



Officers Commissions Act 1862

1862 CHAPTER 4 25 and 26 Vict

An Act to enable Her Majesty to issue Commissions to the Officers of Her Majesty's Land Forces and Royal Marines, and to Adjutants and Quartermasters of Her Militia and Volunteer Forces, without affixing Her Royal Sign Manual thereto. [11th April 1862]

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 Short title "The Officers Commissions Act 1862" given by [Short Titles Act 1896 \(c. 14\)](#)
- C2 Act applied by S.R. & O. 1908/256 (Rev. XXII, p. 523; 1908, p. 963) and S.R. & O. 1925/415 (Rev. I, p. 1089; 1925, p. 2)
- C3 Preamble repealed by [S.I. 1964/488](#)
- C4 Words of enactment and certain other words repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1893 \(c. 14\)](#)
- C5 Act amended (women's services) by [Armed Forces Act 1981 \(c. 55, SIF 7:1\)](#), s. 20, [Sch. 3 Pt. I para. 1](#)

1 **Officer Commissions in the Army, &c. may be issued without Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual being affixed thereto.**

It shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by Order in Council, from time to time, as occasion may require, to direct [^{F1}as regards all or any of Her Majesty's naval, military or air forces] that all or any commissions for officers prepared or to be prepared under the authority of Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual may be afterwards issued without Her Royal Sign Manual, but [^{F2}having thereon the signature of a Secretary of State and, if the order so provides, of a member or members of the Defence Council]; and every such commission issued and signed in pursuance of such Order in Council shall be conclusive evidence that the officer named in any such commission has been appointed or promoted by Her Majesty to the rank or office named therein.

Textual Amendments

- F1 Words inserted by [S.I. 1964/488](#)
- F2 Words substituted by [S.I. 1964/488](#)

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Officers Commissions Act 1862. (See end of Document for details)

2 Nothing to affect Her Majesty's Right to sign Commissions.

Nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent Her Majesty from signing any commission, or to prevent any commission so signed from having the same validity and effect as if this Act had not passed.

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