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the Act.

- (a) “the Act” means the Defence Act 1954 as amended;

Assessment.

- (b) “assessment” means a consideration of service information in respect of an officer or reservist including the process of interviewing such officer or reservist.

Child.

- (c) (A) “child” in relation to an officer has the meaning it has in Defence Force Regulations S.3 in relation to an officer of the Permanent Defence Force;
- (B) “child” in relation to a reservist has the meaning it has in Defence Force Regulations S.3 in relation to a non-commissioned or private or seaman of the Permanent Defence Force.

Location Holder.

- (d) “Location Holder” means an officer to whom ordnance equipment is issued on location by Unit Accounting Officer;

Member.

- (e) “member”, where used in relation to the Reserve Defence Force, means an officer or reservist – and the word “members” shall be construed accordingly;

Officer.

- (f) “officer”, where used without qualification, means an officer of the Reserve of Officers (Army Reserve) or Reserve of Officers (Naval Service Reserve), and the word “officers” shall be construed accordingly;

Officer i/c Records and Data Management.

- (g) “Officer i/c Records and Data Management” means the OIC Records and Data Management in the Brigade to which the Unit concerned belongs;

Permanent Service.

- (h) “permanent service”, where used in relation to members of the Reserve Defence Force, means fulltime and continuous military service or duty for which he or she is liable under paragraph 36 of these Regulations;

Promotion Board.

- (i) “promotion board” means an assembly of officers convened for the purpose of assessing and recommending eligible officers and non-commissioned officers for promotion other than fixed period promotion.

Reservist.

- (j) “reservist” means an enlisted person of the Enlisted Personnel (Army Reserve) or Enlisted Personnel (Naval Service Reserve), and the word “reservists” shall be construed accordingly;

Secretary General.

- (k) “Secretary General” means the Secretary General, Department of Defence;

Sub-Unit

- (l) “Sub-Unit” means in:-

the Infantry Corps	a Reserve Infantry Company of a Battalion
the Artillery Corps	a Reserve Field, Mortar or Air Defence Battery
the Cavalry Corps	a Reserve Cavalry Troop
the Engineer Corps	a Reserve Field Engineer Platoon
the CIS Corps	a Reserve Communications and Information Services Platoon
the Supply & Transport Corps	a Reserve Transport Company .
the Medical Corps	a Reserve Medical Company
the Military Police Corps	a Reserve Field Military Police Platoon;

Unit.

- (m) "Unit" means in:-

the Infantry Corps-	a Reserve Brigade Headquarters or a Reserve Infantry Battalion
the Artillery Corps	a Reserve Artillery Regiment
the Cavalry Corps	a Reserve Cavalry Squadron
the Engineer Corps	a Reserve Field Engineer Company
the CIS Corps	a Reserve Communications and Information Services Company
the Supply & Transport Corps	a Reserve Logistics Support Battalion .
the Medical Corps	a Reserve logistics Support Battalion
the Military Police Corps	a Reserve Military Police Company;
the Naval Service Reserve	a NSR Unit

Unit Accounting Officer.

- (n) “Unit Accounting Officer” means the Unit Administrative or Staff Officer or the Unit Quartermaster;

Substitution of Existing Titles of Particular Classes of the Reserve Defence Force.

2. Pursuant to the provisions of section 21(5) of the Act, the existing titles of particular classes of the Reserve Defence Force shall be substituted with the following revised titles:-

- (a) the existing title of the class heretofore called the Reserve of Officers (An Fórsa Cosanta Áitiúil) as provided for in section 21(1)(b) of the Act shall be substituted with the revised title of the Reserve of Officers (Army Reserve);
- (b) the existing title of the class heretofore called the Reserve of Officers (An Slua Muirí) as provided for in section 21(1)(c) of the Act shall be substituted with the revised title of the Reserve of Officers (Naval Service Reserve);
- (c) the existing title of the class heretofore called the Reserve of Men (An Fórsa Cosanta Áitiúil) as provided for in section 21(1)(e) of the Act shall be substituted with the revised title of the Reserve of Enlisted Personnel (Army Reserve);
- (d) the existing title of the class heretofore called the Reserve of Men (An Slua Muirí) as provided for in section 21(1)(f) of the Act shall be substituted with the revised title of the Reserve of Enlisted Personnel (Naval Service Reserve).

Application of these Regulations to the Naval Service Reserve.

3. (1) The provisions of these Regulations will apply to commissioned officers of the Reserve of Officers (Army Reserve) and the Reserve of Officers (Naval Service Reserve) on the basis of the following Table of corresponding army reserve and naval service ranks:

Army Reserve	Naval Service Reserve
Lieutenant-Colonel	Commander
Commandant	Lieutenant-Commander
Captain	Lieutenant
Lieutenant	Sub-Lieutenant
Second-Lieutenant	Ensign

(2) The provision of these Regulations shall apply to non-commissioned officers and privates of the Reserve of Enlisted Personnel (Army Reserve) and the Reserve of Enlisted Personnel (Naval Service Reserve) on the basis of the following Table of corresponding army reserve and naval service reserve ranks:

Army Reserve	Naval Service Reserve
Sergeant-Major	Warrant Officer
Battalion Quartermaster-Sergeant	Senior Chief Petty Officer
Company-Sergeant	Chief Petty Officer
Company Quartermaster-Sergeant	Senior Petty Officer
Sergeant	Petty Officer
Corporal	Leading Seaman
Private	Seaman

(3) This regulation applies to the “Army Reserve” and the “Naval Service Reserve”.

PART II. – ORGANISATION AND COMMAND.

Organisation and Command.

4. (1) The Reserve Defence Force will comprise, among other classes, the Army Reserve and the Naval Service Reserve.

(2) The classes of the Reserve Defence Force called the Reserve of Officers (Army Reserve) and the Reserve of Enlisted Personnel (Army Reserve) shall together be organised as a body called the “Army Reserve”.

(3) The classes of the Reserve Defence Force called the Reserve of Officers (Naval Service Reserve) and the Reserve of Enlisted Personnel (Naval Service Reserve) and the Reserve of Enlisted Personnel (Naval Service Reserve) shall together be organised as a body called the “Naval Service Reserve”.

(4) The Command vested in the General Officer Commanding, Eastern Brigade, the General Officer Commanding, Southern Brigade, the General Officer Commanding, Western Brigade, the General Officer Commanding, Defence Forces Training Centre and the Flag Officer Commanding the Naval Service by the provision of Defence Force Regulations A.18 embraces, inter alia, the general control, administration, discipline and training of all staffs, units and elements of Reserve Defence Forces belonging to their respective Brigades or Naval Service as appropriate.

(5) The command vested in the Officer Commanding a Reserve Brigade, a Reserve Defence Force Training Authority and the Officer Commanding Shore Operations Naval Service by the provisions of Defence Force Regulations A.18 embraces command over all units of Reserve Defence Force belonging to the Reserve Brigade, Formation or Service.

PART III. - ENLISTMENT, ASSIGNMENT, POSTING, CLASSIFICATION, GRADING, ADVANCEMENT, PROMOTION, REVERSION, REDUCTION, EXTENSION OF SERVICE AND RE-ENGAGEMENT - RESERVISTS.

Section I. - Enlistment.

Terms of enlistment.

5. Enlistment in the Reserve Defence Force for service in the Enlisted Personnel (Army Reserve) shall be for general service for a period of three years and Enlisted Personnel (Naval Service Reserve) shall be for general service for a period of four years.

Age limits, physical qualifications, etc.,

6. To be eligible for enlistment, applicant's must:-

(a) be not less than 18 years and not more than 35 years of age, provided, however, that applicants in the following categories shall be eligible for enlistment:-

(i) former members of the Permanent Defence Force who have had not less than one year's full-time military service and who are not more than 40 years of age on offering themselves for enlistment;

(ii) former members of the Permanent Defence Force who, immediately prior to discharge, held the rank of Sergeant or Petty Officer as appropriate or higher non-commissioned rank and who are not more than 45 years of age on offering themselves for enlistment;

(b) be of a medical standard as laid down from time to time by the Deputy Chief of Staff (Support);

(c) be not less than 157.48 cm. (5ft 2in).

Persons Ineligible for Enlistment.

7. The following persons shall be ineligible for enlistment in the Reserve Defence Force for service in the Enlisted Personnel (Army Reserve) or the Enlisted Personnel (Naval Service Reserve):-

(a) a person belonging to the Permanent Defence Force or the Reserve Defence Force;

(b) a member of the Oireachtas or a representative in the Assembly of the European Union;

(c) a member of the Legislative Assembly of Northern Ireland;

(d) a member of An Garda Síochána;

(e) a person who has been discharged from the Defence Forces as a result of a conviction by the civil power or as a result of sentence of discharge, discharge with ignominy or penal servitude awarded by court-martial;

- (f) a person who, for misconduct or on the grounds or their service being no longer required or being below Defence Forces physical standards has been discharged from the Defence Forces, or a person who for misconduct or on medical grounds has been discharged from the military, naval, air or police services of any other country or state;
- (g) a person who has been convicted of a serious offence by the Special Criminal Court or by a Civil Court;
- (h) a person in receipt of a disability pension from any source;
- (i) a person belonging to the military, naval, air or police services of any other country or state or belonging to the reserve of such services;
- (j) a person ordinarily resident outside the State, other than a person who is residing temporarily within the State for the purpose of attending a course of education and who is ordinarily resident in Ireland.
- (k) a person who was at any time a patient in a mental hospital or other such institution;
- (l) a person who has no fixed home address;
- (m) non-nationals who are seeking asylum within the State;
- (n) non-nationals (other than EU Citizens) who have less than three years legal and unbroken residency in the State;
- (o) non-nationals (other than EU Citizens) who are not in possession of a certificate of Registration (Certificate of Residency) issued by the Dept of Justice, Equality and Law Reform covering the period of potential engagement.

Recruiting – Administration of.

8. The General Officer Commanding a Brigade or the Flag Officer Commanding the Naval Service is, under the instructions issued by the Deputy Chief of Staff (Support), charged with the general administration of recruiting for the Reserve of Enlisted Personnel (Army Reserve) and the Reserve of Enlisted Personnel (Naval Service Reserve) within his or her Brigade or Formation as appropriate. He or she is hereby authorised to appoint as attesting officers such officers of the Defence Forces serving under his or her command as may be required.

Section II. – Attestment, Assignment, Appointment and Posting.

Administrative Instructions.

9. The Deputy Chief of Staff (Support), pursuant to the provisions of Part III of Defence Force Regulations S.1, shall issue Administrative Instructions, not inconsistent with the provisions of the Act or of these regulations, laying down the procedures and administrative arrangements relating to attesting, assigning, reassigning, appointing and posting of personnel to the Reserve Defence Force.

**Procedure in the case of reassignment pursuant to
subsection 62(2) of the Act.**

10. A reservist may be reassigned, pursuant to subsection (2) of section 62 of the Act, from the Army Reserve to the Naval Service Reserve, or conversely, provided that;

- (a) the person has consented to such assignment;
- (b) the person has consented to a direction being given in respect of them pursuant to subsection (7) of section 25 of the Act, that they shall hold the non-commissioned rank corresponding to the Third Schedule of the Act, and –
 - (i) if the person is not reduced under the provisions of subparagraph 20(2) of these Regulations his existing non-commissioned rank, or,
 - (ii) if the person is reduced under the provisions of that subparagraph, the lower non-commissioned rank to which he is reduced;
- (c) their application for assignment is recommended by the Officer Commanding the Unit;
- (d) the person is not more than thirty-five years of age;
- (e) be of a medical standard as laid down from time to time by the Deputy Chief of Staff (Support);
- (f) if the residue unexpired of their engagement is less than two years, the person extends the term of their original enlistment as prescribed in subparagraph 21(2) of these Regulations or is re-engaged;
- (g) if the person is a non-commissioned officer, and has consented to such reduction in rank as may be necessary or determined in his or her case under the provisions of subparagraph 20(2) of these Regulations.

Appointment to service corps and posting to Unit.

11. On being assigned to the Reserve of Enlisted Personnel (Army Reserve) or the Reserve of Enlisted Personnel (Naval Service Reserve), a reservist shall be appointed or, in the case of a reservist assigned pursuant to subsection (2) of section 62 of the Act, transferred by the OIC Records & Data Management to such service corps and posted to such unit as the General Officer Commanding the Brigade or the Flag Officer Commanding the Naval Service may determine.

**Section III. - Classification, Grading, Advancement, Promotion,
Reversion and Reduction.**

Classification and grading.

12. (1) Reservists (other than Privates, Grade I or Seaman, Third Class) shall be classified in one or other of the following classes, namely:-

- (a) The Technician Class, which shall consist of reservists possessing qualifications in one of the trades or occupations prescribed in Appendix "A" to these Regulations who have qualified for inclusion in this Class by passing the appropriate tests laid down in the relevant Training Instructions issued by the Director, Defence Force Training and who are filling vacancies in the Establishments for their particular trades or occupations; and
- (b) The Line Class, which shall consist of reservists who are admitted to the Line Class under the provisions of the relevant Training Instructions issued by the Director, Defence Force Training.

(2) Reservists of the rank of Private or Seaman as appropriate shall be graded as follows: -

	Army Reserve	Naval Service Reserve
(a)	Private Grade I - Privates who have not been graded Privates Two Star or higher	Seaman, Third Class
(b)	Private Two Star	Seaman, Second Class
(c)	Private Three Star	Seaman, First Class

(3) A private or seaman on enlistment shall be graded in accordance with subparagraph (2) (a) and may subsequently be advanced to a higher grade in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 14 of these Regulations.

Recruit - period of probation.

