

*These notes refer to the Armed Forces Act 2011 (c.18)
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ARMED FORCES ACT 2011

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Section 5: Provost Marshals: appointment

25. As explained in the note on section 3, each of the Services has a service police force, headed by the Provost Marshal for the force in question. The service police forces are accordingly part of the armed forces. Their investigations however are carried out independently of the main service chain of command. The purpose of this section is to highlight and support the special position, independent from the chain of command, of the Provost Marshals. This section accordingly adds a new section 365A to AFA 2006, which provides for the appointment of Provost Marshal by Her Majesty and that only provost officers are eligible for appointment as a Provost Marshal.