

# STATUTORY RULES.

1946. No. 163.

REGULATIONS UNDER THE AIR FORCE ACT 1923-1941.\*

**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 *Air Force Act 1923-1941*.

Dated this thirteenth day of November, 1946.

HENRY

Governor-General.

By His Royal Highness's Command,

ARTHUR S. DRAKEFORD

Minister of State for Air.

## AMENDMENTS OF THE AIR FORCE (WAR FINANCIAL) REGULATIONS.†

1. In these Regulations, any reference to a regulation or a schedule by number shall, unless the contrary intention appears, be read as a reference to the regulation or schedule, as the case may be, so numbered, in the Air Force (War Financial) Regulations. Interpretation.

2.—(1.) Regulation 4 is amended— Definitions.

(a) by omitting from sub-regulation (1.) the definition of “child” and inserting in its stead the following definition:—

“‘child’ means any child (including an ex-nuptial child) who is a son, daughter, step-son or step-daughter or a legally adopted son or daughter of a member and who is—

(a) under the age of sixteen years; or

(b) over the age of sixteen years but under the age of eighteen years and who is receiving education as a full-time student at a school or university;”;

(b) by adding at the end of the definition of “date of embarkation” in that sub-regulation the word and paragraph—

“or (c) the date upon which the member, if travelling otherwise than by ship or aircraft, entered a country outside Australia for service in that country;”;

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† Statutory Rules 1943, No. 93, as amended by Statutory Rules 1944, No. 134, and 1946, No. 33.

- (c) by inserting at the end of sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph (a) of the definition of "member" in that sub-regulation the words "who is employed on continuous full-time war service";
- (d) by omitting from sub-paragraph (iii) of that paragraph the word "or";
- (e) by omitting from sub-paragraph (iv) of that paragraph the word "and" and inserting in its stead the word "or";
- (f) by adding at the end of that paragraph the following sub-paragraph:—  
 " (v) any chaplain who is employed on part-time duty; and ";
- (g) by omitting paragraph (b) of that definition and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:—  
 " (b) in respect of any period after the first day of April, 1942—  
 (i) any person appointed to or enlisted in the Air Force and employed on continuous full-time service; and  
 (ii) any chaplain who is employed on part-time duty; "; and
- (h) by omitting from that sub-regulation the definition of "rank".

(2.) The amendment effected by paragraph (a) of sub-regulation (1.) of this regulation shall be deemed to have come into operation on the eleventh day of July, 1945.

(3.) The amendments effected by paragraphs (c), (d), (e) and (f) of sub-regulation (1.) of this regulation shall be deemed to have come into operation on the sixth day of October, 1939.

(4.) The amendment effected by paragraph (g) of sub-regulation (1.) of this regulation shall be deemed to have come into operation on the second day of April, 1942.

Deferred pay;

3.—(1.) Regulation 8 is amended—

- (a) by omitting from sub-regulation (1.) the proviso and inserting in its stead the following provisos:—

" Provided that, in the case of—

- (i) a member who has not embarked for service outside Australia;
- (ii) a nurse who embarked for service outside Australia on or after the seventh day of December, 1941; or,
- (iii) a member of the Women's Auxiliary Australian Air Force,

deferred pay shall not be credited under this sub-regulation in respect of any period prior to the seventh day of December, 1941:

Provided also that, in the case of a nurse who embarked for service outside Australia prior to the seventh day of December, 1941, deferred pay shall not be credited under this sub-regulation in respect of any period prior to the date of her embarkation." ; and

(b) by omitting from sub-regulation (6.) paragraphs (c) and (d) and inserting in their stead the following paragraphs:—

“(c) after the sixth day of June, 1941, in the Australian Military Forces;

(d) after the second day of September, 1939, in the Royal Australian Air Force, if the member has embarked for service outside Australia, other than for escort or temporary duty;

