

**2007 No. 651**

**DEFENCE**

**The Air Force Act 1955 (Part 1) Regulations 2007**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	<i>27th February 2007</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>7th March 2007</i>
<i>Coming into force</i> - -	<i>1st April 2007</i>

The Defence Council make the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 22 and 23 of the Air Force Act 1955(a):

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Air Force Act 1955 (Part 1) Regulations 2007 and shall come into force on 1st April 2007.

**Interpretation**

2.—(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

“the 1955 Act” means the Air Force Act 1955;

“commanding officer” means, in relation to an airman—

- (a) where the unit on whose posted strength the airman is borne is, for administrative purposes, serving under the command of the Officer Commanding an RAF Station, that officer; and
- (b) in other cases the officer commanding the unit on whose posted strength the airman is borne.

(2) Other expressions have the same meaning as in Part 1 of the 1955 Act.

**Competent air force authorities**

3.—(1) The officers specified appropriately in the second column of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to these Regulations shall, in pursuance of section 11(3) of the 1955 Act and in addition to the Defence Council and the Air Force Board, be competent air force authorities for the purpose of giving an order authorising the discharge of an airman of the regular air force for the reason stated in the first column of Schedule 1 opposite the officer so specified.

(2) In relation to the provisions of the 1955 Act specified in the first column of Part 2 of Schedule 1 to these Regulations and for the purposes specified in the second column of that Part, the officers specified in the third column of that Part shall, in addition to the Defence Council and

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(a) 1955 c.19; the power to make regulations under section 22 was vested in the Defence Council by virtue of an amendment to section 22 by S.I. 1964/488. Section 22(2) (which provides for such regulations to be made by statutory instrument) was inserted by the Armed Forces Act 1996 (c.46), section 4(1), and came into force on 1st May 2001.

the Air Force Board and subject to any limitation or restriction as specified, be the competent air force authorities.

(3) For the purpose of designating a person on his transfer to the Air Force Reserve as a person to whom paragraph 16 of Schedule 8 to the Reserve Forces Act 1980(a) applies, in addition to the Defence Council and the Air Force Board, the Air Secretary shall be a competent air force authority.

(4) Every reference in this regulation and the said Schedule 1 to a specified officer shall have effect as if it included a reference to any member of the staff of that officer who has been duly authorised by him to act on his behalf. In the case of any Commander-in-Chief any such reference to him as a specified officer shall have effect as if it also included a reference to an Air Officer Commanding a Group or other Formation or, if authorised in writing by any Commander-in-Chief, to a Commanding Officer not below the rank of Group Captain.

### **Prescribed forms**

4.—(1) The form set out in Schedule 2 to these Regulations or a form substantially to the like effect shall be the prescribed form of notice to be used for the purposes of section 2(1) of the 1955 Act.

(2) The form set out in Schedule 3 to these Regulations or a form substantially to the like effect shall be the prescribed form to be used for the purpose of section 9(6) of the 1955 Act.

### **Enlistment and attestation**

5. The following officers, and any officers who have been duly authorised by them to act on their behalf, are authorised to enlist recruits in the regular air force within or without Her Majesty's dominions—

- (a) the Air Secretary; and
- (b) the Commandant RAF College and Director of Recruitment (RAF).

6. The person to whom the attestation paper of a recruit shall be delivered in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to the 1955 Act shall be the Air Secretary.

7. A recruit may be finally approved for service only by an officer who, in accordance with regulation 5, is authorised to enlist recruits in the regular air force.

8. All recruits shall be enlisted for general service.

### **Discharge certificates**

9. The particulars to be contained in a certificate of discharge shall be those set out in Schedule 4 to these Regulations.

### **Restoration of forfeited services**

10.—(1) Where an airman has forfeited the whole or any part of his service an order authorising the restoration of service so forfeited may be made with his consent in writing, either—

- (a) by his commanding officer—
  - (i) if he is promoted to the rank of sergeant; or
  - (ii) if he has served for a continuous period of eighteen months during which he has not at any time during the said period been undergoing imprisonment, corrective training, detention of any description or field punishment nor forfeited pay under any provision of the 1955 Act nor incurred any adverse entry in his service conduct record and no part of such period includes a term of suspended sentence of

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(a) 1980 c.9.

imprisonment or detention; provided that service shall be regarded as continuous notwithstanding that it has been broken by such a period or periods; or

(b) by the Air Secretary, in consideration of good service or on other grounds justifying the restoration of services forfeited.

