

Reserve Defence Force Representative Association



Association Policy **(as of 06 June 2026)**

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‘Standing’ policies:

Personnel (Recruitment)		
#	Policy	Conference at which ratified
A.1.1	The RDF recruitment process should be constantly reviewed to streamline, improve and speed up the process and should include performance statistics.	19 May 2018; updated 28 June 2025
A.1.2	RDFRA will strive to ensure that the induction process from time of application to attestation will take no more than 6 months.	29 April 2023
A.1.3	Adequate IT resources and equipment should be made available to all units and sub-units in order to assist RLOs with recruitment activities.	30 April 2022

Personnel (Promotions)		
#	Policy	Conference at which ratified
A.2.1	Promotion competitions should be run every 2 years to ensure vacancies are being filled and suitable candidates promoted in a timely manner.	29 April 2023
A.2.2	In the event of the creation of specialist appointments at officer or NCO rank, these appointments should be open to application by existing Privates or NCOs who meet the required qualifications and experience, through an open and fair process, and their experience should be taken into account.	22 May 2021
A.2.3	Cpl-to-Sgt / LS-to-PO promotions should be immediately initiated where vacancies exist.	19 May 2018

Personnel (Other Matters)		
#	Policy	Conference at which ratified
A.3.1	RDFRA will engage with the Military Authorities to ensure that the AF 42 RDF Certificate of Discharge is printed in colour and on parchment paper.	28 June 2025

Logistics		
#	Policy	Conference at which ratified
A.4.1	All applications from RDF members for new/replacement clothing should be processed in a timely fashion by the relevant logistics staff.	19 May 2018

Courses/Training		
#	Policy	Conference at which ratified
A.5.1	Notification of all courses for reservists should be made available on the DF app, in order to better disseminate information and maximise applications.	30 April 2022; updated 29 April 2023
A.5.2	There should be a minimum notice period for training, courses and taskings within units and this should relate to the length of the commitment required (e.g., 1 week's notice for a 1-2 day event or 4 weeks' notice for longer periods) to facilitate reservists booking leave from work.	30 April 2022
A.5.3	RDFRA shall pursue a policy that places are made available on all 1 Bde RDF and 2 Bde RDF courses to the DFTC and NSR due to the size of the DFTC and NSR not offering the same opportunities.	30 April 2022
A.5.4	RDFRA will engage with the Military Authorities to ensure that RDF courses will comprise relevant sub-qualifications, e.g., PMS with a Senior NCO Course or MIF with a Quartermaster Course.	30 April 2022
A.5.5	The calling notices/joining instructions for all courses, training or exercises – that are open to application from all units/sub-units within a Formation – should be forwarded directly from the RDF G7 Staff Officer to RDF Staff Officers in each unit/sub-unit for their situational awareness.	22 May 2021
A.5.6	Inter-unit training should be promoted and encouraged.	22 May 2021
A.5.7	Reserve units/sub-units should be efficiently and promptly provided with all calling notices for courses run throughout their respective formations, thereby allowing reservists to apply for driving courses, medical courses, etc.	19 May 2018
A.5.8	Suitable courses should be modularised to make them as RDF-friendly as possible, e.g. elements run over training nights and/or weekends.	19 May 2018

Recognition of Qualifications		
#	Policy	Conference at which ratified
A.6.1	RDF civilian qualifications and skills – from a recognised, national or international awarding body – should be fully recognised by the Defence Forces and utilised in support to RDF and PDF when needed, and posted to the PMS.	19 May 2018; updated 22 May 2021 & 29 April 2023

Legislation		
#	Policy	Conference at which ratified
A.7.1	RDFRA will support members in understanding when employment-related rights arise from paid Reserve Defence Force service, how such rights may be exercised, and the	17 January 2026

	mechanisms through which they may be implemented, including engagement with appropriate statutory bodies where necessary.	
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Regulations		
#	Policy	Conference at which ratified
A.8.1	RDFRA will seek the fair and transparent advertising of all additional-to-CS4 appointments/roles/positions to be occupied by reservists, including those already in existence which were not previously advertised by EOI.	17 January 2026
A.8.2	RDFRA will support members in identifying, assessing, and accessing entitlements to which they are already eligible under current regulations.	17 January 2026