(e) after the sixth day of June, 1941, in the Royal Australian Air Force in the case of a member not covered by paragraph (d) of this sub-regulation;”;

(f) after the sixth day of June, 1941, in one or more of the organizations known prior to the twenty-fourth day of March, 1943, as—

(i) the Royal Australian Naval Nursing Service;

(ii) the Women's Royal Australian Naval Service;

(iii) the Australian Army Nursing Service;

(iv) the Australian Women's Army Service;

(v) the Australian Army Medical Women's Service;

(vi) the Royal Australian Air Force Nursing Service; and

(vii) the Women's Auxiliary Australian Air Force; and

(g) after the sixth day of June, 1941, in any naval, military or air force of the United Kingdom or of any part of His Majesty's dominions other than the Commonwealth of Australia.”.

(2.) Except as provided by the next succeeding sub-regulation, the amendments effected by sub-regulation (1.) of this regulation shall be deemed to have come into operation on the sixth day of October, 1939.

(3.) Paragraph (g) of regulation 8, as amended by sub-regulation (1.) of this regulation, shall be deemed to have come into operation on the second day of May, 1945.

4.—(1.) After regulation 10 the following regulation is inserted:—

“10A. Subject to such conditions as are approved by the Air Board, during the period of a member's service outside Australia with a unit of the Royal Australian Air Force under Royal Air Force command (other than service with or in conjunction with the Royal Air Force under any agreement between the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Government of the United Kingdom in relation to the Empire Air Training Scheme), a member may be paid, in addition to the pay and pay allowances to which he is entitled under these Regulations, allowances at the rates and under the conditions for the time being provided in King's Regulations and Air Council Instructions for the Royal Air Force for unmarried members of the Royal Air Force in the area in which the member is serving.”.

Member serving under Royal Air Force command other than under the Empire Air Training Scheme.

(2.) Sub-regulation (1.) of this regulation shall be deemed to have come into operation on the fifteenth day of July, 1940.

Members  
transferred to  
W.F.R. rates.

5.—(1.) Regulation 12A is amended by omitting from the second proviso to sub-regulation (2.) the words “the ninth day of July, 1943” and inserting in their stead the words “the twenty-fourth day of June, 1943”.

(2.) The amendment effected by this regulation shall be deemed to have come into operation on and from the twenty-fourth day of June, 1943.

6.—(1.) Regulation 13 is repealed and the following regulation is inserted in its stead:—

Acting rank.

“13. Subject to such conditions as are approved by the Air Board, a member who is granted acting rank shall, unless the grant is specified as one of unpaid acting rank, be paid pay and allowances at the rates prescribed by these Regulations for the rank in which he is acting.”

(2.) Sub-regulation (1.) of this regulation shall be deemed to have come into operation on the sixth day of October, 1939.

Chaplains.

7.—(1.) Regulation 17 is amended—

(a) by omitting the words “A Chaplain shall” and inserting in their stead the figures and words “(1.) Subject to sub-regulation (2.) of this regulation, a Chaplain shall;” and

(b) by adding at the end thereof the following sub-regulations:—

“(2.) A Chaplain who is employed on part-time duty shall not, whilst so employed—

(a) be eligible to receive pay in respect of more than fifty-two days in any one financial year, or, where his employment commences or ceases during a financial year, in respect of more than a proportionate part of fifty-two days;

(b) be credited with deferred pay; or

(c) be paid any allowances other than travelling allowance.

(3.) Notwithstanding anything contained in Part III. of these Regulations, dependants allowance shall not be payable in respect of any dependant of a Chaplain who is employed on part-time duty.”

(2.) The amendments effected by this regulation shall be deemed to have come into operation on the sixth day of October, 1939.

Field  
allowance—  
after  
embarkation.

