

*These notes refer to the Armed Forces Act 2006 (c.52)  
which received Royal Assent on 8 November 2006*

# **ARMED FORCES ACT 2006**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY**

#### *First Group of Parts – Discipline*

#### **Part 3 – Powers of Arrest, Search and Entry**

#### *Chapter 3 – Powers of Entry, Search and Seizure*

#### **Entry for purposes of arrest etc**

#### *Section 90: Entry for purpose of arrest etc by a service policeman*

195. This section sets out the circumstances in which a service policeman can, without a warrant, enter and search service living accommodation or other premises occupied by persons subject to service law or civilians subject to service discipline (or reasonably believed to be such persons) to arrest a person he reasonably believes to be there at the time. The powers of entry and search extend to communal areas of premises in multiple occupation, such as barrack accommodation or blocks of flats.
196. Subsection (4) sets out additional powers for a service policeman to enter the same premises to save life or limb or prevent serious damage to property.
197. Subsection (5) limits the power of search to what is reasonably required for the purpose for which the power of entry is exercised.