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I, SIMON COVENEY, Minister for Defence, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by sections 21, 26, 45, 56, 97, 117 and 246 of the Defence Act 1954 (No. 18 of 1954) hereby make the following regulations:

PART 1

PRELIMINARY

Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as Defence Force Regulations R.5 Reserve Defence Force (Army Reserve and Naval Service Reserve) 2022.

Interpretation

2. (1) In these Regulations:

“Act” means the Defence Act 1954 (No. 18 of 1954);

“Brigade” includes reference to the Defence Forces Training Centre;

“Certificate of Service” means the form entitled “Certificate of Service LA 89 RDF”, a copy of which is set out in Schedule 6;

“Defence Force Regulations A.7” means Defence Force Regulations A.7 Discipline 1937;

“Defence Force Regulations A.12” means Defence Force Regulations A.12 Medical Treatment 1943;

“Defence Force Regulations C.S.3” means Defence Force Regulations C.S.3 Military, Educational and Recreational Training 1937;

“Defence Force Regulations S.3” means Defence Force Regulations S.3 Pay and Allowances (Permanent Defence Force) 1969;

“Establishments” means the numerical establishment of the Reserve Defence Force as set out in Defence Force Regulations C.S.4 (Organisation of the Defence Forces) 2013;

“General Officer Commanding” means—

- (a) in the case of the Army Reserve, the General Officer Commanding a Brigade or the General Officer Commanding, Defence Forces Training Centre, as the context requires, or
- (b) in the case of the Naval Service Reserve, the Flag Officer Commanding, Naval Service;

"member", where used without qualification, means an officer or reservist;

"non-effective list" shall be construed in accordance with paragraph 41;

"officer", where used without qualification, means an officer of the Reserve of Officers (Army Reserve) or the Reserve of Officers (Naval Service Reserve);

"permanent service", where used in relation to an officer, means full-time and continuous military service or duty for which he or she is liable under paragraph 37;

"prescribed military authority" means the officer prescribed to perform functions by regulations made under the Act;

"reservist", where used without qualification, means an enlisted person of the Reserve of Enlisted Personnel (Army Reserve) or the Reserve of Enlisted Personnel (Naval Service Reserve);

"Routine Orders" means orders issued in accordance with Part II of Defence Force Regulations A.8 Documents, Orders, Records, Correspondence and Returns 1937;

"Secretary General" means the Secretary General, Department of Defence;

"training year" means the calendar year 1 January to 31 December inclusive.

- (2) Unless otherwise stated, these Regulations shall only apply in respect of the Army Reserve and the Naval Service Reserve.

Substitution of existing titles of particular classes of the Reserve Defence Force

3. Pursuant to section 21(5) of the Act, the titles of the classes of the Reserve Defence Force specified in column (1) of the table in this paragraph shall be in substitution for the titles of the equivalent classes (as specified in column (2) of the table) as provided for in the Act:

Title of class of the Reserve Defence Force	Title of the equivalent class in section 21 of the Defence Act 1954	Applicable section of the Defence Act 1954
(1)	(2)	(3)
Reserve of Officers (Army Reserve)	Reserve of Officers (An Fórsa Cosanta Áitiúil)	21(1)(b)
Reserve of Officers (Naval Service Reserve)	Reserve of Officers (An Slua Muirí)	21(1)(c)
Reserve of Enlisted Personnel (Army Reserve)	Reserve of Men (An Fórsa Cosanta Áitiúil)	21(1)(e)

Reserve of Enlisted Personnel (Naval Service Reserve)	Reserve of Men (An Slua Muiri)	21(1)(f)
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Reference to army rank and equivalent naval rank

4. Pursuant to sections 24 and 25 of the Act, a reference to an army rank shall, if the context so requires, be construed as a reference to the equivalent naval rank as set out in the Second Schedule and the Third Schedule to the Act.

PART 2

ORGANISATION

Organisation

5. (1) 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".
- (2) The classes of the Reserve Defence Force called the Reserve of Officers (Naval Service Reserve) and the Reserve of Enlisted Personnel (Naval Service Reserve) shall together be organised as a body called the "Naval Service Reserve".

PART 3

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

Terms of enlistment

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

Age limits, physical qualifications, etc.

7. (1) To be eligible for enlistment, an applicant shall:
- (a) be not less than 18 years and not more than 35 years of age, provided, however, that an applicant in the following categories shall be eligible for enlistment—
 - (i) a former member of the Permanent Defence Force who has had not less than one year's full-time military service and who is not more than 45 years of age on enlistment, and
 - (ii) a former member of the Reserve Defence Force who has had not less than one year's military service and who is not more than 45 years of

age on enlistment;

- (b) be of a medical standard as laid down by the Deputy Chief of Staff (Support);
 - (c) be not less than 157.48 cm (5ft 2in);
 - (d) be of good character.
- (2) Prior to enlistment, an applicant shall be required to authorise the Garda Síochána to furnish the Deputy Chief of Staff (Support) with either a statement confirming that there are no convictions recorded against him or her, or a statement of convictions as the case may be.

Persons ineligible for enlistment

8. The following persons shall be ineligible for enlistment in the Reserve Defence Force for service in the Reserve of Enlisted Personnel (Army Reserve) or the Reserve of Enlisted Personnel (Naval Service Reserve)—
- (a) a person belonging to the Permanent Defence Force or the Reserve Defence Force,
 - (b) a member of either House of the Oireachtas or a member of the European Parliament,
 - (c) a member of the Legislative Assembly of Northern Ireland,
 - (d) a member of An Garda Síochána, including a reserve 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 either a sentence of discharge or discharge with disgrace awarded by a court-martial,
 - (f) a person who, for misconduct or on the grounds of his or her 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 any offence by the Special Criminal Court or a serious offence by any other 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 island of Ireland, other than a person who is residing temporarily outside the island of Ireland for the purpose of attending a course of education and who is ordinarily resident on the island of Ireland,
- (k) a person who has no fixed abode,
- (l) a person who does not have the lawful entitlement to reside and work in the State,
- (m) a person who is seeking asylum within the State.

Recruiting (administration)

9. (1) The General Officer Commanding concerned is charged with the general administration of recruiting for the Reserve of Enlisted Personnel (Army Reserve) or the Reserve of Enlisted Personnel (Naval Service Reserve) within his or her Brigade, or the Naval Service as appropriate.
- (2) A General Officer Commanding is authorised to appoint as attesting officers such officers of the Defence Forces serving under his or her command as may be required.
- (3) The form prescribed in Schedule 1 shall be the attestation paper for the purpose of enlistment in the Reserve Defence Force.

Duties of Attesting Officer

10. (1) An attesting officer shall:
 - (a) ensure that only eligible persons are allowed to enlist in the Reserve Defence Force;
 - (b) keep a register of all applicants for enlistment and submit details on request to his or her Unit Headquarters; and
 - (c) complete an attestation paper in respect of an applicant.
- (2) Upon a person (an "applicant") presenting before an attesting officer for enlistment in the Reserve Defence Force, the attesting officer shall:
 - (a) give the applicant a copy of the notice entitled "Reserve Defence Force", a copy of which is set out in Schedule 2;
 - (b) obtain any details from the applicant required to complete the attestation paper.

Rank on enlistment

11. An enlistment in the Reserve Defence Force for service in either the Reserve of Enlisted Personnel (Army Reserve) or the Reserve of Enlisted Personnel (Naval Service Reserve) 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 paragraph 7(1)(a) applies may be enlisted—

- (a) in the non-commissioned rank last held by him or her, or
- (b) in the non-commissioned army rank corresponding to the non-commissioned naval rank last held by him or her 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.

Appointment to service corps and posting to Unit

12. 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 section 62(2) of the Act transferred, by the Records and Data Management Officer of the relevant Brigade, or the Naval Service as appropriate, to such service corps and posted to such unit as the General Officer Commanding may determine.

Classification and grading

13. (1) A reservist (other than a Private 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 Schedule 3 who have qualified for inclusion in this Class by passing the appropriate tests laid down in accordance with Part III of Defence Force Regulations C.S.3, and who are filling vacancies in Establishments for his or her particular trade or occupation, or
 - (b) the Line Class, which shall consist of reservists who are admitted to that Class, having passed the appropriate tests as laid down in accordance with Part III of Defence Force Regulations C.S.3.
- (2) A Private or Seaman on enlistment shall be graded as appropriate by reference to columns (1) and (2) of the following table and may subsequently be advanced to a higher grade under paragraph 16:

Army Reserve (1)	Naval Service Reserve (2)
Private Grade I - Private who has not been graded Private Two Star or higher	Seaman Third Class
Private Two Star	Seaman Second Class
Private Three Star	Seaman First Class

Assignment pursuant to section 62(2) of the Act

14. A reservist may be assigned, pursuant to section 62(2) of the Act, from one class of the Reserve Defence Force to another, provided that the reservist has consented to such assignment.

Recruit (period of probation)

15. At the end of a period of 6 months following the first posting of a reservist to a Unit, during which period he or she will be expected to attend at least 12 training parades or the equivalent in hours of training, his or her Unit Commander shall furnish a report through the usual military channels to the General Officer Commanding concerned as to the reservist's 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 Defence Force, and if the reasons which rendered him or her unsuitable for service do not preclude that reservist from being so assigned to another class of the Reserve Defence Force, initiate action under paragraph 18 to have such assignment effected, or
 - (b) in any other case, apply for the discharge of the reservist under the provisions at reference (p) in column (1) of the table in paragraph 49(1).