8.—(1.) Regulation 18 is amended—

(a) by omitting from sub-regulation (1.) the word “Australia” and inserting in its stead the words “the Australian mainland”;

(b) by omitting from paragraph (b) of that sub-regulation the words “a nurse” and inserting in their stead the words “an officer of a Women’s Service”; and

(c) by omitting sub-regulation (2.) and inserting in its stead the following sub-regulation:—

“(2.) For the purposes of this regulation ‘Australian mainland’ includes any part of Australia other than the Territories of Papua, New Guinea, Norfolk Island, Nauru, Ashmore and Cartier Islands and the Australian Antarctic Territory.”.

(2.) The amendments effected by paragraphs (a) and (c) of sub-regulation (1.) of this regulation shall be deemed to have come into operation on the first day of July, 1943.

(3.) The amendment effected by paragraph (b) of sub-regulation (1.) of this regulation shall be deemed to have come into operation on the twenty-third day of December, 1943.

9.—(1.) Regulation 19 is amended—

Crew pay.

(a) by inserting after sub-regulation (1.) the following sub-regulation:—

“(1A.) Subject to these Regulations, where an airman of a non-aircrew mustering who has been in receipt of continuous crew pay under sub-regulation (1.) of this regulation ceases to be allocated as a member of an aircraft crew by reason of—

(a) his being posted to another unit, crew pay at the rate of which he was in receipt on the day immediately prior to the date of his posting may be paid in respect of the period of transit between units, if he is allocated as a member of an aircraft crew on joining the new unit and thereupon becomes entitled to crew pay under sub-regulation (1.) of this regulation;

(b) an illness or injury attributable to his employment on aircrew duties, crew pay at the rate of which he was in receipt on the day immediately prior to the date on which he ceased to be so allocated may be paid until—

(i) he is declared by a medical board to be permanently medically unfit for aircrew duties;

(ii) he is discharged from the Air Force, if a medical board declares him to be medically unfit for further service; or

(iii) being fit for aircrew duties, he is employed on other duties, whichever first occurs;

(c) his being reported ‘missing’, crew pay at the rate of which he was in receipt on the day immediately prior to the date of his being so reported may be paid in respect of any period during which he continues to be so reported;

(d) his being taken prisoner of war or interned in a neutral country, crew pay at the rate of which he was in receipt on the day immediately prior to the date of his being taken prisoner or interned, may be paid until—

(i) he is posted for duty; or

(ii) he is discharged,  
whichever first occurs.”;

(b) by omitting from sub-regulation (3.) the word and figure “sub-regulation (1.)” and inserting in their stead the words, figures and letter “sub-regulation (1.) or (1A.)”;

(c) by inserting after sub-regulation (3.) the following sub-regulation:—

“(4.) Where an airman is absent from his normal duty as a result of an injury or illness attributable to flying duty in respect of which he was paid an allowance under sub-regulation (3.) of this regulation, the allowance shall be continued during the period of his absence.”.

(2.) The provisions of paragraph (a) of sub-regulation (1A.) inserted in regulation 19 by paragraph (a) of sub-regulation (1.) of this regulation shall be deemed to have come into operation on the first day of October, 1945.

(3.) The provisions of paragraph (b) of sub-regulation (1A.) inserted in regulation 19 by paragraph (a) of sub-regulation (1.) of this regulation shall be deemed to have come into operation on the third day of February, 1945.

(4.) The provisions of paragraphs (c) and (d) of sub-regulation (1A.) inserted in regulation 19 by paragraph (a) of sub-regulation (1.) of this regulation shall be deemed to have come into operation on the third day of February, 1945:

Provided that any member who on the third day of February, 1945, was a prisoner of war, an internee in a neutral country or missing shall be paid an allowance in accordance with those provisions on and from the date on which he was first reported a prisoner of war, an internee in a neutral country or missing, as the case may be.

(5.) The amendments effected by paragraphs (b) and (c) of sub-regulation (1.) of this regulation shall be deemed to have come into operation on the first day of October, 1945.