(2) The consent of an airman to the restoration of his service shall be irrevocable and shall be entered in his record of service.

(3) The service to be restored to an airman under this regulation shall be the whole period of service forfeited less the period as respects which he was convicted as being, or confessed to have been, a deserter; provided that where service has been forfeited on more than one occasion by reason of desertion, the service to be restored shall be that forfeited on the last occasion less the period as respects which he was then convicted of being, or confessed to have been, a deserter.

### **Revocation of Regulations**

**11.** The following instruments are hereby revoked—

(a) the Air Force Act 1955 (Part 1) Regulations 2001(**a**); and

(b) the Air Force Act 1955 (Part 1) Regulations 2001 (Amendment) Regulations 2003(**b**).

On behalf of the Defence Council

Date 27th February 2007

*Derek Twigg*  
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Members of the Defence Council

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(a) These Regulations were made by the Defence Council on 28th March 2001 and came into force on 1st April 2001.  
(b) S.I. 2003/786.



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		<i>Airmen and Airwomen in Ground Trades Other Than Warrant Officer</i>	<i>Non-Commissioned Aircrew Other Than Master Aircrew</i>	<i>Warrant Officers</i>	<i>Master Aircrew</i>
	airwoman because of pregnancy.	Secretary	Secretary	Secretary	Secretary
	(c) in the case of airmen who cannot be discharged under any other heading.	The Air Secretary	The Air Secretary	Air Force Board	Air Force Board
	(d) in the case of a directly entered List 1 medical trainee or a directly entered technician who is withdrawn from training or who fails on passing out and is unwilling to be remustered to, or trained for, another trade.	(i) The Commander-in-Chief Personnel and Training Command (ii) The Air Secretary			
	(e) in the case of an airman who is withdrawn from, or fails, trade training and cannot be offered training in another trade because he is unsuitable for trades in which there are vacancies or there are no vacancies in trades for which he is suitable.	The Air Secretary			
	(f) in the case of an airman who elects to be discharged in lieu of compulsory transfer/ remustering from a sensitive trade or who applies for discharge after failing to qualify for remustering at his rank level.	The Air Secretary		Air Force Board	
	(g) in the case of a person who is medically unfit for his/her present trade and has declined an offer of employment in a suitable alternative trade.	The Air Secretary		The Air Secretary	

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	(h) in the case of a person who, through circumstances beyond his/her control is medically unfit for the full range of duties in his/her trade or category and the individual considers that the resultant effect on his/her career prospects is unacceptable.  (i) in the case of a person who is withdrawn from recruit training.	The Air Secretary  Commanding Officer	The Air Secretary	The Air Secretary	The Air Secretary
7	Compassionate grounds.	The Air Secretary	The Air Secretary	The Air Secretary	The Air Secretary
8	For irregular enlistment. Free on claiming discharge under section 18 of the 1955 Act before completing 3 months' service.	The Air Secretary	The Air Secretary		
9	On appointment to a commission.	Commanding Officer	Commanding Officer	Commanding Officer	Commanding Officer
10	Invalidated  (a) below current air force medical standards.  (b) physically unfit for air force service as aircrew.	The Air Secretary	The Air Secretary  The Air Secretary	The Air Secretary	The Air Secretary  The Air Secretary
11	Not likely to maintain the required air force medical standard  (a) in the case of a person whose disabilities are discovered on medical examination within 21 days of attestation.  (b) in the case of any person discharged within 6 months of attestation.	Commanding Officer  Commanding Officer	Commanding Officer  Commanding Officer		
12	In the case of a person		(i) The Air		The Air