Advancement in grade

16. (1) Subject to subparagraph (2), a Private or Seaman shall, on passing the tests laid down in accordance with Part III of Defence Force Regulations C.S.3, be qualified for advancement to a higher grade within his or her rank and class and may be so advanced by the Officer Commanding the Unit concerned.
- (2) A Private or Seaman reverted in grade under paragraph 17 shall not be advanced in grade again within 6 months from the date of his or her reversion and then may be advanced in grade only in accordance with subparagraph (1).
- (3) An advancement under subparagraph (1) shall take effect from the date of its publication in Routine Orders.
- (4) Notwithstanding subparagraphs (1) and (2), the Deputy Chief of Staff (Support) may advance a Private or a Seaman to a higher grade because of meritorious service or distinguished conduct.
- (5) An advancement under subparagraph (4) shall take effect 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).

Reversion in grade (private or seaman)

17. (1) A Private Three Star or Seaman First Class shall be reverted to Private Two Star, or Seaman Second Class as appropriate, by the General Officer Commanding concerned—

- (a) on failing to fulfil the conditions laid down for the retention of the reservist's grade by the Deputy Chief of Staff (Operations), or
 - (b) when it is shown to the satisfaction of the General Officer Commanding that the retention of the reservist in question in the higher grade would be prejudicial to the best interests of the service.
- (2) A Private Three Star or Seaman First Class who has requested a transfer from one class of the Reserve Defence Force to another may be required, as a condition of such transfer, to revert to Private Two Star, or Seaman Second Class as appropriate.
- (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 reversion under this paragraph shall take effect from the date of its publication in Routine Orders.

Change of class, trade or occupation

- 18. (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 concerned when it is shown to his or her 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 the reservist's own request.
- (2) A reservist whose class, trade or occupation has been changed in accordance with subparagraph (1)(a) or (1)(b) shall, if a Private or Seaman, retain in his or her new class, trade or occupation the grade equivalent to that formerly held by him or her until the next tests for retention of grade are held or until the reservist undergoes the tests laid down for his or her new trade or occupation, whichever is the earlier, when he or she 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) shall, if a Private Three Star or Seaman First Class who has not passed the tests laid down pursuant to Part III of Defence Force Regulations C.S.3 for advancement, be reverted to Private Two Star, or Seaman Second Class as appropriate, but shall not thereafter be precluded from advancement in his or her new class.
- (4) Notification of the change of class of a reservist or of a change in his or her trade, occupation or grade under this paragraph shall be published in Routine Orders

without delay and any such change shall take effect from the date of such publication.

Promotion

19. (1) A reservist serving as:

- (a) a Private Two Star of the Technician Class;
- (b) a Private Three Star of the Technician Class;
- (c) a Private Three Star of the Line Class;
- (d) a Seaman Second Class of the Technician Class;
- (e) a Seaman First Class of the Technician Class; or
- (f) a Seaman First Class of the Line Class,

shall be qualified for promotion to the rank of Corporal, or Leading Seaman as appropriate, in his or her particular class when the reservist in question has successfully completed a Potential Non-Commissioned Officer Course (Army Reserve, or Naval Service Reserve as appropriate) provided that the reservist is recommended for promotion by the Officer Commanding the Unit concerned.

(2) A Private or Seaman, if qualified under subparagraph (1), may be promoted by the General Officer Commanding concerned to the rank of Corporal, or Leading Seaman as appropriate, to fill a vacancy in Establishments.

(3) A promotion:

- (a) from the rank of Corporal or Leading Seaman, to the rank of Sergeant, or Petty Officer as appropriate; or
- (b) above the rank of Sergeant or Petty Officer,

may be made by the General Officer Commanding concerned to fill a vacancy in Establishments when the reservist in question fulfils the training requirements for such promotion, provided that the reservist is recommended for promotion by the Officer Commanding the Unit concerned.

(4) The training requirements for the purposes of subparagraph (3) are:

- (a) successful completion of a Standard Non-Commissioned Officer Course (Army Reserve, or Naval Service Reserve as appropriate) in the case of a promotion from the rank of Corporal or Leading Seaman to the rank of Sergeant, or Petty Officer as appropriate;
- (b) successful completion of a Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Course (Army Reserve, or Naval Service Reserve as appropriate) in the case of a promotion

to Company Sergeant, Battalion Sergeant Major, Chief Petty Officer, Senior Chief Petty Officer or Warrant Officer;

- (c) successful completion of a Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Logistics Course (Reserve Defence Force) in the case of a promotion to Company Quartermaster Sergeant, Battalion Quartermaster Sergeant or Senior Petty Officer.
- (5) In the case of a competition for promotion above the rank of Sergeant or Petty Officer—
 - (a) details shall be published in the Routine Orders of each Brigade, the Defence Forces Training Centre, and the Naval Service; and
 - (b) a non-commissioned officer who satisfies the eligibility criteria for a competition may submit an application for that competition regardless of where that non-commissioned officer is stationed.
- (6) Notwithstanding these Regulations, the General Officer Commanding concerned may, on the authority of the Deputy Chief of Staff (Support), promote a Private or Seaman to the rank of Corporal, or Leading Seaman as appropriate, and the Deputy Chief of Staff (Support) may promote a Corporal or Leading Seaman to the rank of Sergeant, or equivalent naval rank as appropriate, 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.

Temporary promotion during training

- 20. (1) Subject to the remaining provisions of this paragraph, the General Officer Commanding concerned may, during a period of a training course, promote—
 - (a) a Private Three Star or Seaman First Class of the Line Class to the acting rank of Corporal, or Leading Seaman as appropriate, in his or her particular class, or
 - (b) a non-commissioned officer to acting rank in the next higher non-commissioned rank,where such promotion is in the interests of that training course.
- (2) A promotion under subparagraph (1) shall be made only where a vacancy for a non-commissioned officer exists in a Unit by reason of a non-commissioned officer 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 subparagraph (1) 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 he or she is promoted.

- (4) The General Officer Commanding concerned shall at the time of making the promotion direct that the reservist in question shall revert to his or her substantive rank and grade on completion of the period of training during which he or she was promoted and shall fix the date of reversion accordingly.
- (5) A reservist promoted under this paragraph may, however, be reverted by direction of the General Officer Commanding concerned to his or her substantive rank and grade before the completion of the period of training during which he or she was promoted.

Reduction

- 21. (1) The General Officer Commanding concerned 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 non-commissioned officer,
 - (c) on the non-commissioned officer failing without leave lawfully granted or other reasonable excuse (to be determined by the General Officer Commanding) to attend during any training year for the minimum period of training prescribed, or
 - (d) as a result of conviction by the civil power.
- (2) A non-commissioned officer who applies to be assigned from the Army Reserve to the Naval Service Reserve and consents to reduction in rank as a condition of such assignment:
 - (a) may be reduced by the relevant Records and Data Management Officer to such lower non-commissioned rank, corresponding to a non-commissioned rank in which there is a vacancy in Establishments, as that Records and Data Management Officer may determine; and
 - (b) shall, unless he or she has passed all the qualifying tests laid down for the non-commissioned naval rank corresponding to his or her non-commissioned army rank and there is a vacancy in Establishments in such non-commissioned rank, be reduced—
 - (i) to the non-commissioned army rank corresponding to a non-commissioned naval rank for which he or she has passed all the qualifying tests and in which there is a vacancy in the Establishments of the Naval Service Reserve, or

- (ii) if he or she has not passed the qualifying tests for the rank of Leading Seaman in the Naval Service Reserve, to the rank of Private.
- (3) Where a non-commissioned officer is transferred, at his or her own request, from one class of the Reserve Defence Force to another, he or she may be reduced to the next lower non-commissioned army, or naval rank as appropriate, by the General Officer Commanding concerned.
- (4) Where a non-commissioned officer is transferred, at his or her request, from one service corps to another, he or she may be reduced to the next lower non-commissioned army rank by the General Officer Commanding concerned.
- (5) A non-commissioned officer reduced to the rank of Private or Seaman, otherwise than under subparagraph (2), shall—
 - (a) be graded Private Two Star, or Seaman Second Class as appropriate, if, being in the Technician Class, the appropriate tests passed by the non-commissioned officer do not entitle him or her to the higher grade, or
 - (b) be graded Private Three Star, or Seaman First Class as appropriate, in any other case.

Extension of term of original enlistment

- 22. Subject to the upper age limits specified in paragraph 26, 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 from 5 years to 9 years and from 9 years to 12 years to make up a total period not exceeding 12 years reckoned from the date of his or her attestation.

Re-engagement

- 23. At any time after the expiration of 9 years from the date of his or her attestation, a reservist who on the date of his or her attestation was less than 29 years of age may, on being recommended by the Officer Commanding the Unit and with the approval of the prescribed military authority, be re-engaged for such further period of service in the Reserve Defence Force as will make up a total continuous period of 21 years' service reckoned from the date of his or her attestation.

Special provisions (reservists aged 29 years or more on date of enlistment)

- 24. Subject to the upper age limits specified in paragraph 26, a reservist who is not eligible for re-engagement by virtue of the fact that he or she was aged 29 years or more on the date of his or her attestation may, at any time after the expiration of 9 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 his or her discharge for a period of 3 years in the Reserve Defence Force.