13. At the end of a period of six months following the first posting to a Unit of a reservist, during which period he or she will be expected to attend at least twelve training parades or the equivalent thereof in hours of training, their Unit Commander shall furnish a report through the usual channels to the General Officer Commanding the Brigade or the Flag Officer Commanding the Naval Service concerned, as to his suitability, or otherwise, for service. Where such reservist is reported to be unsuitable for service, his or her Unit Commander shall

- (a) if the reservist applies to be assigned to another class of the reserve, and if the reasons which rendered him or her unsuitable for service do not preclude them from being so assigned to another class of the reserve - initiate action under the provisions of paragraph 17 of these Regulations to have such assignment effected; or
- (b) in any other case - apply for the discharge of the reservist under the provisions at (i) of the table to subparagraph 56(1) of these Regulations.

Advancement in grade.

14. (1) Subject to the provisions of subparagraph (2) hereof, Privates or Seamen as appropriate shall, on passing the tests laid down in the relevant Training Instructions issued by the Director Defence Force Training be qualified for advancement to a higher class within their rank and class and may be so advanced by the Officer Commanding the Unit concerned.

(2) A private or seaman reverted in grade under the provisions of paragraph 15 of these Regulations shall not be advanced in grade again within six months from the date of his reversion and then may be advanced in grade only in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (1) hereof.

(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in this paragraph, the Deputy Chief of Staff (Support) may advance a Private or a Seaman to a higher grade because of meritorious service or distinguished conduct.

(4) An advancement under the provisions of subparagraph (3) hereof shall be effective from such date (not earlier than the date on which the instrument authorising the advancement is signed) as may be specified by the Deputy Chief of Staff (Support). An advancement made otherwise under the provisions of this paragraph shall take effect as from the date of its publication in Routine Orders.

Reversion in grade – Private or Seaman

15. (1) A Private Three Star or Seaman First Class shall be reverted to Private Two Star or Seaman Second Class as appropriate on the authority of the General Officer Commanding the Brigade or the Flag Officer Commanding Naval Service concerned on failing to fulfill the conditions laid down for the retention of his or her grade by the Director, Defence Force Training or the Flag Officer Commanding the Naval Service, as appropriate.

(2) A Private Three Star or Seaman First Class shall be reverted to Private Two Star Seaman Second Class as appropriate by the General Officer Commanding the Brigade or the Flag Officer Commanding Naval Service concerned when it is shown to his or her satisfaction that their retention in the higher grade would be prejudicial to the best interests of the service.

(3) A Private Three Star who has requested a transfer from one service corps to another may be required, as a condition of such transfer, to revert to Private Two Star.

(4) A Private Three Star or Seaman First Class who has requested a transfer from one class of reserve to another may be required, as a condition of such transfer, to revert to Private Two Star or Seaman Second Class as appropriate.

(5) A reversion under the provisions of this paragraph shall take effect as from the date of its publication in Routine Orders.

Change of class, trade or occupation.

16. (1) A reservist may be changed from the Technician Class to the line class or his or her trade or occupation may be changed within a class –

- (a) as a result of changes in Establishments;
- (b) when the exigencies of the Service so require;
- (c) by direction of the General Officer Commanding the Brigade or the Flag Officer Commanding Naval Service concerned when it is shown to their satisfaction that the retention of the reservist in a particular class, trade or occupation is prejudicial to the best interests of the service; or
- (d) at their own request.

(2) A reservist whose class, trade or occupation has been changed in accordance with subparagraph (1)(a) or (1)(b) of this paragraph shall, if a private or seaman, retain in their new class, trade or occupation the grade equivalent to that formerly held by them until the next tests for retention of grade are held or until they undergo the tests laid down for their new trade or occupation, whichever is the earlier, when they shall be graded in accordance with the results of such tests.

(3) A reservist whose class, trade or occupation has been changed in accordance with subparagraph (1)(c) or (1)(d) of this paragraph shall, if a Private Three Star or Seaman First Class who has not passed the tests laid down in the relevant Training Instructions issued by the Director, Defence Force Training for advancement, be reverted to Private Two Star or Seaman Second Class as appropriate but shall not thereafter be precluded from advancement in his new class in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations.

(4) Notification of the change of class of a reservist or of a change in his trade, occupation or grade under the provisions of this paragraph shall be published in Routine Orders without delay and shall take effect as from the date of such publication.

Rank on enlistment.

17. All enlistments in the Reserve Defence Force for service shall be in the rank of private or Seaman, provided, however, that a former enlisted person of the Permanent Defence Force or of the Reserve of Men (First Line) to whom the provisions of subparagraph 6(b) of these Regulations apply may be enlisted in the non-commissioned rank last held by them, or in the non-commissioned army rank corresponding to the non-commissioned naval rank last held by them in the Permanent Defence Force, or in the Reserve of Men (First Line) if a vacancy exists in Establishments for a non-commissioned officer of such rank or, if such vacancy does not exist, in a lower non-commissioned rank in which there is a vacancy.

Promotion.

18. (1) A Private Two Star and a Private Three Star of the Technician Class and a Private Three Star of the Line Class or a Seaman Second Class and a seaman First Class of the Technical Class and a seaman First Class of the Line class, shall be qualified for promotion to Corporal or Leading Seaman as appropriate in their particular class when they fulfil the conditions laid down in the relevant Training Instructions issued by Director,

Defence Force Training or the Flag Officer Commanding the Naval Service, provided, however, that, in every case, the reservist is recommended for promotion by the Officer Commanding the Unit.

(2) A private or Seaman, if qualified under the provisions of subparagraph (1) hereof, may be promoted by the Officer Commanding the Brigade Reserve Defence Force or Officer Commanding Shore Operations Naval Service concerned to the rank of Corporal or Leading Seaman to fill a vacancy in Establishments.

(3) Promotion from the rank of Corporal or Leading Seaman, to the rank of Sergeant or Petty Officer may be made by the General Officer Commanding the Brigade or the Flag Officer Commanding the Naval Service as appropriate, to fill vacancies in Establishments.

(4) Promotion above the rank of Sergeant or Petty Officer may be made by the General Officer Commanding the Brigade or the Flag Officer Commanding the Naval Service to fill vacancies in Establishments.

(5) Notwithstanding anything contained in these Regulations the General Officer Commanding a Brigade or the Flag Officer Commanding the Naval Service may, on the authority of Deputy Chief of Staff (Support), promote a private or seaman to the rank of Corporal or leading seaman and the Deputy Chief of Staff (Support) may promote a non-commissioned officer to higher non-commissioned rank because of meritorious service or distinguished conduct. The effective date fixed for such promotion shall not be earlier than the date on which the relative instrument is signed by the promoting authority.

(6) The Deputy Chief of Staff (Support), pursuant to the provisions of Part III of Defence Force Regulations S.1, shall issue Administrative Instructions, not inconsistent with the provisions of the Act or of these regulations, laying down the procedures and administrative arrangements relating to the criteria for promotion to Corporal or Leading Seaman, to Sergeant or Petty Officer and for promotion above the rank of Sergeant or Petty Officer.

Temporary promotion during training.

19. (1) Subject to the provisions of subparagraphs (2), (3) and (4) hereof, the Officer Commanding a Brigade Reserve Defence Force or Officer Commanding Shore Operations Naval Service may, during a period of continuous training of not less than seven days, promote -

- (a) a Private Three Star or Seaman First Class of the Line Class to the acting rank of Corporal or Leading Seaman in his or her particular class;
- (b) a non-commissioned officer of the rank of Corporal, Leading Seaman or higher rank to acting rank in the next higher non-commissioned rank where such promotion is in the interests of training

(2) Promotions under subparagraph (1) hereof shall be made only where vacancies for non-commissioned officers exist in a Unit by reason of non-commissioned officers of the Unit failing to report for, or having been excused, training. The number of such promotions in any

Unit shall not exceed the number of non-commissioned officers of that Unit who failed to report for, or were excused, training.

(3) A reservist promoted under the provisions of subparagraph (1) hereof shall, for so long as he or she holds acting rank be entitled to pay at the rate prescribed for a non-commissioned officer holding the substantive rank and grading corresponding to the acting rank and grading to which they are promoted.

(4) The Officer Commanding the Brigade Reserve Defence Force or Officer Commanding Shore Operations Naval Service shall at the time of making the promotion direct that the reservist concerned shall revert to his substantive rank and grade on completion of the period of training during which he was promoted and shall fix the date of reversion accordingly. A reservist promoted under the provisions of this paragraph may, however, be reverted by direction of the Officer Commanding the Brigade RDF or Officer Commanding Group Cadre to their substantive rank and grade before the completion of the period of training during which they were promoted.

Reduction.

20. (1) The General Officer Commanding the Brigade or the Flag Officer Commanding the Naval Service may reduce a non-commissioned officer to any lower non-commissioned rank-

- (a) when it is proved to his or her satisfaction that the retention of such non-commissioned officer in the higher rank is prejudicial to the best interests of the service;
- (b) at the written request of the reservist;
- (c) on the reservist failing without leave lawfully granted or reasonable excuse to attend during any training year for the minimum period of training prescribed;
- (d) as a result of conviction by the civil power.

(2) A non-commissioned officer who applies to be reassigned from one Service Corps of the Army Reserve to another or from the Army Reserve to the Naval Service Reserve and consents to reduction in rank as a condition of such reassignment –

- (a) may be reduced by the OIC Records & Data Management to such lower non-commissioned rank, corresponding to a non-commissioned rank in which there is a vacancy in the Establishments, as the OIC Records & Data Management may determine, and
- (b) shall, unless they has passed all the qualifying tests laid down for the non-commissioned rank corresponding to his non-commissioned army rank and there is a vacancy in the Establishments in such non-commissioned rank, be reduced –

- (i) to the non-commissioned army rank corresponding to a non-commissioned naval rank for which they have passed all the qualifying tests and in which there is a vacancy in the Establishments of Naval Service Reserve;
- (ii) if they have not passed the qualifying tests for the rank of Leading Seaman in Naval Service Reserve to the rank of Private.

(3) Where a non-commissioned officer is transferred from one service corps to another at their own request they may be reduced to the next lower non-commissioned army rank by the General Officer Commanding the Brigade.

(4) A non-commissioned officer reduced to the rank of Private or Seaman, otherwise than under subparagraph (2) hereof, shall -

- (a) be graded Private Two Star or Seaman Second Class as appropriate if, being in the Technician Class, the appropriate tests passed by they do not entitle them to the higher grade; or
- (b) be graded Private Three Star or Seaman First Class in any other case.

(5) Where a non-commissioned officer is transferred from one reserve class to another at their own request they may be reduced to the next lower non-commissioned army rank by the General Officer Commanding the Brigade or the Flag Officer Commanding the Naval Service .

Section IV. - Extension of Service and Re-Engagement.

Extension of term of original enlistment.

21. (1) A reservist may, before the expiration of the term of his or her original enlistment, be permitted by the Officer Commanding the Unit concerned to extend such term by periods of not more than three years each to make up a total period not exceeding twelve years reckoned from the date of their attestation.

(2) Where a reservist applies to be assigned from one Class of the enlisted personnel to another and the residue unexpired of his or her engagement is less than two years, they may be permitted by the Officer Commanding the Unit to extend the term of their original enlistment by such a period as will make up a total of four years reckoned from the last anniversary of the date of his attestation, subject to the provision that the term of their original enlistment, when so extended, shall not exceed twelve years.

Re-Engagement.

22. (1) At any time after the expiration of nine years from the date of their attestation, a reservist who, on the date of their attestation was less than 39 years of age, and who enlisted before 1 October 2005, may, on being recommended by the Officer Commanding the Unit and with the approval of the prescribed military authority as specified in Defence Force Regulations A.1, be re-engaged for such further period of service in the Reserve Defence

Force as will make up a total continuous period of twenty-one years' service reckoned from the date of their attestation.

(2) At any time after the expiration of nine years from the date of their attestation, a reservist who, on the date of their attestation was less than 29 years of age, and who enlisted on or after 01 October 2005 may, on being recommended by the Officer Commanding the Unit and with the approval of the prescribed military authority as specified in Defence Force Regulations A.1, be re-engaged for such further period of service in the Reserve Defence Force as will make up a total continuous period of twenty-one years' service reckoned from the date of their attestation.

Continuance in service.

23. (1) A reservist who has completed twenty years' service may, on giving notice of their desire to continue in service, and in accordance with the remaining provisions of this paragraph, be permitted to continue in service after they have completed a total continuous period of twenty-one years' service.

(2) (a) Continuance in service shall be for an initial period of four years extendible thereafter by successive periods of four years each. Where, however, continuance in service for a period of four years would result in a reservist who was enlisted before 01 October 2005 serving beyond the age of sixty years a lesser period may be authorised.

(b) Continuance in service shall be for an initial period of four years extendible thereafter by successive periods of four years each. Where, however, continuance in service for a period of four years would result in a reservist enlisted after 01 October 2005 serving beyond the age of fifty years a lesser period may be authorised.

(3) Continuance in service shall be authorised by the General Officer Commanding the Brigade or the Flag Officer Commanding the Naval Service concerned.

(4) The continuance in service of a reservist under the provisions of this paragraph shall not be authorised unless the reservist's continuance in service is recommended by the Officer Commanding the Unit.

Continuance in service - upper age limit.

24. (1) A reservist who has joined the reserve before 01 October 2005 shall not be permitted to continue in service after they attain the age of sixty years.

(2) A reservist who has joined the reserve after 01 October 2005 shall not be permitted to continue in service after they attain the age of fifty years.

Special Provisions - Reservists aged 39 years or more on date of Enlistment.

25. (1) Notwithstanding the remaining provisions of these Regulations a reservist who is not eligible for re-engagement by virtue of the fact that they were aged 39 years or more on the date of their attestation may, at any time after the expiration of nine years from the date of his or her attestation, be discharged for the purpose of re-enlistment and may, on being recommended by the Officer Commanding the Unit, be re-enlisted on the day following the date of their discharge for a period of three years in the Reserve Defence Forces.