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	found medically unsuitable for air force service as aircrew but not physically unfit for ground duties.		Secretary (ii) Commanding Officer in the case of directly entered aircrew cadets		Secretary
13	In the case of a person found to be unsuited to a Service environment.	The Air Secretary	The Air Secretary	Air Force Board	Air Force Board
14	Having given a false answer on attestation or having made a misstatement on enlistment.	The Air Secretary	The Air Secretary		
15	For inefficiency.	Commander-in-Chief	Air Force Board	Air Force Board	Air Force Board
16	Services no longer required  (a) in the case of a person found to be unsuitable during recruit training.  (b) in the case of a person found to be unsuitable in trade, category or rank.  (c) in the case of a person who cannot be allowed to remain in the Service because he/ she is unable to meet Service obligations through circumstances beyond his/her control or because of a permanently reduced medical employment standard for whom a medical discharge would not be appropriate.	Commanding Officer  Commander-in-Chief  The Air Secretary	Commanding Officer  Air Force Board  The Air Secretary	Air Force Board  Air Force Board  The Air Secretary	Air Force Board  Air Force Board  The Air Secretary
17	Not likely to reach the standard required for air force service  (a) in the case of officer cadets who fail initial officer training.	Commandant RAF College and Director of Recruitment			

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	(b) in the case of non-commissioned aircrew who fail training prior to the award of a flying badge.		Commanding Officer		
18	In the case of aircrew found to be below the required standard for air force service other than those under item 19.		The Air Secretary		
19	In the case of non-commissioned aircrew who fail OCU training prior to giving productive aircrew service.		The Air Secretary		
20	In the case of a Warrant Officer/Master Aircrew who is reduced to the ranks and claims discharge under section 15 of the 1955 Act.			The Air Secretary	The Air Secretary
21	On redundancy.	The Air Secretary	The Air Secretary	The Air Secretary	The Air Secretary
22	In the case of a person who is surplus to requirements in a specific trade and rank.	The Air Secretary	The Air Secretary	The Air Secretary	The Air Secretary
23	Statutory right of recruits. Under regulation 8(1) of the Royal Air Force Terms of Service Regulations 2007 <sup>(a)</sup> .	Commanding Officer	Commanding Officer		

<sup>(a)</sup> S.I.2007/650.

## SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 3(2)

### PART 2


<i>Item No</i>	<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>	<i>Column 3</i>
	<i>Provisions of section 9 of the 1955 Act</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Competent Air Force Authority</i>
1	Section 9(1A) <sup>(a)</sup>	For the purpose of giving an order as to the period for which an	The Air Secretary



		airman to whom this subsection applies may be retained in air force service	
2	Section 9(3) <sup>(b)</sup>	For the purpose of giving an order as to the period for which an airman to whom this subsection applies may be retained in air force service	The Air Secretary
3	Section 9(4) <sup>(b)</sup>	For the purpose of giving an order as to the period for which an airman to whom this subsection applies may be retained in air force service	The Air Secretary
4	Section 9(5)	For the purpose of deciding whether the services of an airman to whom this subsection applies can be dispensed with	The Air Secretary
5	Section 9(6)	For the purpose of approving the agreement of an airman to whom this subsection applies to continue in air force service while a state of war exists	The Air Secretary

<sup>(a)</sup> Section 9(1A) was inserted by section 126 of, and paragraph 5 of Schedule 7 to, the Reserve Forces Act 1996 (c.14). It applies to airmen (principally those enlisting on or after 1st April 1997) to whom section 9(3) and (4) do not apply.

<sup>(b)</sup> Section 9(3) and (4), which were repealed and replaced by section 126 of, and Schedule 7 to, the Reserve Forces Act 1996 continue to apply by virtue of those provisions to the category of airmen defined in paragraph 6 of Schedule 7, principally those who were in service immediately before 1st April 1997.

	<p><b>ROYAL AIR FORCE NOTICE PAPER</b></p> <p><b>NOTICE TO BE GIVEN UNDER SECTION 2(1) OF THE AIR FORCE ACT 1955 TO A PERSON OFFERING TO ENLIST IN THE REGULAR AIR FORCE</b></p>
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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

THIS NOTICE SETS OUT:

1. THE GENERAL CONDITIONS AND TERMS OF YOUR ENLISTMENT.
2. THE QUESTIONS YOU WILL BE ASKED BY THE OFFICER WHO WILL ENLIST YOU (THIS IS CALLED ATTESTATION) AND WHICH YOU MUST ANSWER.