10. Regulation 24 is repealed and the following regulation is inserted in its stead—

“24.—(1.) In the event of the death of a member on or after the first day of December, 1944, any monetary penalty which has been imposed upon, or incurred by, him during his service in the Air Force after the third day of September, 1939, shall, if any one of the persons for whose benefit his war service estate is paid or delivered, was, at the date of the member's death—

(a) the spouse, child, parent, step-parent or foster-parent of the member; or

Remission of  
forfeiture in  
event of death.

(b) actually dependent upon the member, be remitted, unless the Air Board, having regard to the special circumstances of any particular case, otherwise directs:

Provided that no remission shall be made of any forfeiture of pay for any period during which the member was absent without leave.

(2.) For the purposes of this regulation—

“child” means any child (including an ex-nuptial child) who is a son, daughter, step-son or step-daughter or a legally adopted son or daughter of a member;

“war service estate” means war service estate as defined in the *War Service Estates Act 1942-1943*;

“monetary penalty” means any forfeiture of pay incurred by a member, or any fine imposed upon him by an air force authority, but does not include—

(a) any debit to a member's pay account pursuant to paragraph (ii) of the proviso to paragraph (b) of sub-regulation (1.) of regulation 54 of these Regulations; or

(b) any amount stopped or deducted from a member's pay as compensation for any expense, loss, damage or destruction occasioned by the member, or for any barrack damage attributed to the member's unit.”.

11. After regulation 25 the following regulation is inserted:—

“25A. When a member's active pay account shows a debit balance as a consequence of— Minimum drawing rate.

(a) a forfeiture of pay imposed upon or incurred by the member; or

(b) the recovery of—

(i) any fine inflicted upon, or sum of money ordered or awarded to be paid by or stopped from the pay of the member either by court-martial or other competent authority;

(ii) any amount debited or charged to the member pursuant to regulation 48 or regulation 54 of these Regulations; or

(iii) any amount agreed by the member to be deducted from his pay in respect of loss of, or damage to, Commonwealth property;

that member shall, in respect of each day during which his account continues to show that debit balance, be entitled to draw, as an advance against future active pay, an amount equal to—

(1) one tenth of his daily rate of active pay; or

(2) if he is serving—

(a) in Australia, One shilling in Australian currency; or

(b) outside Australia, One shilling in English currency,

whichever is the greater:

Provided that a member shall not be entitled to receive any such advance during any period for which he is absent without leave or undergoing sentence of penal servitude, imprisonment or detention, or for which he is in custody whilst under sentence of field punishment.”.

False answers  
on attestation.

12.—(1.) Regulation 26 is repealed.

(2.) This regulation shall be deemed to have come into operation on the twenty-first day of March, 1945.

13. Regulation 27 is repealed and the following regulation inserted in its stead:—

Absence  
through  
illness, &c.

“27. The pay and pay allowances of a member who is absent from duty owing to illness, injury or wounds may be continued during the period of his absence:

Provided that, subject to regulation 25 of these Regulations, where a member's absence from duty is due to illness or disability caused by his misconduct, the Air Board may determine whether his pay and pay allowances shall be forfeited, in whole or in part, in respect of the whole or any portion of the period of the absence.”

Manner of  
payment of  
allotment  
and dependants  
allowances.

14. (1.) Regulation 43 is amended—

(a) by omitting sub-regulation (1.) and inserting in its stead the following sub-regulation:—

“(1.) Any sum payable by way of allotment or dependants allowance in accordance with these Regulations may, if a prescribed authority so directs, be paid by fortnightly instalments—

(a) into a bank account approved by a prescribed authority; or

(b) to the person to whom the sum is payable—

(i) by cheque, money order or bank draft,  
or

(ii) in currency, through a postmaster or  
other officer.”; and

(b) by omitting from sub-regulation (2.) the words “, in fortnightly instalments.”.

(2.) The amendments effected by this regulation shall be deemed to have come into operation on the fifth day of June, 1944.

