

*These notes refer to the Armed Forces Discipline Act
2000 (c.4) which received Royal Assent on 25 May 2000*

ARMED FORCES DISCIPLINE ACT 2000

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Section 7: Judicial Officers

29. This section inserts a new section into each of the SDAs describing who shall appoint judicial officers and what criteria must be fulfilled to qualify as a judicial officer. Judicial officers will normally be judge advocates but the sections allow for the appointment of certain other persons to act as a judicial officer. The section inserted into the Naval Discipline Act varies slightly from those in the Army and Air Force Acts because their judge advocates differ from those used by the Army and Air Force. A definition of the two types of judge advocate is given in paragraph 20.