



# Armed Forces Act 2021

## 2021 CHAPTER 35

### *Service in the armed forces*

#### **9 Reserve forces: flexibility of commitments**

- (1) Section 24 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996 (commitments to a period of full-time service) is amended as follows.
- (2) In the heading, omit “full-time”.
- (3) In subsection (1)—
  - (a) omit “(a “full-time service commitment”)”;
  - (b) omit “full-time” in the second place it occurs.
- (4) After subsection (1) insert—

“(1A) The period of service specified in a commitment under this section (whether originally, or by virtue of a variation under subsection (5)(a))—

  - (a) may be a period of full-time service;
  - (b) so far as orders or regulations under section 4 permit, may—
    - (i) be a period of service on a part-time basis, or
    - (ii) include one or more periods of service on a part-time basis as well as one or more periods of full-time service.

(1B) Orders or regulations under section 4 may enable a commitment under this section to contemplate periods of special or extended leave.”
- (5) In subsection (2)—
  - (a) in paragraph (a), omit “full-time” in each place it occurs;
  - (b) in paragraph (c), for “full-time service” substitute “service under the commitment”.
- (6) In subsection (3)—
  - (a) in the words before paragraph (a), for “full-time service commitment” substitute “commitment under this section”;

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- (b) in paragraph (a), for “full-time service” substitute “service under the commitment”;
  - (c) after paragraph (a) insert—
    - “(aa) must specify the place at which the person is to begin performing duties;”.
- (7) In subsection (4)—
- (a) in the words before paragraph (a), for “full-time service” substitute “service under a commitment under this section”;
  - (b) in paragraph (a), omit “concerned”.
- (8) In subsection (5)—
- (a) in the words before paragraph (a), for “full-time service commitment” substitute “commitment under this section”;
  - (b) in paragraph (b), omit “full-time”;
  - (c) in paragraph (c), omit “full-time”.
- (9) In subsection (6), for “full-time service” substitute “service under a commitment under this section”.
- (10) In subsection (7)—
- (a) in the words before paragraph (a), for “full-time service” substitute “service under a commitment under this section”;
  - (b) in paragraph (a), for “full-time service” substitute “service under the commitment”;
  - (c) in paragraph (b)—
    - (i) omit “full-time” in the first place it occurs;
    - (ii) after “by him” insert “under the commitment”;
    - (iii) for “full-time service” in the second place it occurs, substitute “service under the commitment”.
- (11) In subsection (8), for “full-time service” substitute “service under a commitment under this section”.
- (12) In subsection (9), for “full-time service” substitute “service under a commitment under this section”.
- (13) In subsection (10), omit the definition of “full-time service”.
- (14) In section 25 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996 (additional duties commitment), after subsection (2) insert—
- “(2A) Subject to any provision made by orders or regulations under section 4, an additional duties commitment may provide for duties for a period to be performed on any basis, including full-time or part-time.”
- (15) [Schedule 2](#) contains—
- (a) amendments that are consequential on or otherwise connected with this section, and
  - (b) transitional provision.

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**Commencement Information**

- I1** S. 9 not in force at Royal Assent, see **s. 24(1)**
- I2** S. 9 in force at 1.5.2022 for specified purposes by S.I. 2022/471, **reg. 2(c)**

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