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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2006 No. 2918**

**The Royal Navy Terms of Service (Ratings) Regulations 2006**

**Right of recruit to claim discharge**

7.—(1) Subject to the following provisions of this regulation, a person who enters the Royal Navy who has not previously so entered shall have the right to determine his service by giving notice in writing to his commanding officer.

(2) The notice referred to in paragraph (1) shall not have effect unless it is given after the recruit has completed 28 days' service and before the expiration of 6 months beginning with the date he entered service with the Royal Navy.

(3) Subject to paragraph (4), a person claiming his discharge by virtue of paragraph (1) shall be entitled to be discharged at the end of a period of 14 days beginning with the date on which he gave notice.

(4) If such notice expires at a time when ratings may be retained in service under the powers conferred by section 4 of the Armed Forces Act 1966 (postponement in certain cases of discharge of ratings), he shall not be entitled to be discharged so long as ratings are so retained.

(5) In calculating any period of time referred to in this regulation, no account shall be taken of any day during the whole or part of which the person was absent either on leave or for an unauthorised purpose.