



Reserve Forces Act 1996

1996 CHAPTER 14

PART X

GENERAL OFFENCES

Desertion and absence without leave from service, duty or training

97 Failure to attend for duty or training.

- (1) A member of a reserve force who has entered into a full-time service commitment or an additional duties commitment and, without leave lawfully granted or reasonable excuse, fails to appear at the time and place at which he is required to attend—
 - (a) in the case of a full-time service commitment, to begin the period of full-time service contemplated by the commitment;
 - (b) in the case of an additional duties commitment, to begin a period of service under the commitment,is guilty, according to the circumstances, of desertion or absence without leave.
- (2) A member of a reserve force who—
 - (a) is required to undergo a period of training in accordance with section 22, a special agreement or an employee agreement (or any other requirement applicable to special members), and
 - (b) fails, without leave lawfully granted or reasonable excuse, to appear at any time and place at which he is required to attend,is guilty of absence without leave.
- (3) An offence under this section is triable by court-martial or summarily by a civil court.

Status:

Point in time view as at 01/04/1997. This version of this provision has been superseded.

Changes to legislation:

Reserve Forces Act 1996, Section 97 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 22 May 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.