(2) A reservist enlisted on or before 01 October 2005 may re-enlisted under the provisions of subparagraph (1) hereof shall not be permitted to extend the term of their original enlistment under the provisions of paragraph 21 of these Regulations for a period which would expire on or after the date on which they will attain the age of 60 years.

(3) A reservist enlisted after 01 October 2005 may re-enlisted under the provisions of subparagraph (1) hereof shall not be permitted to extend the term of their original enlistment under the provisions of paragraph 21 of these Regulations for a period which would expire on or after the date on which they will attain the age of 50 years.

Administrative Instructions

26. The Deputy Chief of Staff (Support), pursuant to the provisions of Part III of Defence Force Regulations S.1, shall issue Administrative Instructions, not inconsistent with the provisions of the Act or of these regulations, laying down the procedures and administrative arrangements providing for the classification, grading, advancement, promotion, reversion and reduction of reservists.

PART IV. - NOMINATION FOR APPOINTMENT, TAKING OF OATH, ASSIGNMENT, POSTING, PROMOTION, REVERSION, RESIGNATION AND RELINQUISHMENT OF COMMISSION - OFFICERS.**Nomination for appointment - conditions governing.**

27. (1) Except as provided in subparagraph (2)(b) hereof, only non-commissioned officers of the Reserve Defence Force shall be eligible for nomination to be appointed to be officers of the Reserve Defence Force for the purpose of assignment to the Reserve of Officers.

(2) (a) Non-commissioned officers of the Reserve Defence Force who are of good character and satisfactory education and who have shown exceptional keenness and efficiency shall be eligible for nomination to be appointed to be officers of the Reserve Defence Force to fill vacancies in Establishments. Candidates for appointment must,

(i) be not more than thirty-five years of age on the date on which they are examined by the Interview Board referred to in subparagraph (iv) hereunder;

- (ii) have attained such standard of training as may be laid down by the Director, Defence Force Training;
 - (iii) have a medical classification not lower than - year of birth - 22 - 512 - as defined in Defence Force Regulations A.12 (Part VI) in the case of the Army Reserve, or year of birth - 22 - 312 as defined in Defence Force Regulations A.12 (Part VI) in the case of the Naval Service Reserve;
 - (iv) be recommended by an Interview Board nominated by the General Officer Commanding the Brigade or the Flag Officer Commanding the Naval Service Reserve as appropriate.
- (b) A person (including a reservist) who is in possession of a university degree or diploma or an equivalent qualification, or who possesses other special qualifications of military value, may, subject to the existence of a vacancy in Establishments for which his particular qualifications are appropriate, be nominated to be appointed to be an officer of the Reserve Defence Force provided that they -
- (i) are not more than forty-five years of age on the date on which they are examined by the Interview Board referred to in subparagraph (iii) hereunder;
 - (ii) have a medical classification not lower than - year of birth - 22 - 512 - as defined in Defence Force Regulations A.12 (Part VI), and
 - (iii) is recommended by an Interview Board nominated by the Chief of Staff.

No person shall, however, be nominated to be appointed to be an officer under the provisions of this subparagraph to fill a post as Engineer Officer in the Army Reserve unless they hold a university degree in Engineering or a university degree in Architecture or is a Member of the Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland or a Corporate Member of the Institution of Civil Engineers of Ireland or a Graduate member of the Institute of Electrical Engineers or of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers (who was elected or transferred to such Corporate or Graduate membership as a result of passing the examinations prescribed and conducted by these Institutions).

Time and manner of taking oath.

28. (1) Pursuant to subsection 43(3) of the Act, an officer shall, within a period of one month following their appointment to be an officer, or, where Deputy Chief of Staff (Support) in exceptional cases so directs, within a period of six months following such appointment, take the oath or make the declaration required by subsection 43(2) of the Act.

(2) If a person appointed to be an officer of RDF objects to taking the oath on the ground that they have no religious belief or that the taking of an oath would be contrary to their religious belief they shall, provided that the officer who is prescribed by Defence Force

Regulations A.1 to be a prescribed officer for the purposes of section 43 of the Act, is satisfied as to the sincerity of the objection, be permitted to make the declaration instead.

- (3) (i) The oath shall be taken or the declaration shall be made orally before the prescribed officer and such oath or declaration shall be administered by such officer or by an officer nominated by him in that behalf.
- (ii) An officer who has taken an oath or made a declaration as required by subsection 43(2) of the Act shall forthwith sign the form of oath or declaration (Army Form 320) and his signature thereon shall be witnessed by the officer before whom such oath or declaration was taken or made.

Assignment of First Line Reserve Officers to RDF

29. An officer of the Reserve of Officers (First Line) who is less than fifty-five years of age may, with his or her consent, be assigned, pursuant to subsection 44(2) of the Act, to the Reserve of Officers (Army Reserve) or Reserve of Officers (Naval Service Reserve) as appropriate, in the commissioned corresponding to the commissioned rank, held by them on the last day of their service as an officer of the Reserve of Officers (First Line), subject always to the existence of a vacancy in that rank in Establishments.

Appointment to service corps and posting to Unit.

30. (1) An officer of the Reserve of Officers (Army Reserve) shall be appointed to such service corps and posted for duty to such Unit as the General Officer Commanding the Brigade may determine.

(2) An officer of the Reserve of Officers (Naval Reserve) shall be appointed and posted for duty to such Unit as the Flag Officer Commanding the Naval Service may determine.

Promotion.

31. (1) Subject to vacancies existing in Establishments, the Minister may -

- (a) promote any officer to a higher substantive rank, or
- (b) promote any officer holding a substantive rank or an acting rank to a higher acting rank.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (1) hereof, an officer of the Reserve of Officers (Army Reserve), commissioned on or before 01 October 2005 may, having attained the rank of Lieutenant in the Army Reserve, on the recommendation of the Chief of Staff, be promoted to the rank of Captain on completing fifteen years' service as an officer certified by the Chief of Staff to have been satisfactory provided that-

- (a) they have attended a course of training or instruction as provided for in subparagraph 40 of these Regulations in not less than three of the preceding five years;

- (b) they have has been awarded a satisfactory rating in the annual confidential report for each of the preceding five years;
- (c) they have been recommended for promotion by the General Officer Commanding the Brigade concerned and the Director, Reserve Forces;

(3) An officer promoted in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (2) hereof for whom no vacancy exists in the rank to which he is promoted in the Establishments of -

- (a) the sub-unit in which he or she is serving in the case of an officer of the Infantry Corps or the Artillery Corps, or
- (b) the unit in which he or she is serving in any other case

shall be borne supernumerary to the Establishments for his rank in that sub-unit or unit (as the case may be) but shall block the consequential vacancy in the rank from which he or she is promoted. When a vacancy occurs in such a sub-unit or unit in the rank in which a supernumerary officer is borne, such vacancy shall be filled by the absorption of such supernumerary officer provided that -

- (i) if the vacancy occurs in an appointment for a Medical Officer, Dental Officer or Engineer Officer, the officer is qualified to fill such an appointment; and
- (ii) if the vacancy occurs in an appointment other than an appointment to which (i) hereof applies, the officer is not a Medical Officer, Dental Officer or Engineer Officer.

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (1) hereof, an officer of the Reserve of Officers (Army Reserve), commissioned on or before 01 October 2005 may, having served a minimum of 5 years in the rank of Lieutenant in the Army Reserve, on the recommendation of the Chief of Staff, be promoted to the rank of Captain to fill vacancies in the establishment provided that-

- (d) they have attended a course of training or instruction as provided for in subparagraph 40 of these Regulations in not less than three of the preceding five years;
- (e) they have has been awarded a satisfactory rating in the annual confidential report for each of the preceding five years;
- (f) they have been assessed as suitable for promotion to Captain by a board nominated by the RDF Bde Comd/OC Shore Ops
- (g) they have been recommended for appointment by an Interview Board nominated by the General Officer Commanding the Brigade or the Flag Officer Commanding the Naval service as appropriate.

- (h) they have been recommended for promotion by the General Officer Commanding the Brigade concerned and the Director, Reserve Forces;
- (i) A suitable vacancy exists in the establishment of the Bde/Service.

(5) The criteria for promotion, from Captain (Army Reserve)/Lieutenant (Naval Service Reserve) to Commandant (Army Reserve)/Lieutenant-Commander (Naval Service Reserve), as appropriate shall be as laid down in such Administrative Instructions, not inconsistent with these Regulations, as may be issued from time to time by the Deputy Chief of Staff (Support).

(6) The criteria for promotion from Commandant to Lt Colonel shall be as laid down in such Administrative Instruction, not inconsistent with these Regulations, as may be issued from time to time by the Deputy Chief of Staff (Support). Promotions to the rank of acting rank of Lt Colonel shall be for a maximum period of 5 years from the date of appointment. An officer holding the acting rank of Lt Colonel shall be subject to reversion as provided for in subparagraph 32(2) of these Regulations.

Reversion.

32. (1) Reversion pursuant to subsection 45(3) of the Act shall normally be effected when an officer holding acting rank is removed from his or her appointment and placed in an appointment carrying a lower rank in Establishments, or otherwise assigned to duties which are of such a nature as not to require the retention of the higher acting rank.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (1) an officer holding the acting rank of Lt Colonel subject to the provisions of subparagraph 31(6), on serving for a maximum period of five years from the date of his or she appointment, shall be removed from his or her appointment and placed in an appointment carrying a Commandant rank in Establishments, or otherwise assigned to duties which are of such a nature as not to require the retention of the higher acting rank.

Resignation.

33. (1) An officer, in tendering to the President the resignation of their commission in accordance with section 49 of the Act, shall do so through the usual military channels and in writing under their hand on A.F. 607 which shall be prepared in triplicate and to which may be attached any relevant submission as to the circumstances, causes, etc., of the proposed resignation.

(2) The tender by an officer of the resignation of their commission shall under normal circumstances be witnessed by an officer of the Permanent Defence Force. Where, however, an officer of the Permanent Defence Force is not available to act and subscribe as a witness, any person of one of the following descriptions may act and subscribe as a witness: -

- (a) another officer of the Reserve Defence Force;
- (b) a member of An Garda Síochána of a rank not lower than that of Superintendent;

- (c) a medical doctor;
- (d) a clergyman;
- (e) a barrister-at-law;
- (f) a peace commissioner.

The rank of an officer of the Permanent Defence Force or of the Reserve Defence Force or of an officer of An Garda Síochána, or the qualification of any other authorised person subscribing as a witness, shall be stated in the space provided on the A.F. 607.

(3) The tender by an officer of the resignation of his or her commission shall be transmitted without delay to the Deputy Chief of Staff (Support) through the usual military channels. When transmitting the tender of the resignation by an officer of his or her commission the Officers Commanding concerned shall each make a recommendation as to its acceptance or otherwise.

Relinquishment of commission on age grounds.

34. (1) The ages for the relinquishment of their commissions pursuant to subsection (4) of section 48 of the Act by officers holding the rank of Second-Lieutenant/Ensign, Lieutenant/Sub-Lieutenant, Captain/ Lieutenant, Commandant/Lieutenant-Commander or Lt Colonel in respect of officers commissioned before 01 October 2005 shall be as follows:-

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| (a) | Lt Colonel (AR) | 58 years |
| (b) | Commandant (AR)/ Lieutenant Commander (NSR) | 57 years. |
| (c) | All other officers | 55 years. |

(2) The ages for the relinquishment of their commissions pursuant to subsection (4) of section 48 of the Act by officers commissioned after 01 October 2005 shall be as follows:-

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|-----|---|-----------|
| (a) | Lt Colonel (AR) | 58 years |
| (b) | Commandant (AR)/ Lieutenant Commander (NSR) | 56 years. |
| (c) | Captain (AR)/ Lieutenant (NSR) | 54 years |
| (d) | All other officers | 53 years. |

(3) In the case of an officer-

- (a) who, while attending a course of full-time training or instruction, qualifies for a special rate of pay under subparagraph 67 (2) of these Regulations (being a rate in excess of the regimental rate of pay for an officer of his or her rank) as a Medical Officer, Dental Officer or Engineer Officer,

and

- (b) in regard to whom the Minister is satisfied and so certifies that it would be in the best interests of the service if he continued to serve beyond the age prescribed for his or her rank in subparagraph (2) of this paragraph

the age for the relinquishment of his or her commission pursuant to subsection (4) of section 48 of the Act shall be sixty-five years.

Relinquishment of commission on grounds other than those of age.

35. (1) Pursuant to subsection 48 (2) of the Act, the President may direct that an officer shall relinquish his or her commission for any of the following reasons:-

- (a) that they are below Defence Forces medical standards;
- (b) that they are of unsound mind;
- (c) that they have failed to carry out their military obligations as required by the Act and/or their training obligations defined by Regulations made under the Act;
- (d) that the relinquishment of his or her commission is in the interests of the service.

(2) Where, on examination by a Medical Board, an officer is found to be below Defence Forces medical standards, the facts shall be reported to the Deputy Chief of Staff (Support) who shall initiate proceedings forthwith towards having a direction by the President pursuant to subsection 48 (2) of the Act sought.

(3) When an officer is certified, while on permanent service or service in aid of the civil power or undergoing a course of training or instruction, to be of unsound mind, the Provisions of Part V of Defence Force Regulations A.12 shall apply as if they were an officer of the Permanent Defence Force.

(4) Where an officer residing outside the State is unable to report for duty when called out or ordered or directed to attend for any of the purposes mentioned in paragraph 36 of these Regulations and the Director, Army Medical Corps, is of opinion from a report supplied by a competent medical practitioner, that the officer is below Defence Forces medical standards, the facts shall be reported to the Deputy Chief of Staff (Support) who shall initiate proceedings forthwith towards having a direction by the President pursuant to subsection 48 (2) of the Act sought.

