

STATUTORY RULES.

1909. No. 55.

PROVISIONAL REGULATIONS UNDER THE DEFENCE ACTS 1903-1904.

I, THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL in and over the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, hereby certify that on account of urgency the following Regulations under the *Defence Acts 1903-1904* should come into immediate operation, and make the Regulations to come into operation forthwith as Provisional Regulations.

Dated, this 13th day of May, One thousand nine hundred and nine.

DUDLEY,
Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,
G. F. PEARCE.

REGULATIONS (PROVISIONAL) FOR THE MILITARY FORCES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Amendments.

In Regulation 121A—

For—

"Officers of the Citizen Forces,"

Read—

"Members of the Citizen Forces."

After Regulation 121A, add:—

121B, (1) Officers applying for transfer under Regulation 121A, who are approved by the Military Board, will be required to pass the educational portion of the examinations referred to in Regulations 67 to 7B, provided that any officer holding a higher rank than Lieutenant, and having not less than ten years' service in the Defence Force, may be exempt, if he satisfies the Military Board that he has previously passed any educational test of an equivalent character.

(2) Officers who have passed the above examination will be required to pass the military examination authorized for the rank to which it is proposed that they be transferred.

(3) In the event of there being more approved applicants for transfer than vacant appointments, the examination referred to in sub-paragraph (2) will be competitive.

(4) When the vacancy is for a first appointment as Lieutenant or lower rank on the Administrative and Instructional Staff, the Royal Australian Artillery, or Royal Australian Engineers, members who have served for three years without a commission will, under Section 11 of the *Defence Acts 1903-1904*, be given an equal opportunity of competing.

(5) Officers of the Citizen Forces, transferred under Regulations 121A and 121B to a vacancy in the Permanent Forces of a lower rank, will continue to hold as Army rank their former rank in the Defence Force.