



Armed Forces Act 2021

2021 CHAPTER 35

General

23 Meaning of “AFA 2006”

In this Act “AFA 2006” means the Armed Forces Act 2006.

Commencement Information

II S. 23 in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 24\(2\)\(b\)](#)

24 Commencement and transitional provision

- (1) The provisions of this Act come into force on such day as the Secretary of State may appoint by regulations, subject to [subsections \(2\), \(3\) and \(4\)](#).
- (2) The following come into force on the day on which this Act is passed—
 - (a) [sections 1, 17\(5\), 20 and 22\(3\)](#) (and [section 22\(1\)](#), so far as relating to [section 22\(3\)](#)), and
 - (b) [section 23](#), this section and [sections 25 to 27](#).
- (3) [Sections 19 and 22 \(2\)](#) (and [section 22\(1\)](#), so far as relating to [section 22\(2\)](#)) come into force at the end of the period of two months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed.
- (4) The Secretary of State may by regulations make transitional, transitory or saving provision in connection with the coming into force of a provision of this Act.
- (5) Regulations under this section—
 - (a) are to be made by statutory instrument, and
 - (b) may make different provision for different purposes.

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I2 S. 24 in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 24\(2\)\(b\)](#)

25 Extent in the United Kingdom

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, subject to subsections (2) to (4).
- (2) [Paragraph 1](#) of [Schedule 4](#), so far as it inserts paragraph 1 of Schedule 14A to AFA 2006 (status of Service Police Complaints Commissioner as a corporation sole), extends in the United Kingdom to England and Wales and Northern Ireland only.
- (3) The amendments made by the following provisions have the same extent in the United Kingdom as the provisions to which they relate—
 - (a) section [9\(1\)](#) to [\(14\)](#);
 - (b) section [10\(10\)](#) and [Schedule 3](#);
 - (c) section [17\(5\)](#);
 - (d) section 19;
 - (e) section 21;
 - (f) paragraphs [1](#) to [6](#) of [Schedule 2](#) (and section [9\(15\)](#), so far as it relates to those paragraphs);
 - (g) [paragraphs 2](#) to [9](#) of [Schedule 4](#) (and section [11\(5\)](#), so far as it relates to those paragraphs);
 - (h) paragraphs [1](#) to [23](#) and [33](#) to [52](#) of [Schedule 5](#) (and section [12\(5\)](#)), so far as it relates to those paragraphs);
 - (i) [paragraphs 4](#) to [6](#) of [Schedule 6](#) (and section 16, so far as it relates to those paragraphs).
- (4) Section 18 extends to England and Wales only.

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I3 S. 25 in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 24\(2\)\(b\)](#)

26 Extent in the Channel Islands, Isle of Man and British overseas territories

- (1) The power under section 384(1) of AFA 2006 may be exercised so as to extend to any of the Channel Islands any amendment or repeal made by this Act of a provision of AFA 2006 (with or without modifications).
- (2) This Act, with the exception of the provisions mentioned in subsection (3), extends to—
 - (a) the Isle of Man, and
 - (b) the British overseas territories, except Gibraltar.
- (3) Subsection (2) refers to—
 - (a) section [9\(1\)](#) to [\(14\)](#),
 - (b) section [10\(10\)](#) and [Schedule 3](#),
 - (c) section [17\(5\)](#),

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- (d) section 18,
 - (e) section 19,
 - (f) section 21,
 - (g) paragraphs 1 to 6 of [Schedule 2](#) (and section 9 (15), so far as it relates to those paragraphs),
 - (h) [paragraphs 2 to 9 of Schedule 4](#) (and section 11 (5), so far as it relates to those paragraphs),
 - (i) paragraphs 1 to 23 and 33 to 52 of [Schedule 5](#) (and section 12(5), so far as it relates to those paragraphs), and
 - (j) [paragraphs 4 to 6 of Schedule 6](#) (and section 16, so far as it relates to those paragraphs).
- (4) The power under section 384(2) of AFA 2006 may be exercised so as to modify any provision of AFA 2006, as amended by this Act, as it extends to the Isle of Man or a British overseas territory other than Gibraltar.
- (5) The power under section 132(3) of the Reserve Forces Act 1996 may be exercised so as to extend to any of the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man any amendment or repeal made by this Act of a provision of that Act (with or without modifications).

Commencement Information

14 S. 26 in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 24\(2\)\(b\)](#)

27 Short title

This Act may be cited as the Armed Forces Act 2021.

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15 S. 27 in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 24\(2\)\(b\)](#)

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