Financial		
#	Policy	Conference at which ratified
A.9.1		

Employer Engagement		
#	Policy	Conference at which ratified
A.10.1		

Medical		
#	Policy	Conference at which ratified
A.11.1	The process of obtaining an AF14c GP medical should be simplified, from an administrative perspective, to allow greater efficiency of processing.	22 May 2021

RDFRA association procedure		
#	Policy	Conference at which ratified
A.12.1	The ADC should rotate around DFTC, NSR, 1 BDE and 2 BDE locations so neutrality is maintained and difficulty travelling to the ADC is shared across all formations.	06 June 2026

Achieved ‘End-goal’ policies:

Personnel (Recruitment)		
#	Policy	Conference at which ratified
B.1.1	RDFRA will ensure that the military authorities impose a Single Force approach to recruitment and ensure reserve recruitment campaigns are kept open year-round in line with the wider DF recruitment effort.	29 April 2023
B.1.2	Upon receipt of an application to join the RDF, applicants should receive notification of fitness test/interview and medical testing dates, as well as the timeframe in which security vetting will be completed and medical testing results will be returned.	22 May 2021
B.1.3	Upon receipt of an application to join the RDF, the Formation Recruitment office should forward each applicant’s contact details to the relevant unit/sub-unit for the attention of the local Recruit Liaison Officer (RLO).	22 May 2021
B.1.4	Army Reserve and Naval Service Reserve cells should be established to assist with Reserve recruitment at Formation level.	22 May 2021
B.1.5	Direct entry candidates for the RDF should be commissioned at the same rank as a corresponding PDF direct entry officer. Such commissions should be remedied retrospectively if implemented.	19 May 2018
B.1.6	NSR eyesight induction standards should be in line with the PDF.	19 May 2018
B.1.7	The online RDF recruitment application form should be amended to allow for the selection of corps unit, in locations where more than one (1) RDF unit is based.	19 May 2018

Personnel (Promotions)		
#	Policy	Conference at which ratified
B.2.1		

Personnel (Other Matters)		
#	Policy	Conference at which ratified
B.3.1		

Logistics		
#	Policy	Conference at which ratified
B.4.1	RDFRA will seek a prompt roll out of brown boots on general issue to Reservists.	29 April 2023
B.4.2	Defence Forces ID cards should be on issue to all members of the Reserve, regardless of rank or length of service.	19 May 2018

Courses/Training		
#	Policy	Conference at which ratified
B.5.1	RDFRA will engage with the Military Authorities for the creation of a Reserve Defence Forces Space to be created on the Connect App so that all upcoming Reserve Courses and associated joining instructions can be accessed from one central location.	28 June 2025
B.5.2	RDFRA will engage with the Defence Sparx programme to try and facilitate in future that the programme is scheduled in a way that is complementary to both PDF staff and RDF staff.	29 April 2023
B.5.3	RDFRA will seek to have a PTL course ran from DFPEs.	29 April 2023
B.5.4	A derogation from fitness tests for non-robust courses for female personnel should be introduced for the first year back post-partum.	30 April 2022
B.5.5	A central virtual notice board and/or other functional communication/notification system should be created where all RDF courses are formally published therefore allowing reservists to be informed in a timely manner of upcoming courses. If necessary, PDF mechanisms already in place could be leveraged.	30 April 2022
B.5.6	The Defence Forces should implement a secure online distance/blended learning platform in order to improve and support RDF training.	22 May 2021
B.5.7	Extra training aids should be developed for personnel with learning disabilities, or personnel whose first language might not be English and who struggle with the Irish language. It is proposed that this should be done through audio and/or visual aids.	22 May 2021
B.5.8	RDFRA should seek to change relevant syllabi to allow Recruit Course weekends to be paid.	22 May 2021
B.5.9	Standard and Senior NCO courses should commence without further delay following adequate notice.	22 May 2021
B.5.10	Reservists should be allowed to use DF gym facilities on the same basis as PDF personnel.	19 May 2018
B.5.11	A new Army Reserve Potential Officers course should be initiated immediately.	19 May 2018

