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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1996 No. 2474 (C. 65)**

**DEFENCE**

**The Armed Forces Act 1996  
(Commencement No. 1) Order 1996**

*Made - - - - 25th September 1996*

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 36(2) and (5) of the Armed Forces Act 1996<sup>(1)</sup>, hereby makes the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Armed Forces Act 1996 (Commencement No. 1) Order 1996.
2. Subject to article 3 of this Order, the following provisions of the Armed Forces Act 1996 (“the Act”) shall come into force on 1st October 1996—
  - section 2;
  - sections 6 and 7;
  - sections 11 to 14 and Schedule 4;
  - sections 18 and 19;
  - sections 30 to 33;
  - section 35 so far as is necessary to bring into force Schedules 6 and 7 to the extent specified below;
  - in Schedule 6, paragraphs 1 to 3, 5, 6, and 10 to 13;
  - Part III of Schedule 7 so far as it relates to the provisions specified in the Schedule to this Order.
- 3.—(1) Nothing in article 2 of this Order insofar as it relates to section 6 of the Act affects any service disciplinary proceedings, as defined in that section, which began on or before 30th September 1996.  
(2) Sections 11 and 12 of the Act shall not have effect in relation to any conviction which took place on or before 30th September 1996.

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25th September 1996

*Nicholas Soames*  
Minister of State, Ministry of Defence

## SCHEDULE

Article 2

## REPEALS IN PART III OF SCHEDULE 7 TAKING EFFECT ON 1ST OCTOBER 1996

<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Short title</i>	<i>Extent of repeal</i>
1869 c. 44.	Greenwich Hospital Act 1869.	Section 7.
1955 c. 18.	Army Act 1955.	In section 122(1)(e), the words “for good conduct and industry”. In Schedule 7, paragraph 8.
1955 c. 19.	Air Force Act 1955.	In section 122(1)(e), the words “for good conduct and industry”.
1957 c. 53.	Naval Discipline Act 1957.	In section 82(1)(d), the words “for good conduct and industry”. In section 111(2) the words “or the Women’s Royal Naval Service”. In section 132, in subsection (5), the words “the Women’s Royal Naval Service,”.
1974 c. 53.	Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.	In section 2, in subsection (1) the words “Subject to the following provisions of this section” and subsections (2) to (4). In section 6, in subsection (6) the words “Subject to subsection (7) below” and subsection (7).
1976 c. 52.	Armed Forces Act 1976.	Section 17. In Schedule 9, paragraph 20(2).
S.I.1978/1908 (N.I. 27).	Rehabilitation of Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1978.	In Article 4, in paragraph (1), the words “Subject to the following provisions of this Article,” and paragraphs (2) to (4). In Article 7, in paragraph (6) the words “Subject to paragraph (7)” and paragraph (7).
1981 c. 55.	Armed Forces Act 1981.	In section 20(2) the words “and the Women’s Royal Naval Service”. In Schedule 3, in paragraph 11(1) the words “and the Women’s Royal Naval Service” and in paragraphs 11(2) and 12 to 14 the words “or the Women’s Royal Naval Service”. In

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		Schedule 4, paragraphs 2(1) and 3(1).

### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order brings into force on 1st October 1996 the provisions of the Armed Forces Act 1996 referred to in article 2. Sections 1, 34 and 36 came into force on Royal Assent.