorised by Parliament for that force.
- (3) Any members of a reserve force who are in [<sup>F3</sup>full-time service][<sup>F3</sup>service under section 24 commitments] or who are subject to additional duties commitments shall not be reckoned in any numbers for the time being authorised by Parliament for any of the regular services.

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 26(1)(a) substituted (1.5.2022 for specified purposes) by [Armed Forces Act 2021 \(c. 35\), s. 24\(1\), Sch. 2 para. 3\(2\)](#) (with [Sch. 2 para. 10](#)); [S.I. 2022/471, reg. 2\(c\)](#)
- F2** Words in s. 26(2) substituted (1.5.2022 for specified purposes) by [Armed Forces Act 2021 \(c. 35\), s. 24\(1\), Sch. 2 para. 3\(3\)](#) (with [Sch. 2 para. 10](#)); [S.I. 2022/471, reg. 2\(c\)](#)
- F3** Words in s. 26(3) substituted (1.5.2022 for specified purposes) by [Armed Forces Act 2021 \(c. 35\), s. 24\(1\), Sch. 2 para. 3\(4\)](#) (with [Sch. 2 para. 10](#)); [S.I. 2022/471, reg. 2\(c\)](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

Reserve Forces Act 1996, Section 26 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 17 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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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](#)