



# Reserve Forces Act 1980

## 1980 CHAPTER 9

### PART IV

#### [<sup>F1</sup>REGULAR RESERVE] AND AIR FORCE RESERVE

##### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in Act substituted (1.10.2014) by [Defence Reform Act 2014 \(c. 20\), s. 44\(3\)\(a\)\(4\)50\(1\)](#) (with s. 49(3)(5)); S.I. 2014/2370, art. 4(a)

*[<sup>F1</sup>Regular Reserve]*

<sup>F2</sup>62 .....

##### Textual Amendments

- F2** S. 62 repealed (1.4.1997) by [1996 c. 14, s. 131\(2\), Sch. 11](#) (with s. 72(5)); S.I. 1997/305, art. 2

#### **63 Exercise of powers vested in military office holder.**

- (1) Any power or jurisdiction given to, and any act or thing to be done by, to, or before, any person holding any military office may, in relation to the [<sup>F1</sup>Regular Reserve], be exercised by or done by, to, or before any other person for the time being authorised in that behalf according to the custom of the service.
- (2) Where by this Act, or by any order or regulation under this Act, any order is authorised to be made by any military authority, the order may be signified by an order, instruction or letter under the hand of any officer authorised to issue orders on behalf of that military authority, and an order, instruction or letter purporting to be signed by any officer who appears from it to be so authorised shall be evidence of his being so authorised.

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<sup>F3</sup>64 .....

**Textual Amendments**  
**F3** S. 64 repealed (1.4.1997) by 1996 c. 14, s. 131(2), **Sch. 11** (with s. 72(5)); S.I. 1997/305, **art. 2**

<sup>F4</sup>65 .....

**Textual Amendments**  
**F4** S. 65 repealed (1.4.1997) by 1996 c. 14, s. 131(2), **Sch. 11** (with s. 72(5)); S.I. 1997/305, **art. 2**

*Air Force Reserve*

<sup>F5</sup>66 .....

**Textual Amendments**  
**F5** S. 66 repealed (1.4.1997) by 1996 c. 14, s. 131(2), **Sch. 11** (with s. 72(5)); S.I. 1997/305, **art. 2**

**67 Exercise of powers vested in air force officer holder.**

- (1) Any power or jurisdiction given to, and any act or thing to be done by, to, or before, any person holding any air force office may, in relation to the Air Force Reserve, be exercised by or done by, to, or before any other person for the time being authorised in that behalf according to the custom of the service.
- (2) Where by this Act, or by any order or regulation under this Act, any order is authorised to be made by any air force authority, the order may be signified by an order, instruction or letter under the hand of any officer authorised to issue orders on behalf of that air force authority, and an order, instruction or letter purporting to be signed by any officer who appears from it to be so authorised shall be evidence of his being so authorised.

<sup>F6</sup>68 .....

**Textual Amendments**  
**F6** S. 68 repealed (1.4.1997) by 1996 c. 14, s. 131(2), **Sch. 11** (with s. 72(5)); S.I. 1997/305, **art. 2**

**69 Special reservist called out for permanent service.**

- (1) The Secretary of State may, by regulations under this Act, authorise any special reservist having the qualifications prescribed by those regulations to agree in writing that—

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- (a) if the time at which he would otherwise be entitled to be discharged from the Air Force Reserve occurs when he is called out for permanent service, then
  - (b) he will continue to serve in the Air Force Reserve until the expiry of such period, whether definite or indefinite, as may be specified in the agreement,
- (2) If any man who enters into such an agreement is called out for permanent service, he shall be liable to be detained in service for the period specified in his agreement in the same manner in all respects as if his term of service were still unexpired.

**70 Special reservist called out for special courses, etc.**

- (1) A special reservist may, in addition to being called out for annual training, be called out for a special course or special courses of training—
- (a) at such place or places in the United Kingdom or the Isle of Man,
  - (b) at such time or times, and
  - (c) for such period or periods, not exceeding in the whole 6 months,
- as may be prescribed, in like manner and subject to the like conditions as if he were called out for annual training.
- (2) Where one of the conditions on which a special reservist was enlisted or re-engaged is that he shall not be called out for training, whether special or annual, for a longer period than the period specified in his attestation paper, he shall not be liable under this section to be called out for any longer period.