Recognition of Qualifications		
#	Policy	Conference at which ratified
B.6.1.	RDFRA will engage with the Military Authorities to set up a system, to recognise on the PMS, military qualifications achieved prior to the last reorganisation.	29 April 2023

Legislation		
#	Policy	Conference at which ratified
B.7.1	RDFRA will acknowledge that, in certain circumstances, members of the Reserve Defence Force may already meet the statutory definitions of “worker” or “employee” under existing employment legislation, with associated rights and protections arising accordingly.	17 January 2026
B.7.2	RDFRA should seek to remove legislative restrictions on RDF personnel serving outside of the State.	22 May 2021
B.7.3	RDFRA should engage with the Military Authorities and the Department of Defence to implement Section 8.5.5 (Opportunities for Paid Service) of the White Paper on Defence (2015) to enable RDF members, whose personal circumstances allow them, to undertake operational duties, at home and overseas.	19 May 2018
B.7.4	RDFRA should engage with the Military Authorities and the Department of Defence to formalise a system of operational service, supported by legislation, whereby members of the RDF can be engaged on short-service contracts (of periods from 1 to 6 months) with their parent PDF unit, outside of the current manday process.	19 May 2018

Regulations		
#	Policy	Conference at which ratified
B.8.1	RDFRA will seek to simplify the process by which Supplemental Military Service (SMS) is advertised and approved.	17 January 2026
B.8.2	DFR R5 and Admin Instr R5 should be amended to ensure that future Snr NCO promotion competitions are advertised on a national basis, with applications invited from suitably qualified personnel in all Formations.	22 May 2021
B.8.3	A prerequisite for NCO promotions should be the completion of a relevant course.	22 May 2021

Financial		
#	Policy	Conference at which ratified
B.9.1	RDFRA will consult Pay Section in Galway to look into improving data provided on pay slips; for example, which days are being paid, number of mandays accumulated, etc.	29 April 2023
B.9.2	RDFRA shall <i>explore</i> membership of ANSAC for RDFRA members.	30 April 2022
B.9.3	TI 05/2015 and AFC 297 should be amended to allow Unit OCs to approve up to fourteen (14) mandays per person per year.	22 May 2021
B.9.4	The 10% pay cut imposed on the RDF should be reversed.	19 May 2018

Employer Engagement		
#	Policy	Conference at which ratified
B.10.1	RDFRA shall ensure that the RDF Employers' Handbook should be revisited and updated and ensure all civilian trade unions and leading business groups are consulted to find out their needs and requirements to enable RDF personnel to engage in all or any form of deployment (either domestic or overseas).	17 January 2026
B.10.2	The RDF Employers Handbook should be published and distributed promptly.	19 May 2018

Medical		
#	Policy	Conference at which ratified
B.11.1	The maximum refundable amount for an AF14c GP medical should be increased from €56.73 to €80.00. (It was ultimately increased to €150.00)	22 May 2021

RDFRA association procedure		
#	Policy	Conference at which ratified
B.12.1	Para 87 of the RDFRA Rules ("Candidates will not be considered for election in absentia. All candidates must be present at the Annual Delegate Conference to be considered for election") should be DELETED as membership election pitches should have the option to be presented online as well as in person in order to give outlying posts an opportunity to run for election and potentially increase diversity of NEC membership.	06 June 2026
B.12.2	Reports following RDFRA Formation Committees' meetings with GOCs/FOCNS will be shared amongst all RDFRA Formation Committees.	10 May 2024

B.12.3	It shall be RDFRA policy to seek full membership of EUROMIL at the expiration of the Association's period of associate membership in October 2022.	30 April 2022
B.12.4	The draft/new RDFRA Constitution – approved in principle by the delegates at the reconvened 2021 ADC (28 Nov 2021), and recently approved by the Minister for Defence – shall be formally adopted as the RDFRA Constitution.	30 April 2022
B.12.5	The RDFRA electoral process should be overhauled and simplified, as decided by the 2021-2023 National Executive, in advance of the 2023 elections.	22 May 2021

Ongoing 'End-goal' policies:

Personnel (Recruitment)		
#	Policy	Conference at which ratified
C.1.1	In line with the Single Force Concept, recent provisions around the re-enlistment of discharged PDF personnel, viz. retaining previous rank, service and qualifications, be extended to RDF re-enlistments and furthermore that this be applied retroactively.	29 April 2023
C.1.2	A recruitment portal needs to be developed that will allow the applicant to track the status / progress of their recruitment application.	29 April 2023
C.1.3	The reserve joining age limit should be raised to 45, especially for individuals with specialised skills. (Enlistment age now raised to 39 and re-enlistment for former members of the RDF up to 45 has been achieved)	30 April 2022
C.1.4	Age-specific entrance fitness standards should be introduced for all RDF applicants, and appropriate fitness standards should be introduced for all direct-entry specialist applicants.	30 April 2022
C.1.5	An applicant's GP letter should be used for initial entry until the issues with medical appointments are resolved.	22 May 2021
C.1.6	All aspects of medical testing for RDF recruitment applicants should be made available on weekends.	22 May 2021
C.1.7	Alternative routes into the RDF for specialists, i.e. medical, IT, engineering specialists, etc., should be created. Such pers should not have to complete the standard recruit training programme, and should enter the RDF at a rank appropriate to their qualifications.	19 May 2018

Personnel (Promotions)		
#	Policy	Conference at which ratified
C.2.1	RDFRA should seek to ensure that direct entries for NSR technical officer appointments will be commissioned at the rank of Lt (NSR).	22 May 2021
C.2.2	All Snr NCOs who complete a Potential Officers course should be commissioned as a Capt (AR) or Lt (NSR), as per the PDF.	19 May 2018

Personnel (Other Matters)		
#	Policy	Conference at which ratified
C.3.1	Deceased members and ex-members of the Reserve should get increased entitlements in line with PDF for funerals.	29 April 2023
C.3.2	When the RDF skills survey White Paper project is completed, an up-to-date skills survey should take place among effective	22 May 2021

	personnel to identify useful skills and an active database established with this information. Each person's qualifications/skills sets should be recorded on PMS by linking civilian qualifications to military skills codes, or via the implementation of civilian skills codes on PMS.	
C.3.3	All reservists, if they pass away while still serving, should be formally entitled to a tri-colour and guard of honour at their funeral.	19 May 2018

Logistics		
#	Policy	Conference at which ratified
C.4.1	RDFRA will endeavour to secure locker space in barracks for reservists of adequate size to accommodate IPLCE.	28 June 2025
C.4.2	RDFRA shall seek the abolition of all distinguishing reserve uniform and insignia features, and shall liaise with military authorities to ensure no distinguishing reserve features (such as flashes, etc.) will be developed for the incoming uniform, in keeping with the Single Force Concept.	30 April 2022; updated 28 June 2025
C.4.3	DPM Bush hats should be on general issue to RDF personnel.	29 April 2023
C.4.4	RDFRA will engage with the Military Authorities to provide secure IKON access from outside military facilities to RDF pers.	29 April 2023
C.4.5	RDFRA will engage with the Military Authorities to provide military transport in the main towns in each Area of Operations, to facilitate recruitment and retention of personnel.	29 April 2023
C.4.6	RDFRA will ensure, pending roll out of new uniform, that reservists change over on the same timescale as their parent unit and sufficient initial issue of items of uniform for reservists are made available. Furthermore, stockpiles of current DPM should be set aside and depleted through Cadet and Recruit training, with any new uniform variant issued on completion of training; old stocks of current DPM should not be consigned for exclusive Reserve use.	29 April 2023
C.4.7	RDFRA will consult with the relevant military authority to ensure sufficient quantities of appropriately sized clothing, GSBA and PLCE is available in Unit and Sub-Unit stores for female members.	29 April 2023
C.4.8	TAMs should be issued to all PNCOs prior to commencing a PNCO course and remain on personal issue if they complete the course and are promoted to Corporal. If students do not complete the course, TAMs to be returned for reissue by the Unit.	30 April 2022
C.4.9	Army Reserve military police should be issued with a plain red beret in place of the current red beret with green patch.	30 April 2022
C.4.10	Permission should be granted for Reserve officers to sign clothing forms (AF 245 B) for Initial Issue (I/I) of clothing and Fair Wear & Tear (FWT) clothing inspections.	30 April 2022