Continuance in service

25. (1) A reservist who has completed 20 years' service may, on giving notice of his or her desire to continue in service, and in accordance with the remaining provisions of this paragraph, be permitted to continue in service after he or she has completed a total continuous period of 21 years' service.
- (2) Continuance in service shall be for an initial period of 4 years extendible by successive periods of 4 years each, subject to—
- (a) where continuance in service for a period of 4 years would result in a reservist enlisted before 1 October 2005 serving beyond the age of 60 years, a lesser period shall be authorised, or
- (b) where continuance in service for a period of 4 years would result in a reservist enlisted after 1 October 2005 serving beyond the age of 50 years, a lesser period shall be authorised.
- (3) The continuance in service of a reservist shall be subject to the approval of the General Officer Commanding concerned.

Continuance in service (upper age limit)

26. (1) A reservist who enlisted in the Reserve Defence Force before 1 October 2005 shall not be permitted to continue in service after he or she attains the age of 60 years.
- (2) A reservist who enlisted in the Reserve Defence Force after 1 October 2005 shall not be permitted to continue in service after he or she attains the age of 50 years.
- (3) Without prejudice to subparagraphs (1) and (2) and subject to:
- (a) a vacancy in Establishments; and
- (b) the absence of any suitably-qualified reservist to fill such vacancy,
- the upper age limit for continuance in service as prescribed in this paragraph may be extended for such period not exceeding 365 days where the Minister is satisfied and so certifies that this course of action would address a deficiency within the Reserve Defence Force of necessary skills and expertise.

PART 4

NOMINATION FOR APPOINTMENT, TAKING OF OATH OR MAKING DECLARATION, ASSIGNMENT, POSTING, PROMOTION, REVERSION, RESIGNATION AND RELINQUISHMENT OF COMMISSION – OFFICERS

Nomination for appointment (conditions governing)

27. (1) Except as provided in subparagraph (3), only a non commissioned officer of the Reserve Defence Force shall be eligible for nomination to be appointed as an

officer of the Reserve of Officers (Army Reserve) or the Reserve of Officers (Naval Service Reserve).

- (2) A non-commissioned officer of the Reserve Defence Force who is of good character and satisfactory education and who has shown exceptional keenness and efficiency shall be eligible for nomination to be appointed as an officer of the Reserve Defence Force to fill a vacancy in Establishments provided that he or she:
 - (a) is not more than 35 years of age on the date on which the non-commissioned officer is examined by the Board referred to in subparagraph 2(d);
 - (b) has successfully completed a Potential Officer Course (Army Reserve, or Naval Service Reserve as appropriate);
 - (c) has a medical classification as determined in accordance with Defence Force Regulations A.12 (Part VI) not lower than—
 - (i) year of birth - 22 - 512 in the case of the Army Reserve, or
 - (ii) year of birth - 22 - 312 in the case of the Naval Service Reserve; and
 - (d) is recommended by an interview Board convened by the General Officer Commanding concerned.
- (3) 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 or her particular qualifications are appropriate, be nominated to be appointed as an officer of the Reserve Defence Force, provided that he or she:
 - (a) is not more than 45 years of age on the date on which he or she is examined by the Board referred to in subparagraph (c);
 - (b) has a medical classification as determined in accordance with Defence Force Regulations A.12 (Part VI) not lower than - year of birth - 22 - 512; and
 - (c) is recommended by an interview Board convened by the Chief of Staff.
- (4) A person shall not be nominated to be appointed as an officer under subparagraph (3) to fill a post as an engineer officer in the Army Reserve unless he or she—
 - (a) holds a university degree in Engineering, or Architecture, or
 - (b) is a Member of the Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland or a Corporate Member of the Institution of 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 or making declaration

28. (1) Pursuant to section 43(3) of the Act, an officer shall, within a period of one month following his or her appointment to be an officer, or where the Deputy Chief of Staff (Support) in exceptional cases so directs within a period of 6 months following such appointment, take the oath or make the declaration required by section 43(2) of the Act.
- (2) 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 or her in that behalf.
- (3) An officer who has taken an oath, or made a declaration, as required by section 43(2) of the Act shall forthwith sign the form of oath or declaration and his or her 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 the Reserve Defence Force (Army Reserve and Naval Service Reserve)

29. An officer of the Reserve of Officers (First Line) who is less than 53 years of age may, with his or her consent, be assigned, pursuant to section 44(2) of the Act, to the Reserve of Officers (Army Reserve), or the Reserve of Officers (Naval Service Reserve) as appropriate, in the commissioned rank corresponding to the commissioned rank held by him or her on the last day of his or her service as an officer of the Reserve of Officers (First Line), subject 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 Chief of Staff may determine.
- (2) An officer of the Reserve of Officers (Naval Service Reserve) shall be appointed and posted for duty to such Unit as the Flag Officer Commanding, Naval Service, may determine.

Promotion

31. (1) Subject to a vacancy existing in Establishments, the Minister may, in accordance with this paragraph—
- (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) An officer of the Reserve of Officers (Army Reserve) or the Reserve of Officers (Naval Service Reserve) in the rank of Second-Lieutenant (Army Reserve), or Ensign (Naval Service Reserve), may, on the recommendation of the Chief of Staff,

be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, or Sub-Lieutenant as appropriate, provided that:

- (a) he or she has 4 years' service in the rank of Second-Lieutenant or Ensign;
 - (b) he or she has attended a course of training as provided for in paragraph 39(3) in 2 of the preceding 3 years;
 - (c) he or she has been awarded a satisfactory rating in the annual confidential report for each of the preceding 3 years; and
 - (d) he or she has been recommended for promotion by his or her Unit Officer Commanding and the General Officer Commanding concerned.
- (3) For the purposes of any competition for promotion from the rank of Lieutenant (Army Reserve), or the equivalent naval rank, to the rank of Captain, or the rank of Lieutenant (Naval Service Reserve) as appropriate, to fill a vacancy in Establishments, a candidate for promotion shall be required:
- (a) to have served a minimum of 5 years in the rank of Lieutenant (Army Reserve), or the equivalent naval rank, or a combined minimum of 8 years in the ranks of Second-Lieutenant (Army Reserve) and Lieutenant (Army Reserve) or the equivalent naval ranks;
 - (b) to have attended a course of training or instruction as provided for in paragraph 39(3) in not less than 3 of the preceding 5 years;
 - (c) to have been awarded a satisfactory rating in the annual confidential report for each of the preceding 3 years;
 - (d) to have been recommended as being suitable for promotion to Captain (Army Reserve) or Lieutenant (Naval Service Reserve) by a board convened by the General Officer Commanding concerned; and
 - (e) to have been recommended for promotion by the General Officer Commanding concerned.
- (4) A competition for promotion from Captain (Army Reserve) or Lieutenant (Naval Service Reserve) to Commandant (Army Reserve), or Lieutenant-Commander (Naval Service Reserve) as appropriate, to fill a vacancy in the Establishment of the Brigade or Service concerned shall include an assessment of the following criteria in respect of any candidate:
- (a) leadership qualities and capacity for personnel management;
 - (b) performance in any appointment held by the officer;
 - (c) innovation undertaken and initiative demonstrated;

- (d) performance on relevant military courses, including training, development activities undertaken and level of achievement reached;
 - (e) qualities of reliability, devotion to duty, zeal, industry and ability; and
 - (f) whether the officer has successfully completed any course of instruction or passed any examination or tests for which he or she has been detailed.
- (5) A candidate for promotion under subparagraph (4) shall have:
- (a) a minimum of 3 years' service in his or her current rank;
 - (b) attended a course of training or instruction as provided for in paragraph 39(3) in not less than 3 of the preceding 5 years, and has successfully completed—
 - (i) an All Arms Standard Officer Course, or
 - (ii) a Reserve Defence Force Junior Command and Staff Course;
 - (c) been awarded a satisfactory rating in the annual confidential report for each of the preceding 3 years;
 - (d) been recommended as being suitable for promotion to Commandant (Army Reserve) or Lieutenant-Commander (Naval Service Reserve) by a board convened by the General Officer Commanding concerned; and
 - (e) been recommended for promotion by the General Officer Commanding concerned.
- (6) (a) A competition for promotion from Commandant to Lieutenant-Colonel to fill a vacancy in Establishments shall include an assessment of the criteria specified in subparagraph (4).
- (b) A candidate for promotion from Commandant to Lieutenant-Colonel shall have:
- (i) a minimum of 3 years' service in his or her current rank;
 - (ii) attended a course of training or instruction as provided for in paragraph 39(3) in not less than 3 of the preceding 5 years;
 - (iii) successfully completed any training requirements as may be specified by the Deputy Chief of Staff (Operations), including successful completion of an Army Reserve Senior Officer Course;
 - (iv) been awarded a satisfactory rating in the annual confidential report for each of the preceding 3 years;
 - (v) been recommended as being suitable for promotion to Lieutenant-Colonel by a board convened by the General Officer Commanding concerned; and

- (vi) been recommended for promotion by the General Officer Commanding concerned.
- (7) The following general provisions shall apply to a competition for promotion under this paragraph —
 - (a) details shall be published in the Routine Orders of each Brigade, the Defence Forces Training Centre, and the Naval Service; and
 - (b) an officer who satisfies the eligibility criteria for a competition may submit an application for that competition regardless of where that officer is stationed.
- (8) In this paragraph years of service for the purpose of determining eligibility to compete in a competition for promotion shall be calculated from the date of appointment of an officer in his or her current rank.