THE CONSENT OF YOUR PARENT(S) OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST BE GIVEN BEFORE YOU ARE ENLISTED IF YOU ARE UNDER THE AGE OF 18.

IN PARAGRAPHS 17, 18, 19, 22 AND 24 REFERENCE TO THE "UNITED KINGDOM" MEANS THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE CHANNEL ISLANDS AND THE ISLE OF MAN.

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PARAGRAPH 13, THE GENERAL CONDITIONS AND TERMS OF ENLISTMENT APPLY EQUALLY TO MEN AND WOMEN.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND THE CONDITIONS DESCRIBED BELOW AND DO NOT BE AFRAID TO ASK QUESTIONS. THE STAFF AT ANY ARMED FORCES CAREERS OFFICE WILL BE PLEASED TO EXPLAIN ANY POINTS TO YOU WITHOUT ANY OBLIGATION ON YOUR PART.

## PART 1

**GENERAL CONDITIONS OF ENLISTMENT**

1. Your engagement as stated below will consist of a period of service with the air force followed, normally, by a period of service in the reserve. Air force service means full-time regular service during which you may be called upon to serve in any part of the world. When your air force service ends, you return to civilian life, but you may retain a liability to reserve service or recall (see paragraphs 20-24). However, irrespective of the type of engagement on which you are serving, Her Majesty and the air force authorities have the right to discharge you at any time if your services are no longer required.

**TERMS OF ENLISTMENT**

2. You will be enlisted to serve in the regular air force on a \* NOTICE ENGAGEMENT / \* FIXED ENGAGEMENT / \* OPEN ENGAGEMENT (\* delete if inapplicable) as specified below.

a. **NOTICE ENGAGEMENT.** A period of air force service beginning with the date of your attestation and ending not later than 9 years thereafter.

If you enlist on a Notice Engagement you have the right (on giving 18 months' notice of your intention to do so) to be transferred to the reserve, but this transfer cannot be effected until you have completed 3 years' air force service from the end of your training.

b. **FIXED ENGAGEMENT.** A period of air force service beginning with the date of your attestation and ending ..... \*months/years thereafter (\* delete if inapplicable).

c. **OPEN ENGAGEMENT (Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service only).** A period of air force service beginning with the date of your attestation and ending either 22 years thereafter or upon your reaching the age of 55 years, whichever is the earlier.

If you enlist on the Open Engagement you have the right (on giving 12 months' notice of your intention to do so) to be transferred to the reserve, but this transfer cannot be effected until you have completed 4 years' air force service from the date of successful completion of Basic Nurse training. **Note: this is the only engagement available for entrants to PMRAFNS.**

### **RECKONABLE SERVICE**

3. Your air force service will be reckonable from the date of your attestation.

### **ALTERATION OF TERMS OF SERVICE**

4. You may be permitted to extend your period of air force service, and to re-engage to complete time for immediate pension on discharge, subject to vacancies, advancement in rank if appropriate, a recommendation by your Commanding Officer and the agreement of the competent air force authorities.

### **PREMATURE TERMINATION OF SERVICE**

#### **AS A RIGHT**

5. If this is your first enlistment in the regular air force you have the right to claim your discharge, with no subsequent reserve liability (although you will still be liable to recall as described in paragraph 24 below). You may, subject to your completing 28 days' service excluding leave, claim your discharge at any time before the end of 6 months from the date of your attestation, but you do have to give 14 days' notice to your Commanding Officer. As long as this notice is given before the end of the 6 month period, you will be allowed to leave the Royal Air Force.

6. If you enlist as non-commissioned aircrew, you have the right to be transferred to the reserve after 8 years' total service or after 6 years' productive service, that is service after you have completed initial training at the appropriate Operational Conversion Unit, if this is later. You must give notice in writing of your wish to be transferred to the reserve at least 18 months before your option date, that is the date on which you complete the relevant period of service.