(5) In the interests of the service as provided for in subparagraph (1)(d) hereof, shall include the relinquishment of their commission by an officer who having provided a urine specimen, pursuant to a Compulsory Random Drugs Test or a Targeted Drugs Test as provided for in paragraph 8B of Defence Force Regulations A.7, tests positive for a controlled drug as specified in the Misuse of Drugs Act 1977 as amended, and any substance, product or preparation, declared by order of the Government to be a controlled drug for the purpose of the said Act, or who provides a urine specimen which shows evidence of adulteration, or who refuses to provide a urine specimen when requested to do so, or who fails to report for testing, without sufficient cause, having been ordered to do so, or who for any reason, without sufficient cause, fails to co-operate with a Compulsory Random Drugs Test or a Targeted Drugs Test.

PART V. - CONDITIONS OF SERVICE.

Liability for service – Officers.

36. (1) Pursuant to section 86 of the Act an officer shall be liable -
- (a) to be called out, as may be directed by the Minister, on permanent service during a period during which a proclamation authorising the calling out of personnel of the Reserve Defence Force on permanent service is in force or during a period during which personnel of the Reserve Defence Force are called out on permanent service under section 88 of the Act;
 - (b) to be called out in aid of the civil power as may be directed by the Minister;
 - (c) to attend at a court of inquiry or board as may be ordered or directed by the Deputy Chief of Staff (Support);
 - (d) to attend for medical examination at any time.
- (2) An officer shall render the military service or duty as prescribed in subparagraph (1) hereof within the State, and, in addition, an officer who is employed on a State ship shall be liable to render such military service or duty outside the territorial seas of the State as may be ordered or directed.

Regulations applicable to members when called out.

37. Save where otherwise specifically provided therein, Defence Force Regulations governing personnel of the Permanent Defence Force shall apply equally to members on training, permanent service or service in aid of the civil power.

Voluntary training.

38. The attendance of members at training shall be on a voluntary basis.

Training Obligations

39. (1) (a) In order to qualify for retention on the effective strength of the RDF, members shall be required to attend a minimum of twenty-four training parades, each of not less than two hours' duration, in each training year or the equivalent thereof in hours of training. Where, however, a member is assigned to a unit after the commencement of the training year (other than an officer who, prior to their assignment, was a reservist), such member shall be required to attend, during the period from the date of his assignment to the end of the training year, a minimum of two training parades for each month of such period or the equivalent thereof in hours of training.

(b) In addition members of the Naval Service Reserve may be required to spend not more than two periods afloat, of not less than twenty hours each, in each training year.

(2) For the purpose of subparagraph (1) hereof, but not for any other purpose -

(a) attendance for the full period of an overnight camp or a field day shall be deemed to be attendance at training for a period of four hours;

(b) engagement on security duties provided for in paragraph 41 of these Regulations shall be deemed to be attendance at training on the basis that entitlement to a day's pay shall be equivalent to four hours of training;

(c) attendance at any of the following within the same training year shall be deemed to be attendance at training for twenty-four hours, provided, however, that only one period of twenty-four hours shall be credited in respect of attendance at more than one of the forms of training specified:-

(i) a course of training for not less than seven consecutive days;

(ii) a course of instruction for not less than seven consecutive days;

(iii) a course of basic training or instruction for a continuous period of not less than fourteen days;

(d) Attendance on duties connected with their appointment by a reservist borne on the strength of a Headquarters or equivalent formation shall be deemed to be attendance at training parades.

(e) Attendance on duties associated with employment in Aid to the Civil Authority, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 42 of this regulation shall be deemed to be attendance at training parades.

(3) For the purposes of this paragraph –

(a) an "overnight camp", which may be held at the discretion of the Officer Commanding a Brigade RDF, Group Officer Naval Service Reserve or an officer of the Permanent Defence Force authorised by them in that behalf means a continuous period of training of not less than twenty hours and not more than thirty-six hours during which overnight accommodation is provided for the members, and

(b) a "field day", which may be held at the discretion of the Officer Commanding a Brigade RDF or an officer of the Permanent Defence Force authorised by them in that behalf, means a continuous period of training exceeding five hours and of not more than fifteen hours.

Courses of Training, Instruction and Authorised Duties

40. (1) Members may, with their own consent, be required to attend on one occasion, as soon as possible after the commencement of their service, for a course of basic training or instruction for a continuous period of not less than fourteen and not more than days as maybe

determined by time to time by the Deputy Chief of Staff (Operations) with the approval of the Minister, at such time and at such place as the Officer Commanding the Brigade Reserve or Officer Commanding Shore Operations Naval Service concerned may determine.

(2) In addition, members may, with their own consent, be required to attend a course or courses of instruction or authorised duties, the period or periods of which shall not in the aggregate exceed the number of days allocated by the Deputy Chief of Staff (Operations), with the approval of the Minister.

(3) A member known to be claiming or in receipt of disability benefit allowance from the Department of Social & Family Affairs shall not be eligible for a course of training or instruction.

Security Duties.

41. With the approval of the Minister, members may, with their own consent, be employed on security duties at such times and at such places as the Officer Commanding the Reserve Brigade or Officer Commanding Shore Operations Naval Service may determine, including during courses of training or instruction as prescribed in subparagraphs (1) and (2) of paragraph 40 of these Regulations

Aid to the Civil Authority

42. With the approval of the General Officer Commanding a Brigade or the Flag Officer Commanding the Naval Service, members may, with their own consent, be employed in Aid to the Civil Authority, at such times and at such places as the Officer Commanding the Brigade RDF or Officer Commanding Shore Operations Naval Service may determine.

Leave whilst on course of training or instruction.

43. (1) An officer or reservist may be granted leave, not exceeding three days, with pay at the commencement of or at any time during any continuous course of training or instruction in the following circumstances:-

- (a) in exceptional compassionate circumstances verified after investigation, or
- (b) where the presence of the member is necessary at a trial in a civil court as a witness for the State.

(2) An officer or reservist may also be granted leave with pay at the commencement of or at any time during a continuous course of training or instruction for the purpose of recording his or her vote at a Presidential, Parliamentary, Local Government election or Referendum. Leave so granted shall be for the period necessary to enable the member to record their vote.

(3) In circumstances other than those mentioned in the preceding subparagraphs hereof where a commanding officer considers it in the best interests of the service to release a member from a continuous course of training or instruction before the termination of such course they may at any time so release them for the unexpired period of such course; provided, however, that where the presence of an officer or reservist is necessary at a trial in a civil court as a witness other than for the State, they may, in lieu of being released from service for the residue unexpired of the period of the course, be granted leave without pay at the discretion of their commanding officer.

(4) The officer authorised to grant leave under this paragraph shall be the Camp Commandant of the Camp or the officer commanding the unit of the Defence Forces with which the member is undergoing training or instruction.

Training year.

44. The training year for all members shall be the calendar year 1 January to 31 December inclusive.

Pay and allowances when on permanent service or service in aid of the civil power.

45. Pay and allowances (except uniform allowance) at the rates and under the conditions prescribed for members of the Permanent Defence Force shall be payable to members when on permanent service or service in aid of the civil power provided, however, that an officer's incremental service only shall be taken into account in reckoning the number of years they have been in a particular rank.

PART VI. - DISCIPLINE.

Production in civil courts of departmental records, service books, etc.

46. (1) Departmental records, service books, Unit records or other official documents shall not be produced in the civil courts in any proceedings to which the State is not a party save on an order from the Court, or a judge, or on receipt of a subpoena duces tecum describing the particular document or documents required.

(2) On the receipt of such order or subpoena, the matter shall, without delay, be referred to the Secretary General so that the Minister's decision may be obtained as to whether objection should be made in Court on behalf of the Minister to production on the grounds that disclosure of the documents would be prejudicial to the public service.

Record and evidence of absence of members called out, etc.

47. Where a member who is called out on permanent service or in aid of the civil power fails to appear at the time and place at which they are required upon such calling out to attend, and their absence continues for not less than fourteen days, an entry of such absence shall be made pursuant to section 244 of the Act, by the commanding officer of the member concerned in the Register of Non-Reporting members and such entry shall be conclusive evidence of the fact of such absence.

Court of inquiry on absent reservist.

48. Where a court of inquiry is assembled pursuant to subsection (2) of section 174 of the Act, the provisions of Defence Force Regulations A.5 and Rules of Procedure (Defence Forces), 1954, shall apply.

Non-effective list.

49. (1) Where a member –

- (a) fails, except as prescribed in subparagraph (2) hereof, to attend the prescribed minimum number of training parades or their equivalent in hours of training in any training year, or
- (b) absents themselves without leave while attending a course of training or instruction and remains absent for the residue unexpired of such course, or
- (c) remains outside the State for a continuous period of more than six months without permission,

they shall be posted to a non-effective list by the Officer Commanding the Unit.

(2) Where, because of prolonged illness or absence from the State with permission, a member fails in a particular training year to attend the prescribed minimum number of training parades or their equivalent in hours of training, such member shall not, because of such failure only, be posted to a non-effective list, provided, however, that where, because of prolonged illness or absence from the State with permission, they fail in two successive training years to attend the prescribed minimum number of training parades or their equivalent in hours of training, they shall be posted to a non-effective list by the Officer Commanding the Unit.

(3) Where a reservist is posted to a non-effective list, they shall be struck off the effective strength of their Unit forthwith. They shall not thereafter, except as provided in paragraph 50 of these Regulations, be permitted to attend at any reserve training but shall remain liable to be called out on permanent service, or for service in aid of the civil power.

Removal from non-effective list.

50. (1) A member may, on their own application and with the approval of the General Officer Commanding the Command or the Flag Officer Commanding the Naval Service concerned, be removed from a non-effective list and retaken on the effective strength of their Unit. A member on the non-effective list who failed to surrender all the articles of uniform and equipment issued to them shall not, however, be retaken on the effective strength, unless and until he or she either –

- (a) produces the articles which they so failed to surrender, or some of them, and pays –

- (i) for any damage to the articles produced caused otherwise than by fair wear and tear, and
 - (ii) the unexpired wear value of any articles deficient;
- or
- (b) pays the unexpired wear value of the articles of uniform and equipment that they failed to surrender.

Official documents - care and custody of.

51. A member is forbidden to make, or allow to be made, any alteration or erasure in, or otherwise to tamper with, any certificate or other official document in their possession relating to their service in the Reserve. They are forbidden to part with any official document relating to their Reserve Defence Force service, save when instructed to do so by the Officer Commanding the Unit or the Officer i/c Other Ranks Management Section, or when requested to do so by a member of the Garda Síochána acting in the execution of their duty.

Limitation as to residence.

52. (1) Except as provided herein a member shall not reside outside the State or engage in any occupation which would necessitate his leaving the State for a continuous period of more than six months.

(2) The Officer Commanding the Unit may permit a reservist to reside outside the State for a period of not more than six months.

(3) An Officer Commanding a Reserve Brigade or Group Officer Naval Service Reserve may permit an officer to reside outside the State for a period of not more than twelve months.

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraphs (2) and (3) the Deputy Chief of Staff (Support) may permit an officer or a reservist to reside outside the State for a period of not more than two years.

(5) A member granted permission to leave the State shall, on his or her return, immediately notify his or her arrival to the Officer Commanding the Unit concerned through the usual channels. If an officer fails so to notify his or her return on or before the date due, he or she shall be presumed to be resident, without permission, outside the State, and the question of his or her retention in the Defence Forces shall be forthwith considered.

Prohibitions.

53. Members are forbidden, save in accordance with the provisions of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014, -

- (a) to comment on political questions in speeches at military or service gatherings such as prize distributions, concerts or similar functions;
- (b) to communicate directly or indirectly with members of the Oireachtas or with officials or members of other public bodies on any military matter whether personal or otherwise;
- (c) to take part in the drawing-up of memorials on any matters concerned with command and discipline;
- (d) to communicate to any person not officially entitled to receive them official reports or correspondence or copies thereof;
- (e) to grant interviews or divulge information to members of the public on matters concerning the reserve, or any other element of the Defence Forces;
- (f) to offer for publication, or otherwise to cause to be published, any article or letter on any matter concerning the reserve, or any other element of the Defence Forces without the prior authority of a General Officer Commanding a Brigade or the Flag Officer Commanding the Naval Service concerned.

Prohibition of political activities while on permanent service.

54. (1) A member, while called out on permanent service, shall not join or be a member of, or subscribe to, or canvass or collect for, any political organisation or society whatsoever.

(2) Where a member, who is for the time being a member of a political organisation or society, is called out on permanent service, such member shall immediately sever his connection with such organisation or society.

(3) A member, while called out on permanent service, shall not address a political meeting.

Redress of Wrongs.

55. The provisions relative to the redress of wrongs in Defence Force Regulations A.7 shall apply to members of the Reserve Defence Force.

PART VII. - DISCHARGE.

Reasons and authorities for discharge.

56. (1) Subject to the provisions of section 81 of the Act, a reservist may be discharged for any of the reasons shown in column (1) of the table to this subparagraph. The wording to be used in recording the reason for the discharge shall be that shown in column (1). The officer authorised pursuant to section 73 of the Act to direct the discharge or the military authority prescribed pursuant to section 80 of the Act to order the discharge (as the case may be) is as shown in column (2) of the table opposite each reason. The special instructions shown in column (3) opposite the particular reason shall apply.