C.4.11	Female specific uniforms should be re-modelled/made fit for purpose, and sufficient supply made available to RDF pers.	30 April 2022
C.4.12	RDF personnel will be issued with PT clothing in line with their PDF counterparts.	22 May 2021
C.4.13	The process of pooling issued IPLCE/PPE/other equipment (such as all tactical eating/drinking equipment) for RDF use should be ended due to the inherent risks of this practice associated with Covid-19/should be ended in a post-Covid-19 working environment, and replaced with personal issue equipment to be stored in locker rooms as per the PDF.	19 May 2018; updated 22 May 2021
C.4.14	Heavy operational boots (standard or safety), hollow fibre/snugpak jackets and DPM wetsuits should be on personal issue to all reservists, regardless of length of service or other qualifying criteria, as per Health and Safety Authority Guide to the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (General Application) Regulations 2007 Schedule 2 Regulation 62/PPE/ Weatherproof clothing (work in the open air in rain and cold weather).	19 May 2018; updated 22 May 2021

Courses/Training		
#	Policy	Conference at which ratified
C.5.1	RDFRA will seek the modularisation of PTL, PTS and PTI courses.	10 May 2024
C.5.2	RDFRA will seek for PTL, PTS and PTI courses to be run at regular intervals to enable units to conduct fitness training locally.	10 May 2024
C.5.3	RDFRA will ensure that RDF Recruits receive all or part of their training in the proposed National Recruit Induction Centre.	29 April 2023
C.5.4	RDFRA will ensure that the proposed National Recruit Induction Centre includes an establishment for Reserve Staff.	29 April 2023
C.5.5	PT tests should be carried out at Sub-Unit locations via a qualified testing officer being made available to travel and carry out tests.	30 April 2022
C.5.6	An RDF-specific unit admin course syllabus should be produced.	30 April 2022
C.5.7	Two working weeks' notice should be given for cancelation of all courses and duties. If cancelation is made within this period, members should be offered an optional alternate form of paid activity for that period. If this cannot be arranged, members should be paid for the cancelled activity.	22 May 2021; updated 30 April 2022
C.5.8	Regular and defined training blocks/periods should be re-established at certain intervals throughout the year to make it easier for RDF personnel to make themselves available with work, and also to ensure enough personnel are available to merit the training going ahead.	22 May 2021
C.5.9	In cases where reservists possess a civilian qualification that has a corresponding Defence Forces qualification, suitably	22 May 2021

	qualified reservists should only have to complete shortened conversion training before undergoing the testing phase of a course.	
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Recognition of Qualifications		
#	Policy	Conference at which ratified
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Legislation		
#	Policy	Conference at which ratified
C.7.1	RDFRA shall ensure to engage with Reserve formations in other jurisdictions for research and development to ensure that all aspects of Employment Protection Legislation are covered.	17 January 2026
C.7.2	RDFRA will seek to ensure that members on Supplemental Military Service (SMS) receive a contract which considers them as employees for the duration of their SMS, to be paid a 7-day rate, receive all relevant allowances, and that pension deductions and employer contributions are made on their behalf.	17 January 2026
C.7.3	RDFRA will seek engagement with the Department of Defence and the Department of Social Protection to review the PRSI treatment of Reserve Defence Force members arising from paid RDF service.	17 January 2026
C.7.4	RDFRA will seek clarification as to whether paid RTSD support service, mainly “support days”, may fall within “permanent service” as provided for under Section 88 of the Defence Acts (calling out of reservists on permanent service otherwise than under Section 87).	17 January 2026
C.7.5	RDFRA will seek clarification from the Department of Defence, other governmental regulatory bodies or separate legal advice as to whether members of the Reserve Defence Force, when engaged in paid service, including RTSD support days and other paid duties, meet the statutory criteria for paid annual leave.	17 January 2026
C.7.6	RDFRA will endeavour to seek the extension of the Reserve Defence Force leave outlined in Circular 51/1979 (Attendance at training with the Reserve Defence Force) to all classes of employee.	17 January 2026
C.7.7	RDFRA will endeavour to promote and support enact statutory military leave for all members.	28 June 2025
C.7.8	RDFRA should seek to have the recent employment protection legislation – in the event of an emergency call out – permanently enshrined in the Defence Act and/or Employment Equality Act.	22 May 2021

