



Naval Discipline Act 1957 (repealed)

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PART I

ARTICLES OF WAR

Desertion and absence without leave

[^{F1}15 **Definition of “desertion”.**

A person is guilty of desertion within the meaning of this Act if he—

- (a) leaves or fails to attend at his unit, ship or place of duty with the intention of remaining permanently absent from duty without lawful authority, or, having left or failed to attend at his unit, ship or place of duty, thereafter forms the like intention, or
- (b) absents himself without leave with intent to avoid serving at any place overseas, or to avoid service or any particular service when before the enemy.]

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 15 substituted by [Armed Forces Act 1971 \(c. 33\)](#), ss. **11(3)**, 78(4)

Textual Amendments applied to the whole legislation

F1 Act repealed (prosp.) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\)](#), ss. 378, 383, [Sch. 17](#) and the repeal being partly in force, as to which see individual provisions

Status:

Point in time view as at 01/02/1991. This version of this provision has been superseded.

Changes to legislation:

Naval Discipline Act 1957 (repealed), Section 15 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 15 June 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.