

**CHAPTER 211**

## DEFENCE

**DEFENCE (RANK, COMMAND AND PRECEDENCE)  
REGULATIONS***S.I. 44/1984*

(SECTIONS 2, 163, 165 and 205)

*[Commencement 28th September, 1984]*

- 1.** These Regulations may be cited as the Defence (Rank, Command and Precedence) Regulations. Citation.
- 2.** In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires — Interpretation.
- “craft” means any ship or boat;
- “Defence Force Instructions” means instructions issued by the Minister;
- “officer” means a member of the Defence Force of the rank of midshipman or above;
- “unit” has the meaning prescribed in regulation 3; and
- “warrant officer” has the same meaning as in the Defence (Regular Force Enlistment and Service) Regulations, and the Defence (Reserve) Regulations.
- 3.** It is hereby declared that a unit in relation to the Act or any regulations made under the Act is any body, craft or establishment of the Defence Force designated as a unit by Commander Defence Force. Units.
- 4.** Commander Defence Force may create such sub-units as he shall deem necessary for the efficient running of the Defence Force. Sub-Units.
- 5.** The ranks of officers, warrant officers and marines of the Defence Force shall be those set out in the first column of the Schedule. Ranks.  
Schedule.

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Corresponding  
rank.  
Schedule.

**6.** For the purposes of section 2 of the Act, any rank specified in the first column of the Schedule is hereby declared to correspond with the rank or rating of members of Commonwealth or other forces specified in relation to it in the second, third and fourth columns of the Schedule.

Command.

**7.** (1) If owing to incapacity or absence on duty or leave, Commander Defence Force is unable to exercise his functions, the next senior officer of the Defence Force shall exercise all the powers under service law of Commander Defence Force.

(2) An officer appointed to command a unit or sub-unit shall, irrespective of seniority, exercise command over all other members of the Defence Force serving therein.

(3) An officer holding an authorised appointment of second in command of a unit or sub-unit shall, irrespective of seniority, exercise command over all members of the Defence Force serving therein except the officer appointed to command the unit or, as the case may be, sub-unit.

(4) Subject to Defence Force Instructions, in the absence of both the officer in command of the unit or sub-unit and the officer appointed second in command of the unit or sub-unit, the senior officer, warrant officer or marine shall exercise command over all other members of the Defence Force serving therein.

(5) A person in command of an aircraft, whether or not he is a member of the Defence Force, shall in respect of all matters relating to the control or safety of the aircraft, have powers of command over members of the Defence Force who are on board that aircraft.

(6) Subject to paragraphs (1) and (5) and to Defence Force Instructions, officers, warrant officers and marines shall exercise command over all members of the Defence Force junior to them in rank or precedence.

Precedence.

**8.** The relative precedence of members of the Defence Force is as follows —

- (a) those holding substantive rank take precedence amongst themselves according to their seniority in that rank and over all others holding acting rank of the same grade; and
- (b) those holding acting rank take precedence amongst themselves according to the date of their seniority in their substantive rank.

- (c) members of the regular Force take precedence over members of the reserve force of the same rank; and
- (d) where the seniority or appointment date is the same, precedence shall be as determined by Commander Defence Force.

**9.** Members of Commonwealth or other forces shall take precedence with members of the Defence Force of corresponding rank according to their dates of appointment to that rank.

Precedence of members of Commonwealth and other forces.

### SCHEDULE (Regulations 5 and 6)

<i>The Defence Force</i>		<i>Other forces</i>	
<i>Officers</i>	<i>Naval</i>	<i>Military</i>	<i>Air Force</i>
Commodore	Commodore	Brigadier	Air Commodore
Captain	Captain	Colonel	Group Captain
Senior Commander	Commander	Lieutenant-Colonel	Wing Commander
Commander			
Lieutenant-Commander	Lieutenant-Commander	Major	Squadron Leader
Senior Lieutenant	Lieutenant	Captain	Flight Lieutenant
Lieutenant			
Sub-Lieutenant	Sub-Lieutenant (but junior to military and air force ranks)	Lieutenant	Flying Officer
	Acting Sub-Lieutenant (but junior to military and air force ranks)		
Acting Sub-Lieutenant	Midshipman	Second Lieutenant	Pilot Officer, Acting Pilot Officer (but junior to Second-Lieutenant)
Midshipman			

<i>The Defence Force</i>		<i>Other forces</i>	
<i>Officers</i>	<i>Naval</i>	<i>Military</i>	<i>Air Force</i>
<b>Warrant Officers</b>			
Force Chief	Fleet Chief	Warrant Officer	Warrant Officer
Petty Officer	Petty Officer	Class I and II (but junior to air force ranks)	Master Aircrew  Master Aircrew
<b>Marines</b>			
Chief Petty Officer	Chief Petty Officer	Staff Corporal Staff Sergeant Colour Sergeant RM	Flight Sergeant Chief Technician
Petty Officer	Petty Officer	Corporal-of Horse Sergeant	Sergeant
Leading Rate	Leading Rating (but junior to military rank of corporal, etc.)	Corporal Bombardier* Lance-Corporal* Lance- Bombardier*	Corporal
Able Rate	Able Rating	Marine Private (however described)	Junior Technician Senior Aircraftman  Leading Aircraftman Aircraftman
Marine Rate ) Recruit )	Ordinary Rating		

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**DEFENCE (OFFICERS) REGULATIONS**

(SECTION 14)

*[Commencement 20th September, 1984]*

- Citation.           **1.** These Regulations may be cited as the Defence (Officers) Regulations.
- Interpretation.   **2.** In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —
- “commission” does not include honorary commission; and