Reason for Discharge. (1)	Officer Authorised or Prescribed Military Authority. (2)	Special Instructions. (3)
<i>(a)</i> On termination of their engagement.	Army Reserve - OIC Records & Data Management. Naval Service Reserve - Group Officer	In the case of a reservist whose retention in force is desired, discharge for this reason shall be directed only when it has been ascertained that the reservist does not wish to extend the term of their original enlistment or to be re-engaged or to continue in service or that he is ineligible for such extension or re-engagement or continuance in service.
<i>(b)</i> Below Defence Forces medical standards.	Army Reserve - OIC Records & Data Management. Naval Service Reserve - Group Officer	A reservist shall be discharged for this reason when they are medically classified Grade X, as defined in Defence Force Regulations A 12 (Part VI), by a medical board. For this purpose they shall be treated as if they were a member of the Permanent Defence Force. When a reservist is certified, while on permanent service or service in aid of the civil power or undergoing a course of training or instruction, to be of unsound mind, the provisions of Part V of Defence Force Regulations A.12 shall apply as if they were a member of the Permanent Defence Force.40
<i>(c)</i> For the purpose of enlisting in the Permanent Defence Force.	Army Reserve - OIC Records & Data Management. Naval Service Reserve - Group Officer.	Discharge under this subparagraph shall include discharge on being awarded a cadetship in the Permanent Defence Force.
<i>(d)</i> For the purpose of being appointed to be an officer.	Army Reserve - OIC Records & Data Management. Naval Service Reserve - Group Officer	A discharge under this subparagraph shall take effect as from the date preceding that on which the appointment takes effect.
<i>(e)</i> At their own request	General Officer Commanding the Brigade or Formation or the Flag Officer Commanding the Naval Service	Discharge shall be directed only on application by the reservist concerned for their discharge on compassionate grounds and shall not be effected until the reservist has made good any public or service debt there maybe due from him or her.
<i>(f)</i> Their services being no longer required.	General Officer Commanding the Brigade or Formation or Flag Officer Commanding the Naval Service	<i>(i)</i> The application for discharge shall be accompanied by full particulars of the case and the remarks and recommendations of the Officer Commanding the Unit.

Reason for Discharge. (1)	Officer Authorised or Prescribed Military Authority. (2)	Special Instructions. (3)
		(ii) Applies in the case of an enlisted person who having provided a urine specimen, pursuant to a Compulsory Random Drugs Test or a Targeted Drugs Test as provided for in paragraph 8B of Defence Force Regulations A.7, tests positive for a controlled drug as specified in the Misuse of Drugs Act 1977 as amended, and any substance, product or preparation, declared by order of the Government to be a controlled drug for the purpose of the said Act, or who provides a urine specimen which shows evidence of adulteration, or who refuses to provide a urine specimen when requested to do so, or who fails to report for testing, without sufficient cause, having been ordered to do so, or who for any reason, without sufficient cause, fails to co-operate with a Compulsory Random Drugs Test or a Targeted Drugs Test.
(g) (i) As a result of conviction by the civil power. (ii) As a result of conviction by the Special Criminal Court.	General Officer Commanding the Brigade or Formation or the Flag Officer Commanding the Naval Service.	The General Officer Commanding the Command or the Flag Officer Commanding the Naval Service shall decide in each case of conviction if the offence is sufficiently grave to justify discharge or if the nature of the offence is such as to render the continued retention of the reservist undesirable. Discharge under this subparagraph shall not be directed until it has been ascertained that no appeal is pending, or, where an appeal has been made, until the appeal has been heard and determined.
(h) Determination of engagement.	General Officer Commanding the Brigade or Formation or Flag Officer Commanding the Naval Service	Reason for Discharge under this subparagraph will be amplified in cases where it will benefit the individual concerned.
(i) Having knowingly made a false answer on attestation.	General Officer Commanding the Brigade or Formation or the Flag Officer Commanding the Naval Service	When a reservist has been convicted of an offence under section 252 of the Act, full details of the case and the remarks and recommendations of the Officer

Reason for Discharge. (1)	Officer Authorised or Prescribed Military Authority. (2)	Special Instructions. (3)
		Commanding the Unit shall be submitted to the General Officer Commanding the Brigade or Formation or Flag Officer Commanding the Naval Service.
<i>(j)</i> Discharge by purchase	General Officer Commanding the Brigade or Formation or Flag Officer Commanding the Naval Service	A reservist's application for discharge under section 75 of the Act must be made to the Officer Commanding the Unit and must be accompanied by the sum of €. The Officer Commanding the Unit, on receipt of the application, shall transmit the sum to the Secretary General. The reservist's discharge shall not be ordered until notification is received from the Secretary General in that this sum has been duly lodged to the credit of the Defence Vote.
<i>(k)</i> Under age on enlistment.	Army Reserve - OIC Records & Data Management. Naval Service Reserve – Group Officer 42	Where a reservist is found to be under the age of eighteen years, their Commanding Officer shall forthwith apply for the discharge of such reservist.
<i>(l)</i> Having been claimed as an apprentice.	Army Reserve - OIC Records & Data Management. Naval Service Reserve – Group Officer	When the requirements of section 77 of the Act have been complied with, the OIC Records & Data Management shall order the discharge without delay and the discharge shall be effected with all convenient speed.
<i>(m)</i> Serving without engagements.	Army Reserve - OIC Records & Data Management. Naval Service Reserve – Group Officer	Where a person has accepted pay, a grant or other payment as a reservist but has neither been attested nor re-engaged as a reservist, he should in accordance with section 78 of the Act, be discharged with all convenient speed at any time on their claiming such discharge.
<i>(n)</i> (i) Having been improperly enlisted; (ii) Having been improperly attested; (iii) Having been improperly re-engaged; (iv) Having been	Army Reserve - OIC Records & Data Management. Naval Service Reserve – Group Officer	Where there has been any material error or illegality in the enlistment, attestation, re-engagement or continuance in service of a reservist and such reservist claims their discharge on the ground of such error or illegality within three months after he or she first accepted pay, a grant or other payment as a reservist after the date of his or her attestation, re-engagement or

Reason for Discharge. (1)	Officer Authorised or Prescribed Military Authority. (2)	Special Instructions. (3)
improperly continued in service.		continuance in service, or at any time if they have not accepted pay, a grant or other payment as a reservist after such date, they shall be discharged with all convenient speed in accordance with section 79 of the Act.
<i>(p)</i> For the purpose of re-enlistment.	Army Reserve - OIC Records & Data Management. Naval Service Reserve – Group Officer	Applies in the case of a reservist who is discharged for the purpose of re-enlistment pursuant to paragraph 25 of these Regulations
<i>(q)</i> Their services being no longer required	General Officer Commanding the Brigade or Formation or Flag Officer Commanding the Naval Service ⁴³	The application for discharge shall be accompanied by full particulars of the case and of the remarks and recommendations of the Officer Commanding the Reserve Brigade, the Group Commander and the unit Commander. ⁴³
<i>(r)</i> Not proved suitable for service in the Reserve.	General Officer Commanding the Brigade or Formation or the Flag Officer Commanding the Naval Service	The discharge of a reservist found unsuitable for service in the reserve under the provisions of paragraph 54 of these regulations shall be directed for this reason.
<i>(s)</i> as a result of being non-effective	General Officer Commanding the Brigade or Formation or the Flag Officer Commanding the Naval Service	Where a reservist has been non-effective for a period of more than two years.

(2) The wording to be used in recording the reason for discharge in the case of a reservist who stands discharged pursuant to section 74 of the Act shall be "On becoming a member of Dáil Éireann" or "On becoming a member of Seanad Éireann" or "On assuming the office of representative in the Assembly of the European Union" or "On becoming a member of the Legislative assembly of Northern Ireland", as may be appropriate.

(3) The discharge of a reservist, when directed under section 73 of the Act or ordered under section 80 of the Act, shall be carried out by the Officer Commanding the Unit concerned in the manner prescribed in instructions issued by the Deputy Chief of Staff (Support).

(4) A reservist shall not be required to attend personally for the purpose of discharge.

Discharge procedure.

57. The Deputy Chief of Staff (Support), pursuant to the provisions of Part III of Defence Force Regulations S.1, shall issue Administrative Instructions, not inconsistent with the provisions of the Act or of these regulations, laying down the procedures and administrative arrangements for the discharge of reservists.

PART VIII. - DRESS.

Administrative Instructions.

58. The Deputy Chief of Staff (Support), pursuant to the provisions of Part III of Defence Force Regulations S.1, shall issue Administrative Instructions, not inconsistent with the provisions of the Act or of these regulations, laying down the procedures and administrative arrangements, regarding dress for members of the Reserve.

Uniform – wearing of.

59. (1) Uniform shall be worn by members -
- (a) when on military duty, and
 - (b) when proceeding to and from parades or other military duty.
- (2) Uniform may be worn by members -
- (a) when attending Church Services;
 - (b) when attending social functions promoted under State or official military auspices, or promoted by recognised Welfare Committees of the Defence Forces;
 - (c) on such other occasions as may be permitted by -
 - (i) the General Officer Commanding the Formation or Flag Officer Commanding the Naval Service in the case of officers, and
 - (ii) the Officer Commanding the Unit in the case of reservists.

Uniform - prohibition of wearing.

60. (1) Members shall not wear uniform outside the State, whether in the course of duty or not, except where the members concerned -
- (a) are serving on board a State ship or aircraft, or,
 - (b) have been granted prior permission by the Deputy Chief of Staff (Support), or have been directed by the Deputy Chief of Staff (Support), to wear uniform.

(2) Uniform shall not be worn by members attending a political meeting.

(3) Uniform or any article shall not be worn by members on any occasion other than those set out in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph or in the Administrative Instruction issued by the Deputy Chief of Staff (Support) pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 59 of this Regulation.

PART IX. - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

Transfers and postings.

61. The Deputy Chief of Staff (Support), pursuant to the provisions of Part III of Defence Force Regulations S.1, shall issue Administrative Instructions, not inconsistent with the provisions of the Act or of these regulations, laying down the procedures and administrative arrangements relating to the transfer and posting of reservists.

Assignment to from one particular class to another.

62. A reservist serving on an engagement in the Enlisted Personnel (Army Reserve) or Enlisted Personnel (Naval Service Reserve) may, subject to the provisions of paragraph 10 of these Regulations be assigned from a particular class to another class.

Use of rank.

63. An officer shall, when using their military rank for any purpose, insert after such rank the letters, in brackets - (A.R) or (N.S.R.), as appropriate.

Personal publicity - prohibition of.

64. (a) Members are forbidden to seek personal publicity in any way in connection with their service in the Defence Forces.
- (b) Members shall not supply for publication, other than through official channels, photographs or particulars connected with their personal services in the Defence Forces.

Military text books - publication of.

65. The provisions of paragraph 64 of these Regulations do not preclude an officer from publishing textbooks or articles on military subjects over their own name and rank provided that no official sanction or approval is claimed, by implication or otherwise, for such publications unless such sanction or approval has been properly obtained. Where it is considered that such textbooks would be of general or particular use to the Defence Forces,

official approval may be sought and, if obtained, this fact may be stated in the publications in respect of which such approval has been granted.

Orders and instructions - knowledge of.

66. Officers shall acquaint themselves with all orders, instructions, training directives, etc., issued to them from time to time and arrange for compliance and action as may be necessary.

PART X. - FINANCIAL PROVISIONS.

Section I. - Pay and Allowances - Officers.

Pay.

67. (1) (a) The regimental rate of pay appropriate to his or her rank and service in rank, prescribed in subparagraph 16 (1) of Defence Force Regulations S.3 for an officer of the Permanent Defence Force shall apply to an officer attending at any of the courses of training or instruction or authorised duties provided for in paragraph 40 of these Regulations or employed on security duties provided for in paragraph 41. For the purposes of this subparagraph "service in rank" shall mean incremental service in rank.
- (b) The maximum rate of pay appropriate to officers of their rank on assignment shall, for so long as he retains such rank, apply in the case of an officer who is assigned to the Reserve of Officers in a rank lower than the rank (including acting rank) which he held either in the Permanent Defence Force or in any other class of the Reserve Defence Force immediately prior to their becoming an officer of the Reserve of Officers.
- (2) The pay applicable to Medical Officers, Dental Officers and Engineer Officers of the Reserve attending in their professional capacity throughout any of the courses of training or instruction provided for in paragraph 40 of these Regulations or employment on security duties provided for in paragraph 41,
- (a) who possess the professional qualifications in respect of which pay is issuable to Medical Officers, Dental Officers or Engineer Officers of the Permanent Defence Force under the provisions of subparagraph 16 (3) of Defence Force Regulations S.3; and
- (b) who are filling vacancies in the Establishment for Medical Officers, Dental Officers or Engineer Officers, as the case may be,

shall be the regimental pay appropriate to their rank and service in rank plus pay at the rate appropriate to their professional qualifications, rank and service in rank, prescribed in subparagraph 16 (3) of Defence Force Regulations S.3. For the purposes of this subparagraph "service in rank" shall mean incremental service in rank.

- (3) An Officer of the Naval Service Reserve may be paid patrol duty allowance at the appropriate rate prescribed in paragraph 74 of Defence Force Regulations S.3 when attending at any course of training or instruction provided for in paragraph 39 of these regulations.
- (4) Except as provided in subparagraphs 43 (1), 43 (2) and subparagraph (5) of this paragraph of these Regulations, pay under the provisions of this paragraph shall be granted only in respect of each day's attendance at a course of training or instruction including (except in the case of an officer to whom the provisions of subparagraph (4) hereof apply) the date of reporting for duty and the date of release from or termination of such duty.
- (5) Subject to the provisions of subparagraph (5) of this paragraph, where an officer undergoes a course of instruction as provided for in paragraph 40 of these Regulations in separate periods, each of not less than twenty hours' duration, one day's pay shall be issuable in respect of each such period.
- (6) Where an officer is employed on security duties provided for in paragraph 41 of these Regulations, pay shall be issuable in respect of each separate period of such duty on the following basis:

(a) WEEKEND DUTY (a period of duty not less than 16 and not exceeding 72 hours from Friday to Monday):

Period	Pay Issuable
Over 16 hours and not exceeding 30 hours	One day's pay
Over 30 hours and not exceeding 54 hours	Two days' pay
Over 54 hours and not exceeding 72 hours	Three days' pay.

(b) NIGHT DUTY (a period of duty which includes not less than 6 hours between 18.00 hours and 08.00 hours).

One day's pay shall be issuable in respect of each such period but pay shall not be issuable in respect of more than one such period in any 24 hours.

