

SCHEDULE

Article 2(1)

FORM AND MANNER OF ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS

1. The person swearing the oath shall hold the New Testament, or if a Jew the Old Testament, in his uplifted hand and shall say or repeat after the person administering it the oath provided in this Schedule for that category of person.

2.—(1) If any person desires to swear with uplifted hand, in the manner in which an oath is usually administered in Scotland, he shall be permitted to do so, and the oath shall be administered to him in the form and manner provided in sub-paragraph (2) below.

(2) The person swearing the oath shall with uplifted hand say, or repeat after the person administering it, an oath in the same form as that set out in (as the case may be) paragraph 4 or 5 below except that for the words “I swear by Almighty God that” there shall be substituted the words “I swear by Almighty God and as I shall answer to God at the Great Day of Judgement”.

3. If none of the forms of oath provided in this Schedule is appropriate to the religious beliefs of the person taking the oath, or if for any other reason he objects to swearing an oath in any of the forms so provided, an oath may be administered in such form and manner as the person taking the oath declares to be binding on his conscience.

4. A judge advocate shall swear an oath in the following form:

“I swear by Almighty God that I will to the best of my abilities carry out the duties of judge advocate according to law without partiality or favour or affection; and I do further swear that I will not on any account, at any time whatsoever, disclose the vote or opinion of any other member of the summary appeal court established under the Naval Discipline Act 1957 unless thereunto required in course of law.”

5. A lay member of the court shall swear an oath in the following form:

“I swear by Almighty God that I will as a member of the summary appeal court established under the Naval Discipline Act 1957 duly administer justice according to law without partiality or favour or affection; and I do further swear that I will not on any account, at any time whatsoever, disclose the vote or opinion of any member of the court unless thereunto required in course of law.”