Promotion – special provisions for officers commissioned before 1 October 2005

- 32. (1) Notwithstanding paragraph 31, an officer of the Reserve of Officers (Army Reserve) or the Reserve of Officers (Naval Service Reserve), commissioned on or before 1 October 2005, may, having attained the rank of Lieutenant (Army Reserve), or equivalent naval rank, on the recommendation of the Chief of Staff, be promoted to the rank of Captain, or Lieutenant (Naval Service Reserve) as appropriate, on completing 15 years' service as an officer certified by the Chief of Staff to have been satisfactory provided that:
 - (a) he or she has attended a course of training or instruction as provided for in paragraph 39 in not less than 3 of the preceding 5 years;
 - (b) he or she has been awarded a satisfactory rating in the annual confidential report for each of the preceding 5 years; and
 - (c) he or she has been recommended for promotion by the General Officer Commanding concerned and the Deputy Chief of Staff (Operations).
- (2) An officer promoted in accordance with subparagraph (1) for whom no vacancy exists in the rank to which he or she 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 total in Establishments for his or her 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.

- (3) When a vacancy occurs in such a sub-unit or unit in the rank in which a supernumerary officer is borne as referred to in subparagraph (2), such vacancy shall be filled by the absorption of such supernumerary officer provided that:
- (a) 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; or
 - (b) if the vacancy occurs in an appointment other than an appointment to which (a) applies, the officer is not a medical officer, dental officer or engineer officer.

Reversion

33. A reversion in rank shall be effected pursuant to section 45(3) of the Act.

Resignation

34. (1) An officer in tendering to the President, in accordance with section 49 of the Act, the resignation of his or her commission, shall do so through the usual military channels and in writing under his or her hand, using the form set out in Schedule 4 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 his or her commission shall under normal circumstances be witnessed by an officer of the Permanent Defence Force.
- (3) Where an officer of the Permanent Defence Force is not available to act and subscribe as a witness, any one of the following categories of persons 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, or
 - (f) a peace commissioner.
- (4) The rank of an officer of either the Permanent Defence Force or the Reserve Defence Force, or the rank of an officer of An Garda Síochána, or the qualification of any other authorised person subscribing as a witness, shall be stated in the written notification provided under subparagraph (1).

- (5) 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.
- (6) When transmitting the tender of the resignation by an officer of his or her commission the Officer Commanding concerned shall make a recommendation as to its acceptance or otherwise.

Relinquishment of commission on age grounds

35. (1) The age for the relinquishment of a commission pursuant to section 48(4) of the Act by an officer of the Reserve Defence Force shall be as outlined in the following table:

Officers Commissioned before 1 October 2005 (1)	Age (2)
Lieutenant-Colonel (AR)	58 years
Commandant (AR)/Lieutenant-Commander (NSR)	57 years
All other officers	55 years
Officers Commissioned after 1 October 2005	
Lieutenant-Colonel (AR)	58 years
Commandant (AR)/Lieutenant-Commander (NSR)	56 years
Captain (AR)/Lieutenant (NSR)	54 years
All other officers	53 years

- (2) In the case of an officer commissioned prior to the date of these regulations —
 - (a) who, when attending a course of training or instruction, qualifies for a special rate of pay under paragraph 64(3) (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 or she continued to serve beyond the age prescribed for his or her rank in subparagraph (1),

the age for the relinquishment of his or her commission pursuant to section 48(4) of the Act shall be 65 years.

- (3) Without prejudice to subparagraph (1) and subject to:

- (a) a vacancy in Establishments; and
- (b) the absence of any suitably-qualified officer to fill such vacancy,

the upper age limit for continuance in service as prescribed in subparagraph (1) may be extended for such period not exceeding 365 days where the Minister is

satisfied and so certifies that this course of action would address a deficiency within the Reserve Defence Force of necessary skills and expertise.

Relinquishment of commission on grounds other than those of age

36. (1) Pursuant to section 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 he or she is below Defence Forces medical standards,
 - (b) that his or her health is such that the officer can no longer be reasonably regarded as possessing an adequate decision-making capacity,
 - (c) that he or she has failed to carry out his or her military obligations, including training obligations, as required by the Act or by regulations made thereunder,
 - (d) that he or she has been on a non-effective list for a continuous period of more than 2 years or
 - (e) 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 section 48 (2) of the Act sought.
- (3) When an officer's health, while that officer is rendering military service or undergoing a course of training or instruction, is certified to be such that he or she can no longer be reasonably regarded as possessing an adequate decision-making capacity, the provisions of Part V of Defence Force Regulations A.12 shall apply as if he or she was 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 37 and the Director, Medical Branch, is of the 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 section 48 (2) of the Act sought.
- (5) In the interests of the service as provided for in subparagraph (1)(d) shall include the relinquishment of his or her 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 5

CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

Liability for service (officers)

37. (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 when a proclamation authorising the calling out of personnel of the Reserve Defence Force on permanent service is in force or during a period when 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), and
- (d) to attend for medical examination at any time.

- (2) An officer shall render the military service or duty as prescribed in subparagraph (1) 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

38. Save where otherwise specifically provided therein, Defence Force Regulations governing personnel of the Permanent Defence Force shall apply in like manner to:

- (a) a member attending training;
- (b) a member called out on permanent service;
- (c) a member called out in aid of the civil power;
- (d) an officer deployed on supplemental military service under section 86A of the Act;
or
- (e) a reservist deployed on supplemental military service under section 91A of the Act.

Training

39. (1) In this paragraph:

"field day" means a continuous period of training exceeding 5 hours and of not more than 15 hours;

"overnight camp" means a continuous period of training of not less than 20 hours and not more than 36 hours during which overnight accommodation is provided for the members attending the camp.

- (2) To qualify for retention on the effective strength of the Reserve Defence Force, a member:
- (a) shall be required in each training year, subject to subparagraph (4), to attend a minimum of 24 training parades, each of not less than 2 hours' duration, or the equivalent thereof in hours of training; and
 - (b) if he or she is a member of the Naval Service Reserve, may also be required in a training year to spend no more than 2 periods afloat, of not less than 20 hours each.
- (3) A member may, with his or her consent, be required:
- (a) to attend on one occasion, as soon as reasonably practicable after the commencement of his or her service, a course of basic training or instruction for a period of not less than 14 days as may be determined by the Deputy Chief of Staff (Operations) with the approval of the Minister;
 - (b) to attend a course or courses of training or instruction, or carry out authorised duties as part of any such courses of training or instruction, in a training year.
- (4) (a) For the purposes of satisfying the requirement in subparagraph (2) to attend a minimum number of training parades, a member shall receive credit, as outlined in the following table, for attendance at a form of training specified in column (1) of the table:

Form of Training (1)	Hours Credited (2)
Field Day	4 hours
Overnight Camp	4 hours
*Course of basic training or instruction for period of not less than 14 days	24 hours
*Course of training or instruction (other than basic training and instruction) for period of not less than 7 days	24 hours

***A member who receives credit for attendance at a course of basic training or instruction may not receive a further 24 hours credit for attendance at another training course in the same training year.**

- (b) Where a member is assigned to a unit after the commencement of the training year (other than an officer who, prior to his or her assignment, was a reservist), such member shall be required to attend, during the period from the date of his or her assignment to the end of the training year, a minimum of 2 training parades for each month of such period or the equivalent thereof in hours of training.
- (5) The following general provisions shall apply to courses of training and instruction:
- (a) the total periods of training or instruction undertaken by members in a training year shall be determined by the Minister;
 - (b) courses shall be held at such time and at such place as the General Officer Commanding concerned or an officer of the Permanent Defence Force authorised by him or her in that behalf may determine;
 - (c) a member in receipt of illness benefit from the Department of Social Protection shall not attend a course.

Leave whilst on course of training or instruction

40. (1) A member may be granted leave, not exceeding 3 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) A member 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 voting at a presidential, parliamentary or local government election or at a referendum provided that any leave so granted shall only be for the period necessary to enable the member to record his or her vote.
- (3) In circumstances, other than those mentioned in subparagraphs (1) or (2), 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, the commanding officer may at any time so release that member for the unexpired period of such course, provided, however, that where the presence of a member is necessary at a trial in a civil court as a witness other than for the State, the member may, in lieu of being released from service for the unexpired residue of the period of the course, be granted leave without pay at the discretion of the commanding officer in question.

- (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.

PART 6

DISCIPLINE

Non-effective list

41. (1) Where a member—

- (a) fails, except as provided for in subparagraph (2), to attend the prescribed minimum number of training parades or their equivalent in hours of training in any training year, or
- (b) absents himself or herself without leave while attending a course of training or instruction and remains absent for the unexpired residue of such course,

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

(2) Subparagraph (1) shall not apply where any such failure by a member:

- (a) arises due to an absence by that member during a period of statutory maternity leave or paternity leave, or
- (b) is due to an absence—
 - (i) arising from prolonged illness (subject to review, if necessary, under Defence Force Regulations A.12), or
 - (ii) authorised under paragraph 44,

provided that where a member fails in 2 successive training years to attend the prescribed minimum number of training parades, or their equivalent in hours of training, for either of these reasons, that member shall be posted to a non-effective list by the Officer Commanding the Unit concerned.