- (6) A day's pay shall be computed as 1/365th of the prescribed annual rate.

Children's Allowances - officers.

68. (1) An officer who attends at any of the courses of training or instruction or is employed on security duties as provided for in paragraph 40 or paragraph 41, respectively, of these Regulations shall, subject to the remaining provisions of this paragraph, be granted children's allowance at the rate prescribed in subparagraph 46 (1) of Defence Force Regulations S.3 in respect of each dependent child for each day for which pay is issuable under the provisions of paragraph 67 of these Regulations.

(2) Where a child is adopted by an officer and their spouse or common law partner under the Adoption Acts, 1952 to 1991, children's allowance shall be payable under

subparagraph (1) of this paragraph with effect from the date, as certified by An Bórd Uchtála, on which the officer and their spouse or common law partner obtained custody of the child.

(3) Children's allowance payable under the provisions of this paragraph shall continue to be payable during duly authorised leave with pay. Such allowance shall not be payable for any period during which pay is forfeited.

(4) Children's allowance shall cease to be payable -

- (a) on the death of a child;
- (b) on the date on which the child ceases to be dependent; or
- (c) when the child ceases to be a child as defined in Defence Force Regulations S3.

An officer shall notify the Secretary General (Reserve Pay Section), without delay, whenever any of the circumstances referred to at (a), (b) and (c) above arise in relation to a child in respect of whom an allowance is being paid.

(5) the Secretary General may, at any time, require an officer to furnish such information as they may consider desirable for the purpose of satisfying themselves that payment of children's allowance is in order.

- (6) (i) Except as provided at (ii) hereof, children's allowance shall not be issuable to an officer appointed to be an officer on or after the 1st January, 1979.
- (ii) Children's allowance shall be issuable to an officer who, immediately before their appointment to be an officer, was a reservist enlisted prior to the 1st January, 1979.

**Pay and allowances when on permanent service or service
in aid of the civil power.**

69. Pay and allowances (except uniform allowance) at the rates and under the conditions prescribed for officers of the Permanent Defence Force shall be payable to officers when on permanent service or service in aid of the civil power provided, however, that an officer's incremental service only shall be taken into account in reckoning the number of years they have been in a particular rank.

Incremental service.

70. For the purpose of paragraph 69 of these Regulations a year's incremental service shall be deemed to be 365 days in the aggregate, comprised of any or all of the following periods:-

- (a) periods of permanent service;
- (b) periods of service in aid of the civil power;
- (c) periods of training or instruction under the provisions of paragraph 40 of these Regulations;
- (d) periods of employment on security duties under the provisions of paragraph 41 of these Regulations in respect of which pay is issuable.

Rations.

71. (1) Rations, on the scale prescribed for personnel of the Permanent Defence Force, for breakfast and/or dinner and/or tea as may be appropriate, may be issued to reservists while performing duties of a military nature of not less than five hours' duration and in respect of which pay is not issuable.

(2) Subject to the provisions of subparagraphs (3), (4), (5) and (6) hereof, the issue of rations to an officer who is performing duties of a military nature in respect of which pay is issuable under the provisions of paragraph 67 of these Regulations shall be governed by the conditions prescribed in Defence Force Regulations Q.7 for the issue of rations to an officer.

(3) The issue of rations to an officer under this paragraph shall be on a repayment basis and, subject to the provisions of subparagraphs (4) and (5) hereof, a deduction at the rate applicable to officers of the Permanent Defence Force under paragraph 28 of Defence Force Regulations S.3 for rations issued to them on a repayment basis shall be made from the pay of an officer in respect of each day during which he is in receipt of rations.

(4) Subject to the provisions of subparagraphs (5) and (6) hereof, exemption from a deduction from pay under subparagraph (3) hereof shall be granted to a married officer who is normally resident with his family in respect of rations issued during a period during which, due to the exigencies of the service, he is separated from his family and is required to live and sleep in military accommodation.

(5) Exemption from a deduction from pay under subparagraph (4) hereof shall not apply in respect of rations issued during any period during which the officer is in receipt of an allowance under paragraph 101 of these Regulations.

(6) Where a married officer desires to claim exemption under subparagraph (4) hereof from a deduction from pay in respect of rations issued to him he shall complete A.F. 669 monthly and forward it, duly certified, so as to reach An Rúnaí (A.4 (b)) not later than the 10th day of the month following that to which it relates.

(7) Within seven days from the date of termination of each Provisions Accounting Period, a statement indicating the officers to whom, and the number of days on which, rations

have been issued to each such officer during such period shall be published in the Routine Orders of the units which indented for such rations. A copy of every Routine Order containing such a publication shall be forwarded so as to reach An Rúnaí (A.4 (b)) not later than the 10th day of the month following the period to which the publication relates. Two further copies shall be forwarded to the Quartermaster of the unit which operates the relevant provision account who shall submit one such copy with the provision account.

Initial uniform allowance.

72. (1) A person who has been appointed to be an officer of the Reserve of Officers (Army Reserve) or Reserve of Officers (Naval Service Reserve) shall be paid an initial allowance as defined in sub-paragraph (2) hereunder, towards the cost of providing themselves with, in the case of an officer of the Army Reserve a uniform tunic/jacket and trousers of approved officers' pattern and standard and in the case of an officer of the Naval Service Reserve a uniform overcoat (with necessary insignia), reefer coat (with necessary insignia and badges), and trousers of approved officer pattern and standard. The allowance shall be payable on application supported by a certificate from the Officer Commanding the Unit to which the officer is attached, that they have provided themselves with the required uniform.

(2) The rates of initial uniform allowance are as follows:

Reserve of Officers (Army Reserve)	Reserve of Officers (Naval Service Reserve)
Initial Allowance €30	Initial Allowance €1090

(2) A person who has been appointed to be an officer of the Reserve of Officers (Army Reserve) shall be refunded the vouched cost in respect of the purchase of a Sam Browne belt. The refund shall be payable on application supported by a certificate from the Officer Commanding the Unit to which the officer is attached, that they have provided themselves with this item in accordance with paragraph 116(1) of this regulation.

Uniform replenishment allowance.

73. (1) An allowance, in the case of an officer of the Army Reserve, for the purpose of maintaining the uniform tunic/jacket and trousers and in the case of an Officer of the Naval Service Reserve, for the purpose of maintained the uniform overcoat (with necessary insignia), reefer coat (with necessary insignia and badges) and trousers, in accordance with Defence Force Regulations shall be paid to an officer in accordance with subparagraph (2) hereunder with effect from the second anniversary of the commissioning date and each year thereafter in respect of each year in which they complete a continuous period of at least seven days' full time training or instruction or attends at least twenty-four local training parades, or their equivalent in hours of training.

(2) The rates of Uniform Replenishment Allowance are as follows:

Reserve of Officers (Army Reserve)	Reserve of Officers (Naval Service Reserve)
Replenishment Allowance €126	Replenishment Allowance €118

- (3) An allowance shall not be paid under the provisions of subparagraph (1) of this paragraph -
- (i) in respect of any year in which an officer is paid an allowance under paragraph 72 of these Regulations; and
 - (ii) until an officer has first been paid an initial uniform allowance under paragraph 72 of these Regulations.

Messing allowance - officers.

74. (1) Subject to the provisions of subparagraph (2) hereof, an allowance representing the vouched amount of an officer's contribution towards the messing fund account of their Mess as determined under the provisions of paragraph 14 of Defence Force Regulations A.13, may be paid to a officer, who due to the exigencies of the service is required to live and sleep in military accommodation while engaged on duties of a military nature in respect of which pay is issuable under the provisions of paragraph 67 of these Regulations.

- (2) An allowance shall not be payable under this paragraph -
- (i) for a longer continuous period than 183 days except in the case of an officer attending a course of instruction of longer duration; or
 - (ii) in respect of any day on which the officer is issued with rations or for which he or she is otherwise not required to contribute to the messing fund account of the Officers' Mess; or
 - (iii) in respect of any period during which the officer is in receipt of an allowance under paragraph 101 of these Regulations.

Section II. - Pay and Allowances - Reservists.

Pay.

75. (1) The rates of pay prescribed in paragraph 18 of Defence Force Regulations S.3 in respect of members of the Army Reserve and paragraph 104 of Defence Force Regulations S.3 in respect of members of the Naval Service Reserve for personnel of the Permanent Defence Force shall apply to reservists of corresponding ranks, grades and classes attending at any of the courses of training or instruction or other authorised duties provided for in paragraph 40 of these Regulations or engaged on security duties provided for in paragraph 41.

(2) Reckonable service for the purpose of subparagraph 18 (1) of Defence Force Regulations S.3 in respect of members of the Army Reserve and paragraph 104 (1) of

Defence Force Regulations S.3 in respect of members of the Naval Service Reserve, as applied to reservists, shall consist of -

- (a) periods of permanent service;
- (b) periods of service in aid of the civil power;
- (c) periods of training and instruction or other authorised duties under the provisions of paragraph 40 of these Regulations in respect of which pay is issuable, and
- (d) periods of employment on security duties under the provisions of paragraph 41 of these Regulations in respect of which pay is issuable;

but shall not include the following -

- (e) any time in respect of which pay has been forfeited except-
 - (i) any period of absence without leave not exceeding seven days, and
 - (ii) any period (not exceeding seven days) in service or civil custody whilst awaiting disposal of a charge of which convicted;
 - (f) any period of indefinite leave;
 - (g) any period of special leave without pay.
- (3) (a) Except as provided in subparagraphs 43(1), 43(2) and subparagraph (6) of this paragraph of these Regulations, pay under the provisions of this paragraph shall be granted only in respect of each day's attendance at a course of training or instruction, including (subject, however, to the provisions of subparagraphs (4) and (5) hereof) the date of reporting for duty and the date of release from or termination of such duty.
- (c) Except in the case of a reservist who is released on medical grounds for causes outside their own control or on compassionate grounds, or to whom the provisions of subparagraph (4) or (6) of this paragraph apply, pay shall not be granted under the provisions of this paragraph in respect of any day of a period of training or instruction where attendance at such training or instruction was for less than seven days in the aggregate.

(4) Subject to the provisions of subparagraph (6) of this paragraph, where a reservist undergoes a course of instruction as provided for in subparagraph 40 of these Regulations in separate periods, each of not less than twenty hours' duration, one day's pay shall be issuable in respect of each such period.

(5) A reservist, who, on the day on which they are required to attend under these Regulations, reports less than six hours after the hour at which he or she was due to report, but at an hour which prevents the completion of the preliminaries of mobilisation on that day, shall not be entitled to receive pay in respect of that day.

(6) Where a reservist is engaged on security duties provided for in paragraph 41 of these Regulations, pay shall be issuable in respect of each separate period of such duty on the following basis:

- (a) WEEKEND DUTY (a period of duty not less than 16 and not exceeding 72 hours from Friday to Monday).

Period	Pay Issuable
Over 16 hours and not exceeding 30 hours	One day's pay
Over 30 hours and not exceeding 54 hours	Two days' pay
Over 54 hours and not exceeding 72 hours	Three days' pay

- (b) NIGHT DUTY (a period of duty which includes not less than 6 hours between 18.00 hours and 08.00 hours).

One day's pay shall be issuable in respect of each such period but pay shall not be issuable in respect of more than one such period in any 24 hours.

Patrol Duty Allowance

76. A reservist of the (Naval Service Reserve) may be paid patrol duty allowance at the appropriate rate prescribed in paragraph 74 of Defence Force Regulations S3 when attending at any course of training or instruction or other authorised duties provided for in paragraph 40 of these regulations.

Rations and accommodation.

77. (1) The provisions of subparagraphs (1), (2) and (4) of paragraph 41A of Defence Force Regulations S.3 relating to married and single soldiers shall apply to married and single reservists while they are attending at any of the courses of training or instruction or other authorised duties provided for in paragraph 40, or engaged on security duties provided for in paragraph 41, of these Regulations.

(2) Where a reservist is, due to the exigencies of the service, required to live and sleep in military accommodation while attending at any of the courses of training or instruction or other authorised duties provided for in paragraph 40, or employed on security duties provided for in paragraph 41, of these Regulations, a deduction shall not be made from their pay in respect of rations or accommodation.

(3) Rations on the scale prescribed for personnel of the Permanent Defence Force for breakfast and/or dinner and/or tea, as may be appropriate, may be issued to reservists while performing duties of a military nature of not less than five hours' duration in respect of which pay is not issuable.

Children's allowance.

78. (1) While attending at any of the courses of training or instruction or other authorised duties provided for in paragraph 40 or employed on security duties provided for in paragraph

41 of these Regulations, a married reservist shall, subject to the provisions of subparagraph (2) of this paragraph, be eligible for children's allowance at the rate and subject to the conditions prescribed in Defence Force Regulations S.3 for non-commissioned officers and privates of the Permanent Defence Force.

(2) Children's allowance shall not be issuable to a reservist enlisted on or after the 1st January, 1979.

Children's allowance - cessation of.

79. Children's allowance in respect of any child shall cease to be payable

(i) on the death of the child

or

(ii) when the child ceases to be a child as defined in clause (c)(B) of paragraph 1 of these Regulations.

Whenever either of the circumstances referred to at (i) and (ii) above arises in relation to a child in respect of whom an allowance is being paid the reservist concerned shall notify the fact to the Officer Commanding their Unit in writing without delay, and the Officer Commanding the Unit shall transmit such notification to the Secretary General without delay.

Children's allowance - when not issuable.

80. (1) Children's allowance shall not be issued in respect of -

(a) a child who is being maintained in an institution (other than a hospital) from moneys provided by the Oireachtas or a local authority; or

(b) a child living with their mother who is separated from their spouse except where the Secretary General directs otherwise; or

(c) a child in respect of whom a pension is being drawn; or

(d) a girl between the ages of 16 and 21 years who is married; or

(e) a girl between the ages of 16 and 21 years who does not reside with her parents and is not dependent on them.