7. If you enlist on a Notice Engagement, you have the right to give 18 months' notice of your intention to transfer to the reserve, but this transfer cannot be effected until you have completed 3 years' air force service from the end of your training.

8. Subject to paragraph 9 below, if the term of your engagement is longer than 9 years, you have the right to be transferred to the reserve before the expiry of your term when you have completed at least 9 years' reckonable air force service. You can only exercise this right by giving notice in writing to your Commanding Officer at least 18 months before the date of transfer. If, when you give notice of your intention to exercise this right, you have completed 20 ½ years' reckonable air force service, you will be discharged with no subsequent reserve liability although you will still be liable to recall as described in paragraph 24.

9. If you enlist on the Open Engagement you have the right (on giving 12 months' notice of your intention to do so) to be transferred to the reserve on or at any time after the expiration of 4 years' air force service from the date of successful completion of Basic Nurse training.

10. Normally your discharge or transfer to the reserve will be effected with all convenient speed. However, if either:

- a. at the time your notice expires, or
- b. at the time you apply,

a Queen's Order has been made ordering that airmen and airwomen who would otherwise fall to be discharged or transferred to the reserve shall continue to serve with the air force, your discharge or transfer to the reserve may be deferred for so long as the Queen's Order remains in force. Such an Order would only be made in time of national danger or emergency.

### **PREMATURE VOLUNTARY RELEASE**

11. You may apply for premature voluntary release before you would otherwise be entitled to discharge. You have no legal right to end your service in this way and your application can be refused. Normally you will be subject to the following restrictions (although these can be varied):

- a. If you are serving in a ground trade you must have completed at least 3 years' air force service from the end of your training, or if you are serving in the Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service you must have completed at least 4 years' air force service from the completion of Basic Nurse training, or if you are serving as non-commissioned aircrew you must have completed at least 6 years' air force service from the completion of your initial Operational Conversion Course; and
- b. In addition, restrictions may be imposed on you if you have attended a course of training or subsequent Operational Conversion Unit course. The restriction will be for a period starting immediately after completion of the course in question.

Following approval of your application you would, on release from air force service, be transferred to the reserve, unless you have completed 22 years' service, in which case you would be discharged. In either situation you would remain liable to recall (see paragraph 24).

### **COMPASSIONATE RELEASE**

12. If at any time during your air force service there are compelling circumstances which make it essential for you to be released from regular service in the Royal Air Force, you may be allowed to leave and the conditions in paragraph 11 will not apply.

### **FEMALE ENTRANTS**

13. An airwoman who becomes pregnant may, in most cases, be entitled to a period of paid leave. Details are contained in the current Service maternity regulations.

## **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **EMPLOYMENT**

14. As soon as you have been attested by the Attesting Officer you will be subject to air force law and you will be required to carry out whatever duties may be ordered by those in authority over you, including (if you are medically fit) duty in the air in any type of aircraft. You may be ordered to serve ashore or afloat, and you may be required to serve in any part of the world.

## **DISCHARGE AND TRANSFER TO THE RESERVE**

15. You may be discharged if you make a false answer to any of the questions set out in Part 2 of this paper or because of other irregularities concerned with your enlistment. You may also be discharged by order of the competent air force authority on other grounds such as misconduct, unfitness on medical grounds or for the benefit of the public service.

16. If you fail basic trade training, you may either be discharged or offered retention in another trade.

17. If you are enlisted in the United Kingdom and you are serving outside the United Kingdom when due to be discharged or transferred to the reserve, you will be entitled to be sent free of cost to the United Kingdom for that purpose. If you are discharged or transferred to the reserve in the United Kingdom, you will be entitled to be conveyed free of cost to the place where you were attested or your intended place of residence.

18. There are certain circumstances under which the date when you have the right to end your air force service can be altered. The date could be delayed because of legal proceedings, thus:

- a. If you are found guilty of desertion, you will be liable to forfeit service. This means that the date when your air force service (and therefore your subsequent reserve liability) ends might be deferred.
- b. If your period of air force service is coming to an end and you are liable to be proceeded against under Service law or are serving a term of imprisonment or detention outside the United Kingdom, your air force service may be extended until any proceedings or such a term of imprisonment or detention have been completed.