(3) Where a member is posted to a non-effective list, he or she:

- (a) shall be struck off the effective strength of his or her Unit; and
- (b) shall not thereafter, except as provided in paragraph 42, 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

42. (1) Subject to subparagraph (2), a member may, on his or her application and with the approval of the General Officer Commanding concerned, be removed from a non-effective list and retaken on the effective strength of the member's unit.
- (2) A member on the non-effective list who fails to surrender all the articles of uniform and equipment issued to him or her shall not be retaken on the effective strength, unless he or she either—
- (a) produces the articles which he or she 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 he or she failed to surrender.

Official documents (care and custody)

43. (1) A member shall not make, or allow to be made, any alteration or erasure in, or otherwise to tamper with, any certificate or other official document in his or her possession relating to that member's service in the Reserve Defence Force.
- (2) A member shall not part with any official document relating to his or her Reserve Defence Force service, save when instructed to do so by the Officer Commanding the Unit or the relevant Records and Data Management Officer or when requested to do so by a member of An Garda Síochána acting in the execution of his or her duty.

Authorised absence for travel abroad (periods from 6 months up to 2 years)

44. (1) Where a member wishes to reside or engage in any occupation outside the State (other than within Northern Ireland) for a continuous period of 6 months or more, that member may be retained as a member of the Reserve Defence Force provided his or her absence has been authorised under this paragraph.
- (2) The Officer Commanding the Unit concerned may, in the case of a reservist, authorise an absence for a period of not more than 6 months.
- (3) The General Officer Commanding concerned may, in the case of an officer, authorise an absence for a period of not more than 12 months.
- (4) Notwithstanding subparagraphs (2) and (3), the Deputy Chief of Staff (Support) may, in the case of an officer or a reservist, authorise an absence for a period of not more than 2 years.

- (5) A member whose absence has been authorised under this paragraph shall, on his or her return, immediately notify his or her arrival to the Officer Commanding the Unit concerned through the usual military channels.
- (6) If a member fails to notify his or her return to the Officer Commanding the Unit concerned on or before the date due, he or she shall be presumed to be absent without permission and the question of his or her retention in the Defence Forces shall be forthwith considered.

Prohibitions

45. A member shall not, save in accordance with the Protected Disclosures Act 2014 (No. 14 of 2014):
- (a) comment on political questions in speeches at military or service events such as prize distributions, concerts or similar functions;
 - (b) 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) take part in the drawing-up of memorials on any matters concerned with command and discipline;
 - (d) communicate official reports or correspondence or copies thereof to any person not officially entitled to receive them;
 - (e) grant interviews or divulge information to members of the public on matters concerning the Reserve Defence Force, or any other element of the Defence Forces;
 - (f) offer for publication, or otherwise cause to be published, any article or letter on any matter concerning the Reserve Defence Force, or any other element of the Defence Forces, without the prior authority of the General Officer Commanding concerned.

Prohibition of political activities while on permanent service

46. (1) A member of the Reserve Defence Force, while called out on permanent service, shall not:
- (a) join or be a member of, or subscribe to, or canvass on behalf of, or collect contributions for, any political organisation or society; or
 - (b) address a meeting of a political organisation or society.
- (2) Where a member of the Reserve Defence Force, 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 or her connection with such organisation or society.

Redress of wrongs

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

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

48. (1) An officer commanding a unit shall maintain a register (to be known as the Register of Non-Reporting Reservists) in accordance with this paragraph.
- (2) Where a reservist who is called out on permanent service or in aid of the civil power fails to appear at the time and place at which he or she is required upon such calling out to attend, and the absence of that reservist continues for not less than 14 days, an entry of such absence shall be made pursuant to section 244 of the Act, by the commanding officer of the reservist concerned in the Register of Non-Reporting Reservists and such entry shall, until the contrary is shown, be evidence of the fact of such absence.

PART 7

DISCHARGE

Reasons and authorities for discharge

49. (1) In relation to the discharge of a reservist:
- (a) subject to 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;
 - (b) the wording to be used in recording the reason for the discharge shall be that shown in column (1) of the table;
 - (c) 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 for discharge;
 - (d) the special instructions shown in column (3) of the table opposite the particular reason for discharge shall apply.

Reason for Discharge (1)	Officer Authorised or Prescribed Military Authority (2)	Special Instructions (3)
(a) On termination of his or her engagement.	Records and Data Management Officer of Brigade or Service.	In the case of a reservist whose retention in the Reserve Defence Force is desired, discharge for this reason shall be directed only when it has been ascertained that the

Reason for Discharge (1)	Officer Authorised or Prescribed Military Authority (2)	Special Instructions (3)
		reservist does not wish to extend the term of his or her original enlistment or to be re-engaged or to continue in service or that he or she is ineligible for such extension or re-engagement or continuance in service.
(b) Below Defence Forces medical standards.	Records and Data Management Officer of Brigade or Service.	A reservist shall be discharged for this reason when he or she is medically classified Grade X, as determined in accordance with Defence Force Regulations A 12 (Part VI), by a medical board. For this purpose, the reservist shall be treated as if he or she was a member of the Permanent Defence Force. When a reservist is certified while on permanent service, while on service in aid of the civil power, while deployed on supplemental military service, or while undergoing a course of training or instruction, that his or her health is such that he or she can no longer be reasonably regarded as possessing an adequate decision-making capacity, the provisions of Part V of Defence Force Regulations A.12 shall apply as if he or she was a member of the Permanent Defence Force.
(c) For the purpose of enlisting in the Permanent Defence Force.	Records and Data Management Officer of Brigade or Service.	This shall include discharge on being awarded a cadetship in the Permanent Defence Force.
(d) For the purpose of being appointed to be an officer.	Records and Data Management Officer of Brigade or Service.	A discharge for this reason shall take effect as from the date preceding that on which the appointment takes effect.
(e) At his or her request.	General Officer Commanding concerned.	Discharge shall be directed only on application by the reservist concerned for his or her discharge on compassionate grounds and shall not be effected until the

Reason for Discharge (1)	Officer Authorised or Prescribed Military Authority (2)	Special Instructions (3)
		reservist has made good any public or service debt there.
(f) His or her services being no longer required.	General Officer Commanding concerned.	<p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p>
(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 concerned.	The General Officer Commanding concerned 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

Reason for Discharge (1)	Officer Authorised or Prescribed Military Authority (2)	Special Instructions (3)
		appeal has been made, until the appeal has been heard and determined.
(h) Determination of engagement.	General Officer Commanding concerned.	The reason for discharge will be amplified in cases where it will benefit the individual concerned.
(i) Having knowingly made a false answer on attestation.	General Officer Commanding concerned.	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 Commanding the Unit shall be submitted to the General Officer Commanding concerned.
(j) Discharge by purchase.	General Officer Commanding concerned.	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 €6. 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 that this sum has been duly lodged to the credit of the Defence Vote.
(k) Under age on enlistment.	Records and Data Management Officer of Brigade or Service.	Where a reservist is found to be under the age of 18 years, his or her Commanding Officer shall forthwith apply for the discharge of such reservist.
(l) Serving without engagement.	Records and Data Management Officer of Brigade or Service.	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 or she should, in accordance with section 78 of the Act, be discharged with all convenient speed at any time on that person claiming such discharge.

Reason for Discharge (1)	Officer Authorised or Prescribed Military Authority (2)	Special Instructions (3)
<p>(m) (i) Having been improperly enlisted;</p> <p>(ii) Having been improperly attested;</p> <p>(iii) Having been improperly re-engaged;</p> <p>(iv) Having been improperly continued in service.</p>	Records and Data Management Officer of Brigade or Service.	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 his or her discharge on the ground of such error or illegality within 3 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 continuance in service, or at any time if he or she has not accepted pay, a grant or other payment as a reservist after such date, the reservist shall be discharged with all convenient speed in accordance with section 79 of the Act.
(n) For the purpose of re-enlistment.	Records and Data Management Officer of Brigade or Service.	Applies in the case of a reservist who is discharged for the purpose of re-enlistment pursuant to paragraph 24.
(o) His or her services being no longer required.	General Officer Commanding concerned.	The application for discharge shall be accompanied by full particulars of the case and the remarks and recommendations of the Officer Commanding the Brigade concerned, or the Flag Officer Commanding, Naval Service, the Group Commander and the unit Commander, as appropriate.
(p) Not proved suitable for service in the Reserve Defence Force.	General Officer Commanding concerned.	The discharge of a reservist found unsuitable for service in the Reserve Defence Force under paragraph 15 shall be directed for this reason.
(q) As a result of being non-effective.	General Officer Commanding concerned.	Where a reservist has been non-effective for a period of more than 2 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, as may be appropriate:

- (a) "On becoming a member of Dáil Éireann";
 - (b) "On becoming a member of Seanad Éireann"; or
 - (c) "On becoming a member of the European Parliament".
- (3) A reservist shall not be required to attend personally for the purpose of discharge.

