



# Armed Forces Act 1981

## 1981 CHAPTER 55

An Act to continue the Army Act 1955, the Air Force Act 1955 and the Naval Discipline Act 1957; to amend those Acts and other enactments relating to the armed forces; to confer new powers for the temporary detention abroad of servicemen or civilians subject to those Acts suffering from mental disorder or the children of service and certain civilian families in need of care or control; to complete the assimilation for statutory purposes of the women's services with the rest of the armed forces; to amend the Patents Act 1977 in relation to inventions by members of the armed forces; to abolish the office of Accountant General of the Navy; to make further provision in relation to the naval prize cash balance; and for connected purposes. [28th July 1981]

### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 [Act](#): power to amend conferred (4.6.2007) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\)](#), [ss. 381](#), 383(2); [S.I. 2007/1442](#), [art. 2\(2\)](#)

### Commencement Information

- I1 Act partly in force 28.07.1981 see [s. 29](#). Act wholly in force 28.07.1982.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Armed Forces Act 1981, Introductory Text.