C.7.9	RDFRA should engage with the Military Authorities and the Department of Defence to introduce employment protection legislation for members of the RDF.	19 May 2018
C.7.10	RDFRA should be provided with full access to the Conciliation and Arbitration (C&A) Scheme, as per PDFORRA and RACO.	19 May 2018

Regulations		
#	Policy	Conference at which ratified
C.8.1	It shall be RDFRA policy to ensure that DFR CS4 and Admin Instr CS4 is amended without delay to place the Company Sergeant (CS) and the Company Quarter Master Sergeant (CQMS) ranks on the establishment of the Transport Corps units (1 Bde Transport and 2 Bde Transport).	06 June 2026
C.8.2	It shall be RDFRA policy to ensure that they are consulted and appraised on the development of the Air Corps Reserve element.	06 June 2026
C.8.3	It shall be RDFRA policy to seek that DFR R5 and Admin Instr R5 be amended to ensure that any future direct entry commissioned officer roles are advertised on a national basis, with applications invited from suitably qualified personnel in all Formations.	06 June 2026
C.8.4	RDFRA will seek to amend the current annual cap on Supplemental Military Service (SMS), revising it to a maximum of 400 days of SMS in any 24 month period.	17 January 2026
C.8.5	Reservists should be permitted to take a leave of absence from training, for between 6 months and 3 years duration, for any reason, subject to approval from the relevant Military Authority.	30 April 2022
C.8.6	DFR R5 and Admin Instr R5 should be amended to remove the upper age limit restriction on applying for a Reserve Potential Officers course and/or obtaining a Reserve commission.	22 May 2021
C.8.7	DFR CS4 and Admin Instr CS4 should be amended to place reservists (Offr x 1 and NCO x 2) on the establishment of Mil Col HQ for the purposes of conducting RDF administration of Mil Col RDF personnel.	22 May 2021
C.8.8	RDFRA should seek to enact the expansion of the establishment of the NSR from 200 to 300 personnel as recommended by the 2015 White Paper on Defence.	22 May 2021
C.8.9	The recording of notional hours of training should be replaced with the recording of actual hours of training on the PMS.	19 May 2018

Financial		
#	Policy	Conference at which ratified
C.9.1	RDF pay increments should be dated from date of promotion, same as PDF, and no limit on backdating increments owed.	06 June 2026
C.9.2	It shall be RDFRA policy that, if the return of the annual gratuity is achieved, the amount of gratuity paid should be based on the most recently paid rate, but updated by being index linked to today's value.	17 January 2026
C.9.3	It shall be RDFRA policy that, if the return of the annual gratuity is achieved, the amount of gratuity should be index linked upwards in future years.	17 January 2026
C.9.4	RDFRA shall seek membership of ANSAC or similar for RDFRA members.	17 January 2026
C.9.5	RDFRA will seek to ensure that any payments to members arising from Supplemental Military Service (SMS) – specifically where the member is filling a role that would otherwise be undertaken by a member of the PDF – will not come from Vote 36 Subhead A5 (RDF pay), but rather from unused allocation in Vote 36 Subhead A3 (PDF pay).	17 January 2026
C.9.6	RDFRA will seek to ensure that Security Duty Allowance (SDA) will be paid to RDF members from Vote 36 Subhead A4 (PDF allowances), on the basis that SDA for all required security duties for each year is already accounted for in this Subhead.	17 January 2026
C.9.7	RDFRA will seek the publication of clear, accessible assessment guidelines outlining eligibility criteria, application procedures, and approval authorities for existing Reserve Defence Force pay entitlements and allowances. Such guidance will include, but not be limited to, technical pay, instructor allowance, mileage, and PTR.	17 January 2026
C.9.8	RDFRA will seek to have DOD/DF meet their payment of wages obligations in a timely manner through novel methods during the December period (e.g. using forecasts of RTSDs to accrue monies for wages in suspense accounts to pay reservists within normal timeframes).	17 January 2026
C.9.9	One (1) RTSD per year of service will be paid to all RDF members on retirement, in cases where members retire on medical or age grounds.	10 May 2024
C.9.10	Female officers and senior NCOs should be permitted to claim the cost of non-issue maternity dress uniforms.	30 April 2022
C.9.11	RDF pers should be paid for all activities, as well as receive all allowances for undertaking relevant activities, as per the PDF (e.g. SDA for undertaking Security Duties, etc.), and that this be supported by legislation.	22 May 2021; updated 30 April 2022; updated 17 January 2026
C.9.12	RDFRA should seek to support a tax rebate for RDF members when tax credits are shared with reservists' employment, limited to two weeks training, once minimum requirements are met.	22 May 2021