Discharge procedure

50. (1) When a reservist is about to be discharged or stands discharged, the Officer Commanding the Unit concerned shall, in respect of the reservist, complete:
- (a) the certificate of discharge; and
 - (b) the certificate of service,
- and forward these documents to the relevant Records and Data Management Officer or Officer in Charge, Shore Operations, as appropriate.
- (2) The Records and Data Management Officer, or Officer in Charge, Shore Operations, as appropriate, having satisfied himself or herself that the discharge is in order, shall stamp the certificate of discharge for the reservist with the official stamp of his or her office and return it to the Officer Commanding the Unit concerned.
- (3) On receipt of the relevant certificate of discharge from the Records and Data Management Officer or Officer in Charge, Shore Operations as appropriate, the Officer Commanding the Unit concerned shall:
- (a) publish the discharge in Routine Orders;
 - (b) record the discharge;
 - (c) ensure that the personal files of the discharged member are appropriately archived having regard to any statutory data protection requirements; and
 - (d) issue the certificate of discharge in accordance with section 82 of the Act by sending it to the reservist's last registered place of abode or to the address indicated by the reservist on discharge.
- (4) (a) A reservist, who is undergoing a course of training or instruction or who is on permanent service or service in aid of the civil power or is deployed on supplemental military service, whose discharge from the Reserve Defence Force is about to be effected, shall be medically examined by a medical officer and the result of the examination recorded on the reservist's personal file.
- (b) Where a reservist, who claims to be suffering from a disability or disease contracted in the service, requests a medical examination on discharge from

the Reserve Defence Force, suitable arrangements shall be made by the Director, Medical Branch, to have the reservist medically examined.

- (5) The prescribed form of the certificate of discharge for the purposes of section 82 of the Act shall be as set out in Schedule 5.

PART 8

DRESS

Procedures regarding dress

51. Pursuant to Defence Force Regulations A9 (New Series), Dress and Medals, 2001, and subject to this Part, the Deputy Chief of Staff (Support) shall specify in writing the procedures and administrative arrangements regarding dress for members of the Reserve Defence Force.

Clothing (non-commissioned officers and privates)

52. A reservist shall be issued with the items of clothing as laid down by the Deputy Chief of Staff (Support).

Uniform tunic and trousers (officers)

53. (1) An officer of the Army Reserve shall provide himself or herself with a uniform tunic and trousers of approved officers' pattern, and a Sam Browne belt.
- (2) An officer of the Naval Service Reserve shall provide himself or herself with a uniform overcoat (with necessary insignia), reefer coat (with necessary insignia and badges) and trousers of approved officers' pattern.
- (3) The items of uniform specified in subparagraphs (1) and (2) shall be maintained in a serviceable condition by the officer concerned and replaced by him or her when the items in question become unserviceable.

Uniform (wearing)

54. (1) A member shall wear uniform—
- (a) when on military duty, and
 - (b) when proceeding to and from parades or other military duty.
- (2) A member may wear uniform—
- (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 concerned in the case of officers; or
 - (ii) the Officer Commanding the Unit concerned in the case of reservists.

Uniform (prohibition of wearing)

55. (1) A member shall not wear uniform outside the State, whether in the course of duty or not, except where the member concerned—
- (a) is serving on board a State ship or service aircraft, or
 - (b) has been granted prior permission, or has been directed, by the Deputy Chief of Staff (Support), to wear uniform.
- (2) A member shall not wear uniform when attending a political meeting.
- (3) A member shall not wear uniform or any associated article on any occasion other than those set out in paragraph 54 or subparagraph (1) or where approval has been granted by the Deputy Chief of Staff (Support).

PART 9

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Use of rank

56. An officer shall, when using his or her military rank for written purposes, insert, in brackets, after his or her rank, the letters (A.R.) or (N.S.R.), as appropriate.

Prohibition of personal publicity

57. (1) A member shall not seek personal publicity in connection with his or her service in the Defence Forces.
- (2) A member shall not publish, or supply for publication, other than through official channels, photographs or particulars connected with his or her service in the Defence Forces.

Publication of military text books

58. (1) Paragraph 57(1) does not preclude a member from publishing a textbook or article on military subjects over his or her name and rank provided that no official sanction or approval is claimed, by implication or otherwise, for such publication unless such sanction or approval has been properly obtained.
- (2) Where it is considered that a textbook referred to in subparagraph (1) 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 publication in respect of which such approval has been granted.

Knowledge of orders and instructions

59. An officer shall acquaint himself or herself with all orders, instructions, training directives, etc., issued from time to time and arrange for compliance and action as may be necessary.

Confidential reports

60. (1) Subject to subparagraph (2), an annual confidential report shall be completed in respect of an officer to cover the year ending 31 December.
- (2) An annual confidential report shall not be completed in respect of an officer who dies in service.

Issue of equipment and accoutrements

61. The scale of issue of equipment and accoutrements to reservists shall be as laid down by the Deputy Chief of Staff (Support).

Publication of various matters

62. A General Officer Commanding shall ensure as follows:
- (a) details of any promotion under paragraph 19, temporary promotion under paragraph 20 or discharge under paragraph 49 are published in Routine Orders; and
- (b) details of any promotion under paragraph 31 or 32, resignation under paragraph 34 or relinquishment of commission under paragraph 35 or 36 are published in the Defence Force Gazette or Naval List and Directory, as appropriate.

Prescribed number of days - sections 86A(10) and 91A(10) of the Act

63. The prescribed number of days for the purposes of section 86A(10) and section 91A(10) of the Act shall be 100 days.

PART 10

FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Pay (officers)

64. (1) In this paragraph:
- (a) "service in rank" means incremental service in rank;
- (b) a year's incremental service shall be deemed to be 365 days in the aggregate, comprised of any or all of the following periods—

- (i) periods of permanent service,
 - (ii) periods of service in aid of the civil power,
 - (iii) periods deployed on supplemental military service under section 86A of the Act,
 - (iv) periods of training or instruction under paragraph 39(3) in respect of which pay is issuable.
- (2) Subject to subparagraph (3), pay at the rate of pay appropriate to his or her rank and service in rank, as prescribed in Defence Force Regulations S.3 for an officer of the Permanent Defence Force, shall be payable to an officer—
- (a) when on permanent service,
 - (b) when on service in aid of the civil power,
 - (c) when deployed on supplemental military service under section 86A of the Act, or
 - (d) attending at a course of training or instruction provided for in paragraph 39(3).
- (3) (a) The pay applicable to a medical officer, dental officer or engineer officer of the Reserve Defence Force serving in his or her professional capacity—
- (i) who possesses the professional qualifications in respect of which pay is issuable to a medical officer, dental officer or engineer officer of the Permanent Defence Force under paragraph 16(5) or 100(3) of Defence Force Regulations S.3, and
 - (ii) who is filling a vacancy in the Establishment for a medical officer, dental officer or engineer officer, as the case may be,
- shall be the pay, appropriate to his or her rank, service in rank and professional qualifications, prescribed in Schedule 1 or Schedule 2, or Schedule 8 or Schedule 9 as the case may be, to Defence Force Regulations S.3.
- (b) The maximum rate of pay appropriate to an officer of his or her rank on assignment shall, for so long as he or she 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 or she held either in—
- (i) the Permanent Defence Force, or
 - (ii) in any other class of the Reserve Defence Force,

immediately prior to that officer becoming an officer of the Reserve Defence Force.

- (4) An officer of the Naval Service Reserve may be paid patrol duty allowance at the appropriate rate prescribed in paragraph 48 of Defence Force Regulations S.3 for the officer's rank when attending on board a State ship for the purpose of training or instruction provided for in paragraph 39.
- (5) Allowances except uniform allowance at the rates and under the conditions prescribed for officers of the Permanent Defence Force in Defence Force Regulations S.3 shall be payable to an officer when on permanent service or service in aid of the civil power or when deployed on supplemental military service.
- (6) The following provisions shall apply to payments under this paragraph:
 - (a) a day's pay shall be computed as 1/365th of the prescribed annual rate;
 - (b) in relation to payment for attendance at a course of training or instruction, pay shall be granted only in respect of each day's attendance at such course, other than where paid leave is authorised under paragraph 40, to include the date of reporting for duty and the date of release from, or termination of, such duty.

Initial uniform allowance (officers)

65. (1) A person who has been appointed to be an officer of the Reserve of Officers (Army Reserve) or the Reserve of Officers (Naval Service Reserve) shall be refunded the vouched cost, amounting to not more than the value of an initial uniform allowance as specified in subparagraph (3), towards the cost of providing:
- (a) in the case of an officer of the Army Reserve, a uniform tunic/jacket and trousers of approved officers' pattern and standard; or
 - (b) 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.
- (2) The initial uniform allowance shall be payable on application, including copies of receipts, subject to certification from the Officer Commanding the Unit to which the officer is attached that the officer has purchased the required uniform.
- (3) The rates of initial uniform allowance are as follows:

Reserve of Officers (Army Reserve) (1)	Reserve of Officers (Naval Service Reserve) (2)
Initial Allowance €630	Initial Allowance €1,090

- (4) 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 subject to certification from the Officer Commanding the Unit to which the officer is attached that the officer has provided this item in accordance with paragraph 53(1).

Uniform replenishment allowance (officers)

66. (1) An allowance, referred to as a 'uniform replenishment allowance', of the value specified in subparagraph (2) shall be paid to—

- (a) an officer of the Army Reserve, for the purpose of maintaining the uniform tunic/jacket and trousers in accordance with Defence Force Regulations, and
- (b) an officer of the Naval Service Reserve, for the purpose of maintaining the uniform overcoat (with necessary insignia), reefer coat (with necessary insignia and badges) and trousers in accordance with Defence Force Regulations,

with effect from the second anniversary of the commissioning date and each year thereafter in respect of each year in which the officer concerned completes at least 7 days' paid training or instruction or attends at least 24 training parades, or their equivalent in hours of training.