19. Similarly, the date of discharge or transfer to the reserve can be delayed because of outside circumstances. Thus, you may be retained in air force service when you would otherwise be entitled to be discharged or transferred to the reserve if a call-out order under—

- a. Section 52 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996 (call-out for national danger, great emergency or attack on the United Kingdom),
- b. Section 54 of that Act (call-out for warlike operations), or
- c. Section 56 of that Act (call-out for other operations),

is in force authorising the call out for permanent service of members of the Royal Air Force Reserve. You may also be retained in air force service where a Queen's Order has been made ordering that airmen who would otherwise fall to be discharged or transferred to the reserve shall continue to serve with the air force. Such an order would only be made where it appeared that national danger was imminent or that a great emergency had arisen.

## **RESERVE SERVICE**

20. If you are transferred to the reserve after exercising the rights referred to in paragraphs 6, 7, 8 or 9, you will serve in the reserve for a period starting with the date of your transfer and ending either 6 years later or 22 years after your attestation (whichever is the sooner) or after such shorter period as the competent air force authority may approve.

21. If your term of service includes a period of service in the reserve, you will on completion of your air force service be transferred to the Royal Air Force Reserve and placed in Category 1 or Category 2 according to Service requirements. If you are placed in Category 1 you will be eligible to receive reserve pay and may be required to attend for not more than 16 days' training annually. In addition you may be required to attend for prescribed periods of non-continuous training. If you are placed in Category 2, you will not be eligible to receive reserve pay and will not be required to attend for annual training.

22. As a member of the Royal Air Force Reserve (whether Category 1 or Category 2) you will be liable to be called out for permanent service anywhere in the world in the circumstances and for the period specified below:

a. Her Majesty may make an order authorising the call-out of members of the Royal Air Force Reserve—

(1) If it appears to Her that national danger is imminent or that a great emergency has arisen;  
or

(2) In the event of an actual or apprehended attack on the United Kingdom.

Where such an order is made, you may be required to serve for a period of 3 years (which may be extended by order to 5 years). If you have given permanent service in the reserve in the 6 years preceding your current service under the order, the period for which you can be required to serve will be reduced by the amount of that previous service.

b. The Secretary of State may make an order authorising the call out of members of the Royal Air Force Reserve when it appears to him that warlike operations are in preparation or progress. Where such an order is made, you may be required to serve for a period of 12 months (which may be extended by order to 2 years). If you have given permanent service in the reserve in the 3 years preceding your current service under the order, the period for which you can be required to serve will be reduced by the amount of that previous service.

c. The Secretary of State may make an order authorising the call-out of members of the Royal Air Force Reserve when it appears to him that it is necessary or desirable to use armed forces—

(1) On operations outside the United Kingdom for the protection of life or property; or

(2) On operations anywhere in the world for the alleviation of distress or the preservation of life or property in time of disaster or apprehended disaster.

Where such an order is made, you may be required to serve for a period of 9 months. If you have given permanent service in the reserve in the 27 months preceding your current service under the order, this period will be reduced by the amount of that previous service.

23. If you have been called out on permanent service, you will be entitled to be released on the expiry of your current term of service as a member of the Royal Air Force Reserve; but that entitlement may be postponed for up to 12 months if you are in permanent service under the circumstances described in paragraph 22a or b, or for up to 9 months if you are in permanent service under the circumstances described in paragraph 22c.

24. When you have completed any service in the Royal Air Force you will, unless exempted, be liable to recall to the regular air force until 18 years have elapsed since you were discharged or transferred to the reserve, or until age 55, whichever is the sooner. Recall is authorised by an order by Her Majesty made if it appears to Her that national danger is imminent or that a great emergency has arisen or in the event of an actual or apprehended attack on the United Kingdom.

## ATTESTATION

25. If you wish to be attested you will be required by the Attesting Officer to answer the questions in Part 2 of this Notice, to make and sign the declaration and to take the oath shown on the Attestation Paper - or make an affirmation to the same effect - and you will become subject to air force law. The answers given to the questions will be treated as confidential but if you knowingly make any false answer you will render yourself liable to punishment of up to 3 months' imprisonment and in addition you may be discharged from the air force.