C.9.13	The current method of determining an RDF manday rate, i.e. one (1) week divided by seven (7), should be changed to one (1) week divided by five (5), in line with the PDF.	22 May 2021
C.9.14	The annual gratuity should be re-instated.	19 May 2018
C.9.15	An additional tax-free allowance should be provided for Reserve Defence Force members.	19 May 2018
C.9.16	The requirement to apply in advance to exceed 28 mandays per annum should be abolished.	19 May 2018

Employer Engagement		
#	Policy	Conference at which ratified
C.10.1	RDFRA shall ensure that all Trade Unions (where RDF are members of in civilian employments) are involved in any discussions when devising any position papers or liaising with stakeholders involved when RDF Employment Protection Legislation is being developed.	17 January 2026
C.10.2	RDFRA shall ensure that all Trade Unions (that RDF are members of in civilian employments) are involved in any discussions when devising any position papers or liaising with stakeholders involved when Employers engagement is being established.	17 January 2026
C.10.3	RDFRA will engage with the Department of Defence to seek the creation of an employer recognition program that acknowledges and promotes employers who actively support members of the Reserve Defence Force in the fulfilment of their military service.	17 January 2026
C.10.4	A social media campaign should be run that is aimed towards businesses and employers, educating them in the benefits of hiring RDF personnel.	22 May 2021
C.10.5	RDFRA should seek to have employers of RDF members receive a tax incentive for hiring reservists and allowing reservists time off work to carry out training.	22 May 2021

Medical		
#	Policy	Conference at which ratified
C.11.1	RDFRA should engage with Military Management and the Department of Defence to implement a healthcare system whereby any reservists injured, as a result of Reserve training, receive appropriate medical and/or financial support following the conclusion of the training period on which they were injured.	30 April 2022
C.11.2	RDFRA shall campaign, for acceptance by the Defence Forces, that an audiogram should not be required to participate in a small arms range practice, if Defence Forces medical branch personnel cannot facilitate such tests.	30 April 2022

C.11.3	Defence Forces medical examinations should be made available to all members of the NSR. Members of the NSR under 40 years old should only be required to carry out a Defence Forces medical examination once every 36 months.	30 April 2022
C.11.4	Personnel should have the option to complete routine medicals at the local MAP of the relevant unit.	22 May 2021
C.11.5	RDFRA should seek to amend medical regulations in order to remove any barriers to RDF doctors carrying out DF medicals / conduct medicals for RDF personnel.	19 May 2018; updated 22 May 2021

RDFRA association procedure		
#	Policy	Conference at which ratified
C.12.1	RDFRA website and DFR S7 Scope of Representation say RDFRA's scope includes "provision of legal representation". The limits of the representation that can be provided need to be clarified.	06 June 2026
C.12.2	RDFRA will seek to expand the scope of representation (as per DFR S7) to include both the First Line and Second Line Reserve.	10 May 2024
C.12.3	The content of the Commission on the Defence Forces report, as it pertains to the Reserve, shall be implemented in full and with maximum haste.	30 April 2022
C.12.4	It shall be RDFRA policy to vigorously oppose the closure or relocation of Cathal Brugha Barracks.	30 April 2022