*Enlistment in [<sup>F1</sup>Regular Reserve] and Air Force Reserve*

**F771** .....

**Textual Amendments**

**F7** S. 71 repealed (1.4.1997) by 1996 c. 14, s. 131(2), **Sch. 11** (with s. 72(5)); S.I. 1997/305, **art. 2**

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**Textual Amendments**

**F8** S. 72 repealed (1.4.1997) by 1996 c. 14, s. 131(2), **Sch. 11** (with s. 72(5)); S.I. 1997/305, **art. 2**

*Offences*

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**F9** S. 73 repealed (1.4.1997) by 1996 c. 14, s. 131(2), **Sch. 11** (with s. 72(5)); S.I. 1997/305, **art. 2**

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**Textual Amendments**  
**F10** S. 74 repealed (1.4.1997) by 1996 c. 14, s. 131(2), **Sch. 11** (with s. 72(5)); S.I. 1997/305, **art. 2**

**F11**75 .....

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**Textual Amendments**  
**F11** S. 75 repealed (1.4.1997) by 1996 c. 14, s. 131(2), **Sch. 11** (with s. 72(5)); S.I. 1997/305, **art. 2**

**F12**76 .....

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**Textual Amendments**  
**F12** S. 76 repealed (1.4.1997) by 1996 c. 14, s. 131(2), **Sch. 11** (with s. 72(5)); S.I. 1997/305, **art. 2**

**F13**77 .....

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**Textual Amendments**  
**F13** S. 77 repealed (1.4.1997) by 1996 c. 14, s. 131(2), **Sch. 11** (with s. 72(5)); S.I. 1997/305, **art. 2**

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**Textual Amendments**  
**F14** S. 78 repealed (1.4.1997) by 1996 c. 14, s. 131(2), **Sch. 11** (with s. 72(5)); S.I. 1997/305, **art. 2**

**F15**79 .....

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**Textual Amendments**  
**F15** S. 79 repealed (1.4.1997) by 1996 c. 14, s. 131(2), **Sch. 11** (with s. 72(5)); S.I. 1997/305, **art. 2**

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**Textual Amendments**

F16 S. 80 repealed (1.4.1997) by 1996 c. 14, s. 131(2), **Sch. 11** (with s. 72(5)); S.I. 1997/305, **art. 2**

F1781 .....

**Textual Amendments**

F17 S. 81 repealed (1.4.1997) by 1996 c. 14, s. 131(2), **Sch. 11** (with s. 72(5)); S.I. 1997/305, **art. 2**

*Miscellaneous*

F1882 .....

**Textual Amendments**

F18 S. 82 repealed (1.4.1997) by 1996 c. 14, s. 131(2), **Sch. 11** (with s. 72(5)); S.I. 1997/305, **art. 2**

F1983 .....

**Textual Amendments**

F19 S. 83 omitted (1.1.1999) by virtue of S.I. 1998/3086, reg. 11, **Sch. para. 8(1)(a)**

F2084 .....

**Textual Amendments**

F20 S. 84 repealed (1.4.1997) by 1996 c. 14, s. 131(2), **Sch. 11** (with s. 72(5)); S.I. 1997/305, **art. 2**

F2185 .....

**Textual Amendments**

F21 S. 85 repealed (1.4.1997) by 1996 c. 14, s. 131(2), **Sch. 11** (with s. 72(5)); S.I. 1997/305, **art. 2**

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**F22** S. 86 repealed (1.4.1997) by 1996 c. 14, s. 131(2), **Sch. 11** (with s. 72(5)); S.I. 1997/305, **art. 2**

## 87 Interpretation of Part IV.

In this Part of this Act, except where the context otherwise requires—

“absence without leave” and “desertion” mean respectively absence without leave contrary to subsection (1) or (3) of section 73 above and desertion contrary to subsection (1) of that section, and “absentee without leave” and “deserter” shall be construed accordingly;

“airman” includes a warrant officer and a non-commissioned officer;

“soldier” includes a warrant officer and a non-commissioned officer; and

“special reservist” means a man of the Air Force Reserve who is serving in that reserve as a special reservist pursuant to section 68 above.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

- Act excluded (prosp.) by [1996 c. 14 s. 129\(2\)](#)
- Act modified (prosp.) by [1996 c. 14 s. 128Sch. 8 para. 4\(5\)](#)
- Act repealed (except s.048, 55, 130-138,140,151,156,157, 158) (prosp.) by [1996 c. 14 s. 131\(2\)Sch. 11](#)