26. If you refuse to enlist for any reason, you must be prepared to make your own arrangements for your return journey home, as a free travel warrant will not be given to you.



## PART 2 Royal Air Force

### Copy of Attestation Questions to be put to the Recruit before enlistment

Under the provisions of sections 19 and 61 of the Air Force Act 1955, if any person knowingly makes a false answer to any question contained in the Attestation Paper he/she is liable to punishment of up to 3 months' imprisonment. If any irregularity comes to light after the person has enlisted, in addition to being liable to the aforementioned punishment he/she may be discharged from the Air Force

1. †What is your full name?      Surname (**in block letters**)      Forename(s) (**in full**)

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2. †Where were you born?      In the Town of      In the County of      In the Country of

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†These particulars, where appropriate, are to be the same as those recorded on your birth certificate or other documents recording birth where a birth certificate is not the appropriate document.

3. What is your date of birth?      

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      4. What is your full postal address?  
(Including, in the United Kingdom, the County and, if appropriate, the Postal District or Code).

5. Are you single, married, in a civil partnership, a surviving spouse or civil partner, legally separated, mutually separated, divorced or a person whose civil partnership has been dissolved? State which.

6. How many children under 16 years of age are dependent on you?

7. a. What is your present nationality?

b. Do you possess, or have you ever possessed, any other nationality?  
**(If yes full details must be given)**

8. a. What is the present nationality of each of your parents and, where applicable, your spouse or civil partner?

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b. Does either of your parents, or your spouse or your civil partner, if applicable, possess, or have they ever possessed, any other nationality? **(If yes full details must be given)**

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9. What is your religious denomination?



**Note: You should study MOD Form 493 before completing Question 10**

10. a. Have you ever been found guilty of an offence by any court? (  relevant box) YES  NO

b. If YES, in respect of each offence, what was:

- (1) The offence
- (2) The court
- (3) The date of court hearing
- (4) The sentence or order

c. Is any alleged offence outstanding against you? (  relevant box) YES  NO

d. Are any legal proceedings of any sort pending against you in any civil court? (  relevant box) YES  NO

If the space above is insufficient for you to complete your answers to any part of Question 10, they should be continued on the reverse of this form and signed by you.

11. Do you belong to, or have you ever served in, any of the Regular, Auxiliary or Reserve Naval, Military or Air Forces of this or any other country? YES  NO   
 relevant box

**(If YES please give following details):**

Service (Incl. Regt/Corps, last Unit or Ship)	<input type="text"/>	
Service No., Rank and Trade	<input type="text"/>	
Period of Service	Enlisted	Discharged
Reserve Liability	Class/Category	Reserve
Reason for Discharge (incl. QR)	Enlisted	Discharged
	<input type="text"/>	

12. Have you ever been rejected for service in any of Her Majesty's Naval, Military or Air Forces or in any Commonwealth or Colonial Force? (  relevant box) YES  NO

**(If YES please state the reason)**

13. Have you ever been awarded a disability pension, a gratuity or a temporary or conditional allowance for disability? (  relevant box) YES  NO

14. Are you now in receipt of such a pension or allowance? (  relevant box) YES  NO

15. Have you received a notice setting out the questions to be answered on attestation and stating the general conditions of the engagement to be entered into by you and do you understand what it means? (  relevant box) YES  NO

16. Are you willing to serve Her Majesty, provided Her Majesty shall so long require your services:

\* For a term of 9 years' Air Force service and a term of 6 years in the Reserve subject to your right, at the end of 18 months' notice, to be transferred to the Reserve for 6 years at any time after you have completed 3 years' Air Force service from the end of your training?  relevant box

YES  NO

\* For a term of ..... years and ..... days' Air Force service and a term of 6 years' service in the Reserve?  relevant box

YES  NO

\* For the period from the date of your attestation for a term of ..... years and ..... days' Air Force service?  relevant box

YES  NO

\* **Open Engagement (PMRAFNS entrants only).** For a period beginning from the date of your attestation and ending either 22 years thereafter or upon your reaching the age of 55 years, whichever is the sooner, subject to your right (on giving 12 months' notice) to be transferred to the Reserve (to serve therein for the balance of the 22 years or for a period of 6 years, whichever is the lesser, or for such shorter period as the competent air force authority may approve) on or at any time after you have completed 4 years' Air Force service from the date of successful completion of Basic Nurse training?  relevant box

YES  NO

\* Delete if inapplicable.

