

STATUTORY RULES

1923. No. 17.

REGULATIONS UNDER THE NAVAL DEFENCE ACT 1910-1918.

I. THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL in and over the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, hereby make the following Regulations under the *Naval Defence Act* 1910-1918, to come into operation forthwith, unless otherwise specified herein.

Dated this twenty-sixth day of February, 1923.

FORSTER,
Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,
E. K. BOWDEN,
Minister of State for Defence.

AMENDMENT OF NAVAL FINANCIAL REGULATIONS.

(Statutory Rules 1920, No. 248, as amended to present date.)

1. Regulation 33 is amended as from 1st October, 1922, by inserting after the words "Travelling Allowance" in line 10 of sub-regulation (12), the following paragraph:—

"Notwithstanding the above, Officers of the Royal Navy appointed to the Royal Australian Navy on and after 1st October, 1922, shall receive the rates of Active Pay and Allowances prescribed for their respective ranks in these Regulations."

2. Regulation 36 is amended by inserting after the word "Establishment" in the fourth line of sub-regulation (41A) the words "not payable when the number of Sick Berth ratings under training is less than five."

3. Regulation 53 is amended, as from 1st December, 1922, by omitting from the third and fourth lines thereof the rates "£2" and "£6" and inserting in their stead the rates "£1" and "£3" respectively.

4. Regulation 77 is amended by adding at the end thereof the following sub-regulations:—

"(10) On discharge on account of having been found medically unfit for further service, or on completion of the term of service for which he was engaged or appointed, free rail, steamer, or coach transport may be provided for the member, his wife and children to home port, or in lieu thereof, transport to any other place in the Commonwealth, provided that the cost of such transport does not exceed the cost of transport to the member's home port."

"(11) The cost of conveyance of the furniture and effects in the possession of married members who are transported under sub-regulation (10), may be borne by the Department."

"(12) Except in special circumstances where the approval of the Naval Board has been obtained, the transfer at departmental expense must be carried out within three months of the member's retirement or discharge."

5. Regulation 108 is amended, as from 1st July, 1922, by omitting from sub-regulation (2A) the following words:—

“and who are retired voluntarily or compulsorily in pursuance of the decision of the Government to reorganize and retrench the Department of Defence.”

6. Regulation 118 is amended by omitting sub-regulations (5) and (6) and inserting in their stead the following sub-regulation:—

“(5) The procedure to be adopted by Commanding Officers of Ships on which a member of the Permanent Naval Forces (Sea-going) dies whilst the vessel is in a port of the Commonwealth or outside the Commonwealth, shall, in regard to obtaining quotations from local undertakers for the funeral and payment of the undertaker's account, be such as the Naval Board may approve from time to time.”

7. Immediately before the heading of regulation 119 the figure “V.” is to be inserted.

8. After regulation 119, the following regulation is added as from 1st October, 1922:—

“VI. *Torpedo Efficiency Funds.*

“120. (1) Payment of Torpedo Efficiency Allowances shall be allowed in accordance with the scale set forth in sub-regulation (2) of this regulation in respect of H.M.A. Ships in full commission only.

(2) The scale of payment shall be as follows:—

	per annum.
(i) Light cruisers	£10 each
(ii) Flotilla Leaders and Destroyers armed with 21 inch torpedoes	£3 each

(3) H.M.A. Ships in “Reserve” commission are not eligible for payment of these allowances or for a grant from the Torpedo Efficiency Fund of any other H.M.A. Ship.

(4) Payment of this allowance shall be made quarterly in advance, the account being drawn in favour of the Torpedo Officer of the Ship concerned whose receipt shall be taken for the full amount paid. The voucher shall be charged to the vote for “Miscellaneous and Incidental Expenditure”.

(5) The whole of the amount of the allowance shall be credited to a fund to be called the Torpedo Efficiency Fund which shall be utilized to meet minor expenses in the interests of Torpedo efficiency generally, such as the provision of small fittings and devices, not included in the usual torpedo equipment of H.M.A. Ships, which would tend to promote efficiency. No portion of the Torpedo Efficiency Fund shall be expended on Prize Money or as an emolument for any person in the Naval Service.

(6) Necessary instructions in respect of the administration of, and accounts to be kept in connexion with, the Torpedo Efficiency Fund may be approved by the Naval Board.

(7) No refund shall be required from the Torpedo Efficiency Fund of any H.M.A. Ship on paying off or on dispersal of a Flotilla, but any amounts remaining on hand shall be communicated to the Flag Officer Commanding H.M.A. Fleet, who may, at his discretion, cause same to be transferred to another Torpedo Efficiency Fund or repaid to the Accountant Officer for payment to Revenue.”