



# Air Force Act 1955

## CHAPTER 19

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- 2 He shall then read, or cause to be read, to...
- 3 He shall then ask that person to make and sign...
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- 5 The recruiting officer shall by signature attest, in the manner...
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- 4 (1) Subject to the provisions of the last foregoing paragraph...

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- 5 The instructions of the Defence Council referred to in paragraph...
- 6 In the foregoing provisions of this Schedule, the expression “damage”...
- 7 Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this Schedule shall apply...
- 8 A county court shall have jurisdiction to deal with any...

FIFTH SCHEDULE — Civilians outside the United Kingdom subject to Part II when not on Active Service

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- 4 Persons who, for the purposes of their profession, business...
- 5 Persons forming part of the family of members of any...
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- 3 .....
- 3A Notwithstanding anything in section two hundred and one of this...
- 3B In relation to a person subject to air-force law as...
- 4 .....
- 5 In proceedings under this Act against a person subject to...
- 6 In the application of this Act to a person subject...
- 7 In relation to a person subject to air-force law as...
- 8 In the application of sections one hundred and forty-four and...
- 9 Sections one hundred and fifty to one hundred and fifty-two...
- 10 In this Schedule— (a) references to a person’s own service...
- 11 In relation to officers, warrant officers non-commissioned officers and marines...

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