



# Armed Forces Act 1966

## CHAPTER 45

### ARMED FORCES ACT 1966

#### PART I

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- 1 Continuance of Army Act 1955 and Air Force Act 1955.

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*Interpretation of Part II*

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- 16 Powers of command over Her Majesty's forces.

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- 1 For paragraph 4 of Schedule 7 to the Army Act...
- 2 Sections 11(2) and (5) and 12(2) and (3) of the...
- 3 In accordance with the foregoing provisions of this Schedule, for...

SCHEDULE 4 — Minor and consequential Amendments of Enactments.

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The Seamen's and Soldiers' False Characters Act 1906

*(6 Edw. 7. c. 5)*

The Recall of Army and Air Force Pensioners Act 1948

*(12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 8)*

The Auxiliary and Reserve Forces Act 1949

*(12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 96)*

The Army Reserve Act 1950

*(14 Geo. 6. c. 32)*

The Air Force Reserve Act 1950

*(14 Geo. 6. c. 33)*

The Army Act 1955

*(3 & 4 Eliz. 2. c. 18)*

The Air Force Act 1955

*(3 & 4 Eliz. 2. c. 19)*

The Naval Discipline Act 1957

*(5 & 6 Eliz. 2. c. 53)*

The Army and Air Force Act 1961

*(9 & 10 Eliz. 2. c. 52)*

The Navy, Army and Air Force Reserves Act 1964

*(1964 c. 11)*

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- 1 Regulations made under or in pursuance of an enactment repealed...
- 2 Any approval given under paragraph 4(3) of Schedule 7 to...
- 3 (1) In relation to a sentence of a court-martial under...
- 4 In relation to an award made before the date of...
- 5 (1) In relation to a sentence awarded in respect of...
- 6 If a person is, at the coming into force of...
- 7 If paragraph 1 of Schedule 3 to this Act comes...
- 8 If the amendment to section 14(1)(b) of the Army Act...
- 9 If the amendment to section 14(1)(b) of the Air Force...