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

Reserve of Officers (Army Reserve) (1)	Reserve of Officers (Naval Service Reserve) (2)
Replenishment Allowance €126	Replenishment Allowance €218

- (3) An allowance shall not be paid under subparagraph (1):

- (a) in respect of any year in which an officer is paid an initial uniform allowance under paragraph 65; and
- (b) until an officer has first been paid an initial uniform allowance under paragraph 65.

Pay (reservists)

67. (1) The rates of pay prescribed in the following Schedules to Defence Force Regulations S.3 for personnel of the Permanent Defence Force shall apply to reservists of corresponding ranks, grades and classes attending at a course of training or instruction provided for in paragraph 39(3), when on permanent service, when on service in aid of the civil power, or when deployed on supplemental military service under section 91A of the Act:

- (a) Schedule 5 to Defence Force Regulations S.3 in respect of reservists of the Army Reserve;
 - (b) Schedule 10 to Defence Force Regulations S.3 in respect of reservists of the Naval Service Reserve.
- (2) Reckonable service for the purpose of paragraph 18(6) of Defence Force Regulations S.3 in respect of the Army Reserve and paragraph 104(7) of Defence Force Regulations S.3 in respect 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 deployed on supplemental military service under section 91A of the Act, and
 - (d) periods of training and instruction provided for in paragraph 39(3) 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 7 days, and
 - (ii) any period not exceeding 7 days in service or civil custody whilst awaiting disposal of a charge of which convicted,
 - (f) any period of special leave without pay.
- (3) In relation to payment for attendance at a course of training or instruction, pay under this paragraph shall be granted only in respect of each day's attendance at such course, including the date of reporting for duty and the date of release from, or termination of, such duty, except in the following circumstances where pay may also be granted:
- (a) where paid leave is authorised under paragraph 40;
 - (b) where a reservist is released on medical grounds for causes outside his or her control or on compassionate grounds.
- (4) Allowances except uniform allowance at the rates and under the conditions prescribed for enlisted personnel of the Permanent Defence Force in Defence Force Regulations S.3 shall be payable to a reservist when on permanent service or service in aid of the civil power or when deployed on supplemental military service.

Patrol duty allowance (reservists)

68. 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 S.3 for the reservist's rank when attending on board a State ship for the purpose of training or instruction provided for in paragraph 39(3).

Initial uniform allowance (non-commissioned officers)

69. (1) Subject to subparagraph (4), a non-commissioned officer on promotion to the rank of Sergeant-Major or Battalion Quartermaster-Sergeant, or equivalent naval rank, shall be refunded the vouched cost, amounting to not more than the value of an initial uniform allowance as specified in subparagraph (2), towards the cost of providing a uniform tunic and trousers of approved pattern and standard.
- (2) The rates of initial uniform allowance for a non-commissioned officer are as follows:

Reserve of Enlisted Personnel (Sergeant-Major or Battalion Quartermaster-Sergeant) (Army Reserve) (1)	Reserve of Enlisted Personnel (Senior Chief Petty Officer or Warrant Officer) (Naval Service Reserve) (2)
Initial Allowance €630	Initial Allowance €1,090

- (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.
- (4) The refund referred to in subparagraphs (1) and (3) shall be payable on application, including copies of receipts, subject to certification from the Officer Commanding the Unit to which the non-commissioned officer is attached, that the non-commissioned officer has purchased the item or items of uniform in question.

Uniform replenishment allowance (non-commissioned officers)

70. (1) An allowance, referred to as a 'uniform replenishment allowance', of the value specified in subparagraph (2) shall be paid to—
- (a) a Sergeant-Major or Battalion Quartermaster-Sergeant of the Army Reserve, and
- (b) a Senior Chief Petty Officer or Warrant Officer of the Naval Service Reserve,
- for the purpose of maintaining the uniform tunic and trousers in accordance with Defence Force Regulations with effect from the second anniversary of his or her appointment date and each year thereafter in respect of each year in which the non-

commissioned officer completes at least 7 days' paid training or instruction or attends at least 24 training parades, or their equivalent in hours of training.

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

Reserve of Enlisted Personnel (Sergeant-Major or Battalion Quartermaster-Sergeant) (Army Reserve) (1)	Reserve of Enlisted Personnel (Senior Chief Petty Officer or Warrant Officer) (Naval Service Reserve) (2)
Replenishment Allowance €126	Replenishment Allowance €218

(3) A payment shall not be made under subparagraph (1):

- (a) in respect of any year in which an initial uniform allowance is paid under paragraph 69; and
- (b) until the non-commissioned officer in question has been paid an initial uniform allowance under paragraph 69.

Rations (officers and reservists)

71. Rations, on the scale prescribed for personnel of the Permanent Defence Force, may be issued to an officer or reservist while performing duties of a military nature of not less than 5 hours' duration.

Pay, allowances and all other emoluments (general provisions)

72. Except as otherwise specifically provided in these Regulations, pay, allowances and all other emoluments issuable to an officer or reservist:

- (a) shall be subject to the conditions prescribed for officers and enlisted personnel of the Permanent Defence Force in Defence Force Regulations S.3; and
- (b) 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 enlisted personnel of the Permanent Defence Force.

Motor travel allowance for private cars

73. (1) Motor travel allowance at the rates prescribed in Part A of Schedule 7 to Defence Force Regulations S.3 may be paid to a member in the following circumstances where no military transport is available:

- (a) on being called out for and on release from permanent service,
- (b) when travelling on duty during a course of training or instruction, or

- (c) when proceeding on leave for the purpose of attending as a State witness at a trial in a civil court.
- (2) The payment of motor allowance shall be subject to the conditions specified in paragraph 55 of Defence Force Regulations S.3.
- (3) A claim for payment of motor travel allowance under this paragraph shall be made on the approved claim form by the claimant and shall be certified by the Officer Commanding the Unit who shall transmit it through the usual military channels to the Finance Branch (Reserve Pay Section) of the Department of Defence, not later than the 10th day of the month following that to which it refers.
- (4) The registration number of the private car in question shall be quoted on any claim made under this paragraph.

Subsistence allowance (conditions and rates of issue)

74. (1) Subsistence allowance at the rates applicable to officers and personnel of the Permanent Defence Force may be paid to members in the following circumstances where the journey or task in question cannot reasonably (by travelling in the most expeditious manner) be completed within 5 hours—
- (a) a journey undertaken in reporting for, or returning from, permanent service or a course of training or instruction,
 - (b) a 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 General Officer Commanding concerned, 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 General Officer Commanding concerned, 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.
- (2) Subsistence allowance shall not be paid —
- (a) under subparagraph (1)(b) in the case of a member entitled to subsistence allowance under subparagraph (1)(c), or
 - (b) in the case of a member granted leave pursuant to paragraph 40.
- (3) (a) The nightly rate shall in each case cover a period of 24 hours.

- (b) The rates prescribed are intended to cover all expenses for hotel accommodation where military accommodation is not provided, meals and all other charges except travelling expenses (including the hire of motor cars, etc., when necessarily employed and allowed).

Travel warrant

75. A travel warrant may be issued in accordance with Part VIII of Defence Force Regulations S.3 to a member of the Reserve Defence Force when travelling on duty within the State.

Claims for subsistence allowance and motor travel allowance

76. (1) Claims for payment of subsistence allowance or motor travel allowance shall be made:
- (a) by an officer on Army Form 90A; and
 - (b) by a reservist on Army Form 180A.
- (2) The nature of the duty and the name of the officer of the Permanent Defence Force by whom the claim is authorised shall be clearly indicated on each claim.

PART 11

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS AND REVOCATION

Administrative Instructions

77. (1) In accordance with Defence Force Regulations S. 1. Regulations, Orders and Instructions by the Minister for Defence 2007, administrative instructions, not inconsistent with the Defence Act 1954 or these Regulations, may be prepared by the Deputy Chief of Staff (Support) for the guidance of members of the Defence Forces in relation to the administrative implementation of any matter provided for in these Regulations.
- (2) Any administrative instructions prepared under this paragraph shall be approved by the Minister before being issued and published for the general information and guidance of members of the Defence Forces.

Revocation

78. The following regulations are revoked:
- (a) Defence Force Regulations R. 5 (New Series) 2005 and all amendments thereto; and
 - (b) Defence Force Regulations R.5A - Reserve Defence Force (Prescribed Number of Days – Supplemental Military Service) 2022.

