



Armed Forces Act 1991

CHAPTER 62

ARMED FORCES ACT 1991

PART I

CONTINUANCE OF SERVICES ACTS

- 1 Continuance of Services Acts.

PART II

AMENDMENTS RELATING TO THE ARMED FORCES AND OTHER PERSONS SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF THE SERVICES ACTS

Young offenders

- 2 Young offenders: custodial sentences.
- 3 Young service offenders: minimum period of custodial orders etc.
- 4 Reasons to be given where custodial sentence awarded to young offender.
- 5 Young civilian offenders: custodial orders.
- 6 Abolition of reception orders.

Stoppages and compensation orders

- 7 Stoppages under the 1955 Acts: personal injuries and limits.
- 8 Stoppages under the 1957 Act: personal injuries and limits.
- 9 Compensation orders for personal injuries on trial of civilians.

Courts-martial

- 10 Compensation for miscarriages of justice.
- 11 Withdrawal of election to be tried by court-martial under the 1955 Acts: officers, warrant officers and civilians.

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- 12 Powers of naval courts-martial.
- 13 Damage to public or service property etc.

Deduction of maintenance payments etc. from pay

- 14 Deductions from pay in respect of liabilities for maintenance: the 1955 Acts.
- 15 Deductions from naval and marine pay in respect of liabilities for maintenance.

Naval and marine pay and pensions

- 16 New provisions as to assignments, charges and court orders in respect of naval and marine pay, pensions etc.

PART III

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- 17 Power to make service family child assessment orders.
- 18 Content, effect, variation and discharge of assessment orders.
- 19 Power to make orders for the emergency protection of children of service families.
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- 25 The 1955 Acts and the 1957 Act.
- 26 Minor and consequential amendments and repeals.
- 27 Short title and commencement.

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1 — Assessors of Compensation for Miscarriages of Justice

- 1 A person may only be appointed to be an assessor...
- 2 A person shall hold and vacate office as an assessor...
- 3 A person shall vacate office as an assessor—
- 4 A person may at any time resign his office as...
- 5 Subject to paragraph 6 below, the Secretary of State may...
- 6 (1) The exercise of the power conferred by paragraph 5...
- 7 An assessor shall be paid such remuneration and allowances as...

SCHEDULE 2 — Minor and Consequential Amendments

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Removal of offender to United Kingdom before confirmation of sentence

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Power to impose imprisonment for default in payment of fines

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Evidence of child of tender years

3 (1) In section 93 of each of the 1955 Acts...

Rules of evidence

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Finality of trials

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Enactments requiring fiat of Attorney General etc. in connection with proceedings

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Recognizance by parent or guardian on conviction of civilian under 17

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Power of Courts-Martial Appeal Court to order retrial

8 In section 19 of the Courts-Martial (Appeals) Act 1968 (power...

Compensation orders

9 (1)

Powers of Standing Civilian Courts

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Removal or amendment of spent or obsolete expressions

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SCHEDULE 3 — Enactments Repealed

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

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 17(4)(dc) inserted by [2022 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 para. 11](#)
- s. 18(7)(dc) inserted by [2022 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 para. 12](#)
- s. 20(8)(cc) inserted by [2022 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 para. 13](#)
- s. 22A(7)(cc) inserted by [2022 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 para. 14](#)