(2) Immediately a reservist's child enters any institution (other than a hospital) where they are maintained from moneys provided by the Oireachtas or a local authority the reservist shall notify the Officer Commanding their Unit who shall notify the Secretary General (Reserve Pay Section).

Initial Uniform Allowance - senior non-commissioned officers. (Army Reserve).

81. (1) Subject to the provisions of subparagraph (2) of this paragraph a non-commissioned officer on promotion to the rank of Sergeant-Major or Battalion Quartermaster-Sergeant shall be paid an initial allowance of €30 with effect from 1 January 2002 towards the cost of providing themselves with a uniform tunic and trousers of approved officer pattern and standard.

(2) The allowance shall be paid on application supported by a certificate from the Officer Commanding the Unit to which the said non-commissioned officer is attached, stating that the non-commissioned officer has provided the items of uniform as specified in subparagraph (1).

(3) A non-commissioned officer on promotion to the rank of Sergeant-Major or Battalion Quartermaster-Sergeant shall be refunded the vouched cost in respect of the purchase of a Sam Browne belt. The refund shall be payable on application supported by a certificate from the Officer Commanding the Unit to which the officer is attached, that they have provided themselves with this item.

Uniform Replenishment Allowance - senior non-commissioned officers. (Army Reserve).

82. (1) An allowance of €26 for the purpose of maintaining the uniform tunic and trousers in accordance with Defence Force Regulations shall be paid to a non-commissioned officer with effect from the second anniversary of their appointment date and each year thereafter in respect of each year in which they complete a continuous period of at least twenty-four local training parades, or their equivalent in hours of training.

(2) An allowance shall not be paid under the provisions of subparagraph (1) of this paragraph:-

- (i) in respect of any year in which a Sergeant-Major or Battalion Quartermaster-Sergeant is paid an allowance subject to the provisions of Paragraph 81 of these Regulations; and
- (ii) until a Sergeant-Major or Battalion Quartermaster-Sergeant has been paid an initial uniform allowance under the provisions of Paragraph 81 of these Regulations.

Section III. - Forfeitures and Deductions.

Forfeitures and deductions.

83. (1) Except as otherwise specifically provided in these Regulations, pay, allowances and all other emoluments issuable to an officer or reservist shall be issued subject to the conditions prescribed for officers and personnel of the Permanent Defence Force.

(2) Pay, allowances and all other emoluments issuable to officers and reservists shall be liable to the forfeitures and deductions prescribed in Defence Force Regulations S.3 in relation to the pay, allowances and all other emoluments of officers and personnel of the Permanent Defence Force.

Section IV. - Grants, motor travel allowance, unit and welfare funds.

Grants.

84. (1) A grant from public funds of such amount as may be determined by the Secretary General, but not exceeding the appropriate maximum amount set out in the table to this subparagraph, shall be payable annually by the 31st March or as soon as possible thereafter in each year to each Unit Fund.

Maximum Amount (1)	Unit or Sub-Unit (2)
€4,290	A Battalion Headquarters. A Regimental Headquarters.
€4,290	A Reserve Brigade Headquarters. The RDF Training Authority. A Reserve Infantry Company. A Reserve Field Gun Battery. A Reserve Air Defence Battery. A Reserve Cavalry Squadron. A Reserve Field Engineer Company. A Reserve Field Communications and Information Services Company. A Reserve Field Medical Company. A Reserve Field Transport Company. A Field Military Police Company. A Reserve Camp Staff Company. A Naval Service Reserve Company.

(2) Claims for payment of grant shall be made on A.F. 523 which, when duly certified, shall be transmitted to the Secretary General (Reserve Pay Section).

Motor travel allowance for private cars.

85. (1) Subject to the provisions of subparagraphs (2), (3) and (4) hereof, Motor travel allowance at the rates prescribed in paragraph 55 of Defence Force Regulations S.3 shall be paid in respect of the use of privately owned motor cars utilised in the performance of their duties by members of the Reserve who hold appointments on the staffs of Units or Sub-Units provided that the vehicles are taxed and insured for use on official business, are driven by members not specifically debarred from driving and are duly authorised by the General Officer Commanding the Brigade or the Flag Officer Commanding the Naval Service concerned, for use in the performance of their duties of the Reserve so authorised.

(2) The maximum individual claim in any calendar month shall be 500 miles (805km). Motor travel is allocated to units and sub units subject to budget allocation and administered in accordance with Administrative Instructions issued by Deputy Chief of Staff (Support).

(3) Claims for payment of motor travel allowance under the provisions of this paragraph shall be made on approved claim form by the claimant's and shall be certified by the Officer Commanding the Unit who shall transmit them to the Secretary General (Reserve Pay Section), not later than the 10th of the month following that to which they refer.

(4) The Officer Commanding a Reserve Brigade, Formation or the Officer Commanding Shore Operations shall be responsible for the allocation of mileage to units within their respective Formations subject to budgetary allocation.

Motor travel allowance - staff officers on Reserve Brigade Headquarters, Reserve Defence Forces Training Authority or Group Headquarters Staff.

86. (1) Subject to the provisions of subparagraphs (2) and (3) hereof, motor travel allowance at the rates prescribed in paragraph 55 of Defence Force Regulations S.3 shall be paid in respect of the use of a privately owned motor car in the performance of duties of the Reserve by an officer who fills the appointment of a staff officer on a Reserve Brigade Headquarters staff or Reserve Defence Force Training Authority staff and who is not specifically debarred from driving, provided that the vehicle is taxed and insured for use on official business, and is duly authorised by the General Officer Commanding the Brigade, General Officer Commanding the Defence Forces Training Centre or the Flag Officer Commanding the Naval Service, for use in the performance of duties of the Reserve.

(2) The maximum individual claim in any calendar month shall be 500 miles (805km). Mileage is allocated to Reserve Brigade Headquarters staff and Reserve Defence Force Training Authority staff subject to budget allocation and administered in accordance with administrative instructions issued by Deputy Chief of Staff (Support).

(3) Claims for payment of motor travel allowance under the provisions of this paragraph shall be made by the officer concerned on A.F. 90A and shall be certified by the Officer Commanding the Reserve Brigade or Officer Commanding Shore Operations Naval Service who shall transmit them to the Secretary General not later than the 10th of the month following that to which they refer.

Fund Accounts

87 (1) With the consent of the Secretary General, the Director Reserve Force may authorise a Unit of the Reserve Defence Force to maintain a Fund Account. Each Fund Account shall be operated through a bank account, authorised by the Officer Commanding the Reserve Brigade or Group Officer Commanding Naval Service Reserve, for the purpose of meeting costs incurred by the designated Unit, and designated Sub-Units as appropriate.

Each Fund account shall be jointly operated by two officers of the Defence Forces who will ensure that each Unit/Sub-Unit is operating within its allocation of funding. Authorised officers are approved by the Officer Commanding the Reserve Brigade or Group Officer Commanding Naval Service Reserve as are all changes to authorised officers.

(2) Each Fund Account shall be composed of -

- (a) grants from public funds;
- (b) moneys transferred from the Welfare Fund of the Unit or Sub-Unit concerned; and

- (c) moneys transferred from another Unit Fund by direction of the Minister pursuant to subparagraph (5) or (6) hereof.
- (3) Expenditure from Fund Accounts shall be for the following purposes only:-
- (a) to meet the cost of fuel, light and cleaning of halls and/or other accommodation;
 - (b) to meet the cost of the provision of refreshments during the conduct of nightly training periods or other periods of training for which rations are not otherwise provided for in the regulations;
 - (c) to meet the cost of transport for urgent purposes of the RDF where an authorisation under (g) hereof could not be obtained in time;
 - (d) to meet the cost of postage, stationery and telephone calls for official purposes;
 - (e) to meet the cost of local advertisement for the purpose of recruitment or public relations for the RDF;
 - (f) to meet claims for loss of public property, damage to rented buildings, etc;
 - (g) to meet the cost of reimbursement of members, at rates not exceeding those applicable to officers and personnel of the Permanent Defence Force, in respect of subsistence expenses necessarily incurred by them on official duties authorised by the Officer Commanding the Unit/Sub-Unit within the area of the Unit and in respect of which subsistence allowance is not payable;
 - (h) The cost of garaging military vehicles shall be a charge against the Fund Account of the Unit or Sub-Unit to which the military vehicle is allotted for duty;
 - (i) Petrol, diesel, oil, distilled water, sparking plugs, electric light bulbs and tyre valve cores for use in a military vehicle allotted for duty to a Unit or Sub-Unit shall normally be purchased locally and shall be a charge on the Fund Accounts;
 - (j) to meet such other expenses as may be authorised in writing by the Officer Commanding the Reserve Brigade or Group Officer Commanding Naval Service.

Officers Commanding Units/Sub-Units shall be responsible for ensuring that claims which fall to be met from Fund Accounts under the provision at (g) of this subparagraph are not submitted for payment from other public funds. No payment shall be made from Fund Accounts to any member in respect of military service.

- (4) The Minister may direct that moneys be transferred from any Fund Account and utilized for the benefit of any other Fund Account.
- (5) Where a Unit or Sub-Unit ceases to exist, the stores or other property purchased from such Fund Account, shall be disposed of at the discretion of the Minister.
- (6) An annual audit of each Fund Account shall be undertaken by such members as may be nominated by the General Officer Commanding the Brigade or the Flag Office Commanding the Naval Service as appropriate but will not include any member of the unit/sub-unit whose accounts are being audited. The results of the audit will be submitted to the convening authority and will be available to the Secretary General.

Traders' accounts.

88. The local procedure for the furnishing of accounts (traders' bills, etc.) which are payable from Unit Funds shall be clearly indicated to the persons with whom the accounts are contracted and such persons shall be instructed that they must not in any circumstances forward their accounts to the Secretary General.

Welfare funds.

89. (1) The Officer Commanding a Reserve Brigade or Group Officer Naval Service may authorise the establishment of a Welfare Fund by a Unit.
- (2) Each such Welfare Fund shall be composed of:-
- (a) moneys raised or obtained locally for welfare purposes;
 - (b) contributions from welfare deductions.
- (3) Welfare Funds shall be organised for, and expenditure therefrom shall be limited to, the following purposes:-
- (a) the promotion, within such limits as may be laid down by the Officer Commanding the Brigade Reserve or Group Officer Naval service, concerned, of games, sports, and athletics for the benefit of members;
 - (b) such other welfare purposes as may be authorised in writing by the Officer Commanding the Reserve Brigade or Group officer Naval Service concerned.
- (4) Expenditure from Welfare Funds shall not be made without the sanction of the Officer Commanding the Unit concerned.
- (5) All moneys raised under the auspices of Reserve Defence Force shall be paid into the appropriate Welfare Fund.

- (6) Where a Unit or Sub-Unit ceases to exist, the Welfare Fund concerned, as well as all stores or other property purchased from such Fund, shall be disposed of at the discretion of the Minister.
- (7) An annual audit of each Welfare Fund shall be undertaken by such members as may be nominated by the General Officer Commanding the Brigade or the Flag Office Commanding the Naval Service as appropriate but will not include any member of the unit which accounts are being audited. The results of the audit will be submitted to the convening authority and will be available to the Secretary General.

Section V. - Gratuities.

90. Cancelled.

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PART XI. - TRAVELLING WARRANTS, SUBSISTENCE AND TRAVELLING ALLOWANCES.

Section 1. - Travelling Warrants.

Issue of free warrants - conditions governing.

- 98. (a) Free travelling warrants will normally be issued to members in the following circumstances: -

- (i) on being called out for and on release from permanent service;
 - (ii) when traveling on duty during a course of training or instruction;
 - (iii) when proceeding on leave for the purpose of attending as a State witness at a trial in a Civil Court;
 - (iv) for the purpose of attending and returning from a course of training or instruction, an overnight camp, field day, test mobilisation or other official duty (not including Church, funeral, ceremonial or training parades) when instructed by the Officer Commanding the Reserve Brigade, Group Officer Naval Service or the Officer Commanding the Unit (or an officer authorised by either of them) to report to a centre for that purpose.
- (b) Warrants to cover the return journeys will be issued as the circumstances require. Subject to the exigencies of the service, Issuing Officers will ensure that the cheapest route is specified in the warrant.

Class of tickets issuable.

99. When travel by rail is being provided, warrants for first-class tickets will be issued to officers and warrants for second-class tickets will be issued to reservists.

Failure to use travel facilities - procedure as to refund of expenses.

100. Provided that increased expenditure from public funds is not entailed and that a reasonable explanation is given of failure or inability to avail of the traveling facilities afforded, expenses incurred by members in traveling by routes other than those prescribed, or by public conveyance other than those stipulated, on the warrants issued, may be refunded by the Secretary General, to whom all such cases should be referred by Officers Commanding Units.

Section II. - Subsistence and Messing Allowances.

Subsistence allowances - conditions and rates of issue.

101. (1) Subsistence allowance at the rates applicable to officers and personnel of the Permanent Defence Force may be paid to members where circumstances of location entail that –

- (a) the journey undertaken in reporting for or returning from permanent service or a course of training or instruction, or
- (b) the journey undertaken in reporting for or returning from the performance of duties of a military nature (other than Church, funeral, training or ceremonial parades, local administrative and/or inspection duties, field days or test mobilisations) ordered by the Officer Commanding the Reserve Brigade, Group Officer Naval Service or the Officer Commanding the Unit (or an officer authorised by either of them), or

- (c) the task of reporting for, performing and returning from duties of a military nature (other than Church, funeral, training or ceremonial parades, local administrative and/or inspection duties, field days, test mobilisations, overnight camps, courses of training or instruction, or permanent service) ordered by the Officer Commanding the Reserve Brigade, Group Officer Naval Service or the Officer Commanding the Unit (or an officer authorised by either of them) and during which it is not feasible to provide rations at public expense,

cannot reasonably (by taking the most expeditious route and traveling in the most expeditious manner) be completed within five hours.