17. Do you understand that on this enlistment, unless you extend your service, your Air Force service is due to end:

on       when you will be aged  years  months  relevant box YES  NO

**Note: If you are serving on a Notice Engagement and you decide to exercise your right to leave the Air Force at any time after 3 years' service from completion of your training, you will be required to give 18 months' notice.**

### Declaration

I,....., do solemnly declare that the answers made by me to the foregoing questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagement made.

Date

Signature of Recruit

Signature of Witness

**Note: On signing the above declaration and taking the Oath, or making an affirmation to the same effect, the recruit becomes an airman/airwoman of the Regular Forces and subject to Air Force Law.**

SCHEDULE 3

Regulation 4(2)

DECLARATION MADE UNDER SECTION 9(6) OF THE AIR FORCE ACT 1955  
AGREEING TO CONTINUE IN AIR FORCE SERVICE WHILE A STATE OF WAR  
EXISTS

Surname .....

Forenames .....

Unit .....

Number ..... Rank .....

In pursuance of section 9(6) of the Air Force Act 1955, I hereby declare that I agree to continue in air force service while a state of war exists between Her Majesty and any foreign power:

\* Provided that I shall have the right to be:

+ discharged;

+ transferred to the reserve;

at the expiration of three months' notice given by me to my commanding officer.

Date .....

Signature .....

Signature of Witness .....

\* Delete this part completely if not required.

+ Delete whichever is inapplicable.

## SCHEDULE 4

Regulation 9

### PARTICULARS TO BE CONTAINED IN CERTIFICATE OF DISCHARGE

Surname .....

Forenames .....

Service Number .....

Rank on Discharge/Transfer .....

Date of Enlistment .....

Date of Discharge/Transfer .....

Cause of Discharge/Transfer .....

Character on Discharge/Transfer.....

(To be assessed as “Exemplary”, “Very Good”, “Good”, “Fair” or “Unsatisfactory”)

Date of Birth .....

Physical Description                      Height .....

Colour of Eyes .....

Colour of Hair .....

Station Stamp                              Signature of Issuing Officer

Rank .....

Appointment .....

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations make provision in respect of enlistment of recruits and generally for the carrying into effect of Part 1 of the Air Force Act 1955. They revoke and replace the Air Force Act 1955 (Part 1) Regulations 2001 (as amended), which Regulations were not made by statutory instrument but were amended by statutory instrument in 2003 (S.I. 2003/786). The principal changes are:

Regulation 3(4) enables a Commander-in-Chief specified as the competent air force authority to authorise discharge under Schedule 1 to these Regulations to authorise Commanding Officers not below the rank of Group Captain to act on his behalf as the competent air force authority for the purposes of Schedule 1 to these Regulations.

Regulation 5, Part 1 of Schedule 1 and Part 1 of the form in Schedule 2 reflect changes in nomenclature.

Schedule 2 contains the Royal Air Force Notice Paper to be given to a person offering to enlist in the regular air force in accordance with section 2(1) of the Air Force Act 1955. The Notice Paper reflects changes to Royal Air Force terms of service that will come into force on 1st April 2007 by virtue of the Royal Air Force Terms of Service Regulations 2007. These provide for a new type of engagement with the Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service, the Open Engagement, and also provide that, for all personnel enlisting on or after 1st April 2007, the term of their enlistment will run from the date of their attestation, irrespective of their age. For those men who enlisted before 1st April 2007 and those women who enlisted on or after 1st April 1975 and before 1st April 2007, and before the date of their 18th birthday, the term of their enlistment runs from the date of their 18th birthday.

A full regulatory impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as it has no impact on the costs of business.

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