

| <i>The Defence Force</i> | | <i>Other forces</i> | |
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| <i>Officers</i> | <i>Naval</i> | <i>Military</i> | <i>Air Force</i> |
| Warrant Officers | | | |
| 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 |
| Marines | | | |
| 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 | | |

S.I. 42/1984

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 commis-
 sion; and

“officer” means a member of the Defence Force of the rank of midshipman or above.

3. (1) No person shall be appointed an officer in the regular Force unless he is a citizen of The Bahamas. Eligibility of officers.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), where the Security Council considers it necessary, a citizen of any foreign or Commonwealth country may be appointed an officer in the regular Force for a specified period.

4. (1) An officer appointed to the regular Force may be granted a commission for a period of five years. Commission.

(2) Such officer may be granted a permanent commission when:

- (a) he is promoted to the substantive rank of sub-lieutenant; or
- (b) the Minister, acting in accordance with the advice of the Commissions Board, in any other case so recommends.

5. (1) A person may be granted an honorary commission in such rank and under such conditions as may be specified by the Governor-General. Honorary Commission.

(2) A person granted an honorary commission shall not, by virtue of such commission, be entitled to any pay, allowance, pension, gratuity or other emolument.

6. (1) An officer entering the regular Force shall serve an initial term of five years. Officers to serve initial term of five years.

(2) Upon completion of the initial term of five years, an officer may either —

- (a) resign from the regular Force; or
- (b) remain in the regular Force to complete a career engagement if,
 - (i) he has been granted a permanent commission, and
 - (ii) having regard to his past performance and medical fitness, the Minister decides that he should remain.

7. On entering the regular Force an officer shall be appointed to the rank of midshipman unless the Minister otherwise directs. Rank.

Promotion of
officers of
regular force.

8. (1) Subject to regulation 10 and paragraph (3) of this regulation, an officer of the regular Force may, by order of Commander Defence Force, and with the approval of the Minister, be promoted to a higher rank if —

- (a) he is eligible; and
- (b) he has previously qualified for such promotion at such professional examinations or tests for the rank as may be specified by the Minister from time to time:

Provided that the Minister may waive the conditions in subparagraphs (a) and (b) of this paragraph in a special case if he thinks fit.

(2) An officer of the regular Force shall be eligible for promotion to higher substantive rank on completion of such minimum periods of commissioned service as shall be specified from time to time by the Minister.

(3) Promotion to the substantive ranks of senior lieutenant and above shall be by selection by the Minister.

Acting rank
conferred on
officer.

9. Acting rank may, for the convenience of the service, be conferred on an officer, for such period as may be necessary by Commander of the Defence Force with the Approval of the Minister.

No right to
promotion.

10. No officer shall have an absolute right to promotion to substantive or acting rank.

Retirement on
attaining age
limit.

11. (1) Subject to paragraph (2), an officer of the regular Force shall retire after twenty-five years of pensionable service or on attaining the age limit appropriate to his rank as laid down from time to time by the Minister, whichever is later.

(2) An officer who has attained the age limit appropriate to his rank may, at his request and on the order of the Minister, be permitted to continue in service on a year to year basis.

(3) Nothing in this regulation shall be taken as preventing the appointment to any rank by order of the Minister, for such period as he may specify, of any person who has already attained the age limit appropriate to that rank.

12. (1) Notwithstanding anything in these Regulations, an officer may at any time, at the discretion of the Minister, be permitted to retire or resign his commission at his own request.

Voluntary retirement or resignation.

(2) In exercising his discretion under paragraph (1) the Minister shall take into consideration the exigencies of the Defence Force, and shall consider each case on its merits.

13. An officer who, on account of ill health, is reported by the Medical Officer to the Defence Force as being unfit for service under current standards laid down by the Minister, shall be retired.

Officer to retire if medically unfit.

14. (1) An officer shall not be called upon to retire except by the Minister.

Compulsory retirement or resignation.

(2) An officer may at any time be called upon by the Minister to retire for misconduct or for reasons other than misconduct.

(3) In the event of an officer failing to retire or resign when called upon to do so under this regulation, his service may be terminated.

15. The Governor-General may at any time terminate an officer's commission for misconduct or for reasons other than misconduct and he shall thereupon be retired.

Termination of Commission.

DEFENCE (SECONDED PERSONNEL) REGULATIONS

*S.I. 59/1984
5 of 1988*

(SECTIONS 14, 133 to 136, 163 to 165, 204 and 205)

[Commencement 20th September, 1984]

1. These Orders and Regulations may be cited as the Defence (Seconded Personnel) Regulations.

Citation.

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

Interpretation.

“seconded personnel” means all officers, warrant officers and non-commissioned officers of the armed forces of the United Kingdom who are seconded to serve with The Royal Bahamas Defence Force or any part thereof;

5 of 1988, s. 6.