SCHEDULE 1

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Paragraph 9

MALE	
FEMALE	

ORIGINAL*
DUPLICATE**



Na hÓglaigh Cúltaca Reserve Defence Force ATTESTATION FORM

PART I - MEDICAL CERTIFICATE (to be completed by Medical Officer prior to further attestation procedure)

1. I have this day examined all medical documentation in respect of the person named herein, in accordance with the provisions governing enlistment in the Reserve Defence Force for Service in the Army Reserve/Naval Service Reserve.
2. The applicant is *Fit/Unfit for service in the RDF.
3. Medical Grade

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4. Signed _____ Rank _____ Date _____ Location _____
(Medical Officer)

PART II - PERSONAL INFORMATION (to be provided by the applicant prior to attestation)

Name (Last) _____ Name (First) _____
Present Address _____
Previous Address (a) _____
(b) _____
Date of Birth _____ Religion _____ Marital Status _____ PSSN _____
Civilian Occupation _____ Skills/ Qualifications _____
NOK _____ Relationship _____
Address of NOK _____
Previous Service: No. _____ Rank _____ Unit _____
From _____ To _____
Cause of Discharge _____ Remarks _____

PART III - ATTESTATION FORM

1. Are you or have you ever been a member of the Defence Forces (including the Reserve Defence Force), the Garda Síochána or of the naval, military or air forces of any other country, or state, or of the reserve of any such forces? _____
2. Have you ever been rejected as unfit or unsuitable for the Defence Forces or for the Garda Síochána? _____
If so, on what grounds? _____
3. Have you ever been convicted of an offence by the Special Criminal Court or by a Civil Court or Court Martial? _____

If so, give particulars _____

4. Are you in receipt of a disability pension from any source? _____
5. Have you received a Notice Paper stating the liabilities you are incurring by enlisting? _____
6. Do you understand it? _____
7. Do you accept such liabilities? _____
8. Are you willing to serve in the Reserve Defence Force Cúltaca an Airm(Army Reserve)/Cúltaca na Séirbhíse Cabhlaigh /(Naval Service Reserve)* for a term of 5 years, provided the Government should so require your services? _____
9. Are you willing to accept such pay, gratuities, rations and clothing as may from time to time be prescribed in accordance with law? _____

PART IV - DECLARATION AND OATH

DECLARATION AS TO THE TRUTH OF THE ANSWERS MADE

I _____ do solemnly declare that the aforementioned answers made by me to the above questions are true and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements made.

Signed _____ (Full Name - as at Part II)
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FORM OF OATH OR DECLARATION TO BE TAKEN OR MADE

I _____ do solemnly swear/declare* that I will be faithful to Ireland and loyal to the Constitution and that while I am a member of the Reserve Defence Force I will obey all lawful orders

_____ issued to me by my superior officers and will not join or be a member of or subscribe to any secret society whatsoever.

Signature of Recruit _____ (Full Name - as at Part II)
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Sworn/Declared* before me this _____ day of _____

Signature of Attesting Officer _____ Service Number _____ Rank _____
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Date _____ Place of Attestation _____

PART V - REGISTRATION, ASSIGNMENT & APPOINTMENT TO SERVICE CORPS

Examined and registered

I hereby assign the person named herein to na hÓglaigh Cúltaca Reserve Defence Force Cúltaca an Airm (Army Reserve)/Cúltaca na Séirbhíse Cabhlaigh (Naval Service Reserve) and appoint him/her to the _____ Corps.

Signature _____ Rank _____ Date _____ OIC Records & Data Mgt _____
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RECORDS &
DATA MGT
OFFICIAL
STAMP OF
OFFICER VC

Note: The Attesting Officer will erase the word "Original" on the Duplicate, and the word "Duplicate" on the Original, initialling the erasures in each case.

SCHEDULE 2

AF 518
Paragraph 10



Na hÓglaigh Cúltaca **Reserve Defence Force**

*Notice to be given to a person offering to enlist in Cúltaca an Airm
Army Reserve/Cúltaca na Séirbhíse Cabhlaigh Naval Service Reserve*

The General Conditions of the Terms of Enlistment with the Government of Ireland upon which you will enter if and when attested for service in the Reserve Defence Force are as follows:

1. You will engage to serve the Government of Ireland as a member of Óglaigh na hÉireann (Irish Defence Forces) for such term as is agree on attestation, provided that the said Government should so require your services, with the contingent liability that if, at the expiration of your term of service, a proclamation authorizing the calling out of reservists on Permanent Service is in force, you shall continue to serve as a reservist for such further period (not exceeding the period during which the proclamation is in force) as the prescribed military authority directs.
2. Your term of service will begin to reckon from the date of Attestation.
3. You will be required by the Attesting Officer to answer such questions as are set out on the Attestation Form AF 339 RDF, and you are warned that if you make at the time of your Attestation any false answer to the Attesting Officer in respect of those questions marked 1 & 3 in Part Two of AF 339 RDF, you will thereby render yourself liable to prosecution.
4. When enlisted in na hÓglaigh Cúltaca (the Reserve Defence Force) for service in Cúltaca an Airm (Army Reserve)/Cúltaca na Séirbhíse Cabhlaigh (Naval Service Reserve):
 - (a) you will be liable to be called out on permanent service pursuant to the Defence Act, 1954.
 - (b) you will be liable to be called out at any time to aid the Civil Power in the maintenance or restoration of the public peace should the Minister direct that all or so many reservists as he/she thinks necessary be so called out.
 - (c) you will be required to attend at local training parades, test mobilisations and periods of training in camp as may be ordered.
5. When called out or attending for any of the reasons set out herein you will be subject to military law as a member of Na hÓglaigh Cúltaca the Reserve Defence Force and on enlistment the provisions of Chapter X of Part V of the Defence Act, 1954, (As Amended) will apply to you.

SCHEDULE 3

Paragraph 13

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
NCOs 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

SCHEDULE 4

Paragraph 34



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Uachtarán na hÉireann
President of Ireland

Tríd An tAire Cosanta
Through the Minister of Defence

A Uachtarán
Dear President

Is meán liom a thairiscint duit eirí as mo choimisiún mar oifigeach
I beg to tender my resignation of my commission as an officer

Do réir téarmaí ailt 49 (1) den Acht Cosanta, 1954.
In accordance with the terms of section 49 (1) of the Defence Act 1954

Is mise, le mór-urraim, Uachtarán
I have the honour to be, President

Do Sheirbhíseacht Umhst,
Your Obedient Servant,

O' _____

Síniú
Signed

Finné
Witness

Céim nó Cáiliócht an fhinné
Rank or qualification of witness

Dáta
Date

SCHEDULE 5

AF 42 RDF
Paragraph 50



Certificate of Discharge
Na hÓglaigh Cúltaca
Reserve Defence Force

This is to certify that

Service No. _____ Rank _____ Name _____

Address _____

Was Enlisted/Assigned in na hÓglaigh Cúltaca (the Reserve Defence Force)* Cúltaca an Airm
(Army Reserve)/Cúltaca na Séirbhíse Cabhlaigh (Naval Service Reserve) at _____
on the _____ day of _____ and that the date of *Enlistment/Assignment herein certified
until the date of this discharge, service in na hÓglaigh Cúltaca (RDF) amounted to _____ years
_____ days.

The term of service terminated on the _____ day of _____

Reason for Discharge _____

Signed _____ Rank _____
*(OC Unit/Group Officer)

Unit _____

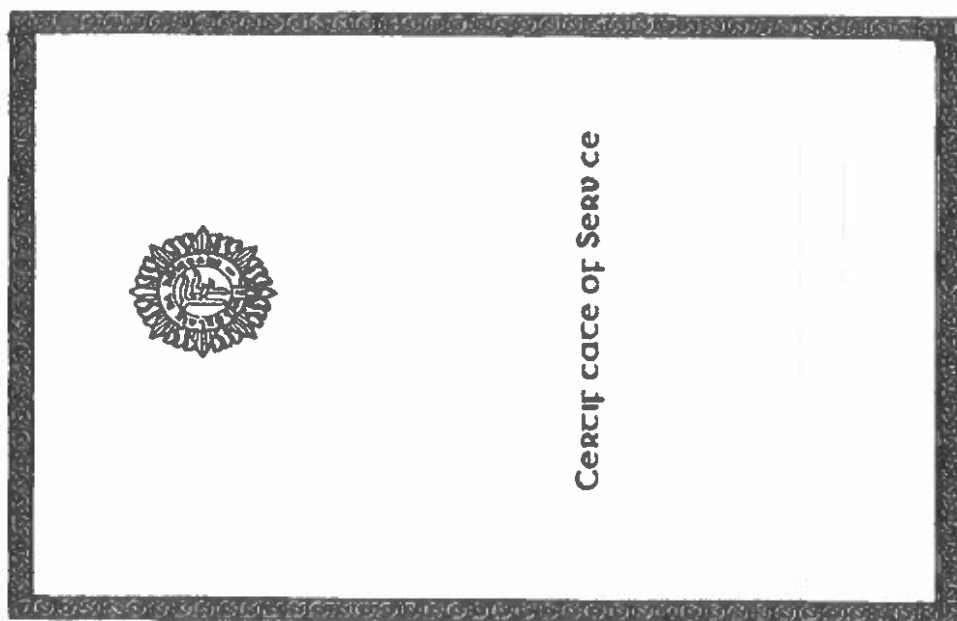
Examined and Registered at _____ Records

Serial No. _____

**Strike out whichever is inapplicable*

SCHEDULE 6

LA 89 RDF
Paragraph 50



The Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform consents under section 8 of the Defence Act 1954 (No. 18 of 1954) to the making of the foregoing Regulations.

31 May 2022



MICHAEL McGRATH TD,

Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform.

GIVEN under my Official Seal,

14 June 2022



SIMON COVENEY TD,

Minister for Defence.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation).

These regulations provide for various matters relating to the Reserve Defence Force, including the organisation of the Reserve Defence Force, enlistment, appointment of officers, conditions of service (including financial provisions), discharge from the Reserve Defence Force and other related matters.

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