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## **ARMED FORCES ACT 2001**

### **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

#### **HANSARD REFERENCES**

The following table sets out the dates and Hansard references for each stage of this Act's passage through Parliament.

| <i>Stage</i>                      | <i>Date</i>                     | <i>Hansard Reference</i>  |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| <b>House of Commons</b>           |                                 |   |
| Introduction                      | 11 December 2000                | Vol 359 Col 371   |
| Second Reading                    | 9 January 2001                  | Vol 360 Cols 893-1028   |
| Select Committee                  | 16 January 2001 - 13 March 2001 | Select Committee Report on the Armed Forces Bill Vols I & II HC 154 |
| Committee, Report & Third Reading | 2 April 2001                    | Vol 366 Cols 63-133   |
| Consideration of Lords Amendments | 11 May 2001                     | Vol 366 Cols 63-133   |
| <b>House of Lords</b>             |                                 |   |
| Introduction                      | 3 April 2001                    | Vol 624 Col 741   |
| Second Reading                    | 23 April 2001                   | Vol 624 Cols 1147- 1199   |
| Committee Report & Third Reading  | 10 May 2001                     | Vol 624 Cols 2215-2229  |

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| Royal Assent: 11 May 2001 | House of Lords Vol 624 Col 2282  |
|                           | House of Commons Vol 368 Col 406 |

#### **TABLE OF EQUIVALENT SERVICE RANKS**

| <i>Royal Navy</i>    | <i>Royal Marines</i> | <i>Army</i>        | <i>Royal Air Force</i>         |
|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| Admiral of the Fleet |                      | Field Marshal      | Marshal of the Royal Air Force |
| Admiral              | General              | General            | Air Chief Marshal              |
| Vice-Admiral         | Lieutenant General   | Lieutenant General | Air Marshal                    |
| Rear-Admiral         | Major General        | Major General      | Air Vice-Marshal               |
| Commodore            | Brigadier            | Brigadier          | Air Commodore                  |
| Captain              | Colonel              | Colonel            | Group Captain                  |

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| <i>Royal Navy</i>  | <i>Royal Marines</i>  | <i>Army</i>   | <i>Royal Air Force</i>  |
|--|---|---|---|
| Commander  | Lieutenant Colonel  | Lieutenant Colonel  | Wing Commander  |
| Lieutenant-Commander   | Major   | Major   | Squadron Leader   |
| Lieutenant   | Captain   | Captain   | Flight Lieutenant   |
| Sub-Lieutenant ( <i>but junior in rank to Army and Air Force ranks</i> ) | Lieutenant  | Lieutenant  | Flying Officer  |
| Midshipman ( <i>but junior in rank to Army and Air Force ranks</i> )     | Second Lieutenant   | Second Lieutenant   | Pilot Officer   |
|  |   |   | Acting Pilot Officer ( <i>but junior in rank to Second Lieutenant</i> )                             |
| Warrant Officer  | Warrant Officer Class I   | Warrant Officer Class I   | Warrant Officer   |
|  | Warrant Officer Class II ( <i>but junior to Naval and Air Force Warrant Officer</i> ) | Warrant Officer Class II ( <i>but junior to Naval and Air Force Warrant Officer</i> ) |   |
| Chief Petty Officer  | Colour Sergeant   | Staff Sergeant  | Flight Sergeant   |
|  |   |   | Chief Technician  |
| Petty Officer  | Sergeant  | Sergeant  | Sergeant  |
| Leading Rating ( <i>but junior to Army rank of Corporal</i> )            | Corporal  | Corporal  | Corporal  |
|  | Lance Corporal  | Lance Corporal  |   |
| Able Rating<br>Ordinary Rating   | Marine  | Private   | Junior Technician<br>Senior Aircraftman/woman<br>Leading Aircraftman/<br>woman<br>Aircraftman/Woman |