(2) Subsistence allowance shall not be paid under the terms of (b) of subparagraph (1) of this paragraph in the case of a member entitled to subsistence allowance under the provisions of (c) of that subparagraph.

(3) The provisions of this paragraph do not apply in the case of a member granted leave pursuant to paragraph 43, Part V of these Regulations.

- (4) (i) The nightly rate shall in each case cover a period of 24 hours.
- (ii) The rates prescribed are intended to cover all expenses for hotel accommodation where military accommodation is not provided, meals and all other charges except traveling expenses (including the hire of motor cars, etc., when necessarily employed and allowed).
- (iii) Where, in the case of an officer, pay is not issuable concurrently with subsistence allowance, an allowance in lieu of rations at a rate equivalent to the deduction prescribed in paragraph 71 of these Regulations for rations issued to an officer on a repayment basis shall be payable in addition to the nightly rates of subsistence allowance.

Messing allowance - field days and test mobilisations.

102. (1) Where members are required by the Officer Commanding the Reserve Brigade, Group Officer Naval Service or the Officer Commanding the Unit (or an officer authorised by either of them) to take part in a field day or test mobilisation for any period exceeding five hours during which period it is not feasible to provide rations in kind at public expense or, in the case of officers, where the field day or test mobilisation is conducted at a military barracks, post or camp in which an Officers' Mess is established, a messing allowance shall be paid up to the following limits in respect of each member in attendance:-

	Officers	Reservists
	Maximum Amounts	
(a) Where meals are supplied by the unit:		
- with effect from 5 March, 2009	€15.43	€15.43

(b) Where meals are not supplied by the unit:

- with effect from 5 March, 2009 €15.43 €8.27

(2) For the purpose of this paragraph the period of duty will be reckoned from the time of reporting for duty to the time of dismissal.

(3) Deputy Chief of Staff (Support) may issue Administrative Instructions, not inconsistent with these regulations, to provide for the payment of Messing allowance for field days and test mobilisations.

Messing allowance - overnight camps.

103. (1) When an overnight camp is held and when it is not feasible to provide rations at public expense, a messing allowance of up to €21.01 with effect from 5 March 2009 for each member in attendance for the full period of such training may be claimed to cover the cost of the provision by the Unit concerned of food and fuel for the occasion. Fuel will not be issued at public expense in such circumstances. Before claims made under this paragraph are admitted a certificate will be required from the Brigade Logistics Officer that application was made to Brigade Logistics Officer in due time before the particular training took place to provide rations but that it was not feasible to do so.

(2) Where the overnight camp is held at a military barracks, post or camp in which an Officers' Mess is established, the allowance prescribed in subparagraph (1) hereof may, in lieu of rations, be paid in respect of each officer participating in such exercise. In such circumstances, the Brigade Logistics Officer shall, in lieu of the certificate provided for in subparagraph (1), certify that an Officers' Mess was established at the military barracks, post or camp concerned.

(3) Deputy Chief of Staff (Support) may issue Administrative Instructions, not inconsistent with these regulations, to provide for the payment of Messing allowance for overnight camps.

Section III. - Traveling Allowances.

Expenses of members on road journey and use of cars, motor cycles, motor scooters and bicycles.

104. (1) Where the provision of official transport or the issue of a traveling warrant for the entire journey is not practicable, an allowance in respect of traveling expenses necessarily incurred by a member in any of the circumstances set out at (i) to (iv) of subparagraph (a) of paragraph 98 of this Part of these Regulations may be paid to such member on the following basis: -

(a) When the member elects beforehand to travel by rail or omnibus, a free traveling warrant shall be issued to them and allowances at the following rates shall be payable: -

(i) Road journey of one kilometre or over If the public conveyance is

from member's home to the appropriate railway station or bus stop (or vice versa).

available – the actual fare is necessarily incurred. If a public conveyance is not available – the amount actually and necessarily expended* on the hire of a vehicle subject to a maximum of 7p (9 cent) per kilometre for each kilometre traveled.

(j) (ii) Road journey of one kilometre or over from the railway station or bus stop to the centre to which called out (or vice versa).

If the public conveyance is available – the actual fare is necessarily incurred. If a public conveyance is not available – the amount actually and necessarily expended* on the hire of a vehicle subject to a maximum of 7p (9 cent) per kilometre for each mile traveled.

* Expenditure amounting to 50p (63 cent) or more shall be supported by a receipted voucher.

- (b) When a member elects beforehand to travel by their own private car, motor cycle, motor scooter, or auto-cycle, at their own risk, and on the understanding that responsibility will not be accepted for the accommodation or safe custody of his vehicle at the centre to which called out, an allowance at the following rates shall be paid: -

(i) When travelling alone or when accompanied by another member or members called out to the same centre: For each kilometre on the outward or return journey or both, as the case may be between his home and the centre to which called out	Official Motor Travel in a Calendar year	Up to 6437km w.e.f	6438km and over 05/03/09
	MOTOR CARS:	cent	cent
	Up to 1200 c.c.	39.12	21.22
	1201 c.c. to 1500 c.c.	46.25	23.62
	1501 c.c and over	59.07	28.46
	MOTOR CYCLES		1.5p
	MOTOR SCOOTERS		1.5p
	or		
	the cost of the railway or bus warrant plus any amount which would have been payable under (a)(i) and/or		
	(a)(ii) if the journey had been made by rail or bus, whichever is the less amount.		

- (c) When a member elects beforehand to accompany another member in the latter's private car or motor cycle, an allowance shall not be paid to the accompanying member in respect of that portion of the journey accomplished in the private car or motor cycle. A free warrant shall be supplied in respect of the journey between the accompanying member's home and the point at which they join the other member, or vice versa. Allowances payable under (a) of this subparagraph shall be issuable in respect of the journey to and from the railway station or bus stop. When the home of the accompanying member is so situated that rail or bus service is not available, the rate specified in (a) of this subparagraph shall be payable in respect of the journey between their home and the place at which he or she joins the private car (or motor cycle) and vice versa.
- (d) The registration number of the vehicle shall be quoted on all claims made under (b) of this subparagraph.

(2) Where a member in reporting to a centre to which they have been called out uses their private bicycle for the entire journey between their home and the centre, an allowance at the rate of the cost of a free warrant for the journey by rail or bus, whichever is the less, may be paid to the member concerned.

Section IV. - Form of Claims.

A.F. 90A.

105. Claims for payment of subsistence and traveling allowances for Officers of the Reserve Defence Force will be made on A.F. 90A. and for personnel of the Reserve will be made on A.F. 180A. The nature of the duty and the officer by whom authorised will be clearly indicated in each case.

**PART XII. - MECHANICAL TRANSPORT ALLOTTED FOR USE TO UNITS -
EMPLOYMENT AND CONTROL OF.**

Authorised use of.

106. Vehicles allotted for duty to Units or Sub-Units may be used for the following purposes:-
- (a) the conveyance of military stores, kit and equipment;
 - (b) the conveyance of military personnel when on duty;
 - (c) conveyance of civilian officials of the Department of Defence and civilians in Defence Forces employment when on duty in circumstances where railway or omnibus fares or car hire would otherwise be a charge on public funds;
 - (d) conveyance of potential recruits,
 - (e) for such military purposes as the Minister for Defence may decide.

Unauthorised passengers - prohibition.

107. Persons, other than those authorised by paragraph 98 of this Part of these Regulations shall not be permitted to travel in vehicles allotted for duty to Units or Sub-Units without the special authority of the Minister for Defence.

Restrictions on drivers.

108. (1) A member who has been placed under driving or riding restrictions by a Civil Court shall notify this fact to the Officer Commanding the Unit and shall not be required or permitted to drive or ride a mechanically propelled vehicle during the period of such restriction and where the member is in possession of a certificate of qualification (A.F.154) such certificate shall be withdrawn.

(2) Members are forbidden to partake of intoxicating liquor or to take drugs while in control of a Defence Forces vehicle.

(3) The superior officer present will not permit a member to drive an Defence Forces vehicle if such member is, in his or her opinion, by reason of the consumption of intoxicating liquor or of the taking of drugs, unfit to drive such vehicle.

Persons authorised to drive minibus.

109. A Defence Force vehicle, which has been allotted for duty to Units or Sub-Units, shall be driven only by -

- (a) an officer, non-commissioned officer or private of the Defence Force qualified under the provisions of paragraph 9 of Defence Force Regulations Q.10, or
- (b) a person in the Motor Trade driving the vehicle for purposes necessitated by its overhaul, upkeep and/or repair for the Minister for Defence in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations.

Monthly mileage - restriction of.

110. The maximum monthly mileage for a Defence Forces vehicle allotted for duty to a unit or Sub-Unit shall be as laid down by the Director of Reserve Forces.

Motor Travel Allowance for minibus - rates of.

111. (1) In instances where it is not possible to contract the petrol requirements an allowance shall be paid to the unit fund to which a Defence Forces vehicle is allotted for duty at the appropriate rate prescribed hereunder. This allowance shall only be operated with the permission of the Director Reserve Force:-

(a) Petrol driven vehicles-

1 - 2250 miles (1 – 3621 km) per quarter - 18.75 per mile.

2,250 miles (3621 km) up to an overriding maximum of 3,000 miles (4828 km) per quarter - 17.5 per mile.

(b) Diesel driven vehicles-

1 - 2,250 miles (1 – 3621 km) per quarter - 12.59p per mile.

2,250 miles (3621 km) up to an overriding maximum of 3,000 miles (4828 km) per quarter - 11.34p per mile.

(2) The allowances payable under subparagraph (1) hereof may be increased on the authority of the Director of Reserve Forces, to 4,500 miles (7242 km) each quarter.

(3) The allowances prescribed in subparagraphs (1) and (2) hereof shall not be paid in respect of any journey for which petrol or diesel, as appropriate, and oil have been issued from Army stocks.

Losses by theft or damage and traffic accidents.

112. Where any loss is involved in connection with an army vehicle (including a minibus) allotted for duty to a Unit or Sub-Unit which arises out of negligence on the part of any member or out of the unauthorised use of such vehicle by any member, such amount of such

loss as the Minister, with the concurrence of the Minister for Finance, may determine shall be met out of Unit Funds.

Administrative Instructions.

113. The Deputy Chief of Staff (Support) pursuant to the provisions of Part III of Defence Force Regulations S.1, shall issue Administrative Instructions, not inconsistent with the provisions of the Act or of these regulations, laying down the procedures and administrative arrangements relating to the control, management and use of mechanical transport allocated to units of the Reserve.

PART XIII. - CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS AND ASSESSMENTS.

Administrative Instructions.

114. The Deputy Chief of Staff (Support) shall issue administrative instructions, not inconsistent with these regulations providing for confidential reports and assessments for members of the Reserve.

PART XIV. - CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT.

Section I - General.

Clothing - non-commissioned officers and privates.

115. Reservists shall be issued with the items of clothing set out in Administrative Instructions issued by Deputy Chief of Staff (Support).

Uniform tunic and trousers.

116. (1) An officer in the case of an officer of the Army Reserve shall provide themselves with a uniform tunic and trousers of approved officers' pattern, and Sam Browne Belt, and in the case of an officer of the Naval Service Reserve a uniform overcoat (with necessary insignia), reefer coat (with necessary insignia and badges) and trousers of approved officers' pattern.

(2) The items of uniform as specified in subparagraph (1) shall be maintained in a serviceable condition by the officer concerned and replaced by them when they become unserviceable.

Section II. - Equipment, Accoutrements and Other Stores.

Scale of issue of equipment and accoutrements.

117. The scale of issue of equipment and accoutrements shall be as laid down from time to time in Administrative Instructions issued by the Deputy Chief of Staff (Support).

PART XV. - ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE.

Application.

118. The accounting procedure prescribed in this Part of these Regulations applies to authorised Units of Reserve Defence Force. References to a Company Commander shall include references to a Battery and Squadron Commander.

Procedure not covered.

119. Accounting procedure not covered by the provisions of this Part of these Regulations shall be as laid down in the printed instructions set out in the relevant documents (Army Forms and Books) and/or in such instructions as may be issued from time to time by the Deputy Chief of Staff (Support).

PART XVI. - GENERAL

Revocation.

120. The following Defence Force Regulations and all amendments thereto are hereby revoked:-

Defence Force Regulations R.5 - An Fórsa Cosanta Áitiúil - dated 6 February, 1946; and

Defence Force Regulations R.6 – An Slua Muirí - dated 25 November, 1954.

Effective Date.

121. These Regulations shall have effect as on and from the first day of October 2005.

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Made and prescribed in exercise of the powers in this behalf vested in the Minister by the Defence Act 1945 as amended.

WILLIE O'DEA, T.D.,
MINISTER FOR DEFENCE.
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Appendix “A”

(Paragraph 16)

GROUP 1

Buglers and Pipe Band personnel. *
Clerk other than a clerk in the Military Police Corps.
Driver M.T.(excluding Motor Cyclist and Dispatch Rider) other than a non-commissioned officer of the Military Police Corps employed as a driver M.T.

GROUP 2

Cook *
Dental Surgery Assistant *
Dispenser *
Draughtsman (other than Engineer Corps and Ordnance Corps) *
Linesman
NCO,s of the Military Police Corps (other than those employed in a specific trade or occupation prescribed under this Group)
Programmer/Operator
Radio Operator
Surveyor (other than Engineer Corps)
Tailor *

GROUP 3

Advanced Programmer *
Bodybuilder
Bricklayer
Carpenter
Electrician
Fitter
Joiner
Mason
Painter
Plasterer
Plumber
Sheet Metal Worker
Slater Trimmer
Turner
Welder

GROUP 4

Chief/Systems Programmer *
Radio Technician – Grade II

GROUP 5

Analyst Programmer
Draughtsman (Engineer Corps and Ordnance Corps) *
Laboratory Attendant *
Radio Technician Grade I