Recovery of  
amount paid  
on account of  
allotment  
during  
forfeiture of  
pay.

15. Regulation 48 is amended by omitting sub-regulation (2.).

Recovery of  
fines, &c.

16. Regulation 49 is amended by omitting sub-regulation (2.).

Death of  
member.

17. Regulation 51 is amended by omitting from sub-regulation (2.) the words and figure “sub-regulation (2.) of”.

18. Regulation 54 is repealed and the following regulation inserted in its stead:—

Absence  
without leave.

“54.—(1.) When a member is reported to be absent without leave or without other sufficient cause, the prescribed authority shall be notified in such manner as the Air Board directs and, except as provided in the next succeeding sub-regulation—

(a) if the member has made an allotment in relation to which no dependants allowance is payable, payment of the allotment shall, upon receipt of the notification by the prescribed authority, be suspended as from the earliest possible date;



- (b) if the member has made an allotment in relation to which dependants allowance is payable, the prescribed authority shall, forthwith upon receipt of the notification, forward a notice to the allottee that payment of the allotment and dependants allowance will be suspended on and from a specified date, being such date as will permit the payment of a further two instalments of allotment and dependants allowance in accordance with regulation 43 of these Regulations, inclusive of the instalment (if any) payable on the date of the notice, and payment of allotment and dependants allowance shall be suspended accordingly unless the member returns to duty or is taken into air force custody before that date:

Provided that—

- (i) if the allotment made by the member exceeds the standard rate, it shall, in respect of any day subsequent to the date of the notice, be reduced by the prescribed authority to an amount equal to the standard rate and the notice shall so state; and
- (ii) any amount paid as allotment in respect of any day of absence, and any amount paid as dependants allowance in respect of any day of absence subsequent to the date of the notice shall, subject to paragraph (a) of sub-regulation (3.) of this regulation, be a charge against and may be recovered from any moneys which are or may become due to the member.

(2.) Where a member is reported to be absent without leave or without other sufficient cause as a result of his failure to return to duty on or before the expiration of a period of leave without pay granted to him, no allotment or dependants allowance shall be paid in respect of that member until he returns to duty or is taken into air force custody, unless the prescribed authority otherwise directs.

(3.) Where, after notification of absence without leave or without other sufficient cause has been received by a prescribed authority, the member concerned returns to duty or is taken into air force custody and—

(a) in the case of—

- (i) an officer—the Air Board consents to the reinstatement of his pay in accordance with sub-regulation (7.) of regulation 552A of the Air Force Regulations,
  - (ii) an airman or airwoman—is not charged with desertion or with absence without leave or, being charged with either or both of those offences, is acquitted of such charge or such charges,
- the allotment made by the member and dependants allowance (if any) shall be reinstated and paid as if the notification had not been received;

(b) incurs a forfeiture of pay by reason of such absence or is convicted in respect thereof, then, subject to regulation 48 of these Regulations—

(i) if dependants allowance is not payable in respect of the allotment, the allotment may be reinstated and paid as from such date as the prescribed authority directs, or

(ii) if dependants allowance is payable in respect of the allotment, the allotment and dependants allowance may be reinstated and paid as from the date on which the member returned to duty or was taken into air force custody:

Provided that the allotment shall not be reinstated or paid at a rate exceeding the standard rate until any debit or charge incurred by reason of the absence is liquidated.

(4.) If a member who has been notified as being absent without leave or without other sufficient cause is subsequently reported to be dead, missing, a prisoner of war or an internee in a neutral country, the payment of allotment and dependants allowance (if any) shall be dealt with in accordance with regulation 51, 52 or 53 of these Regulations, as the case requires.”

(2.) The provisions of regulation 54 inserted by this regulation, except sub-regulation (2.), shall be deemed to have come into operation on the fifth day of June, 1944.

Fares.

19. Regulation 58 is amended by omitting paragraph (b) of sub-regulation (1.) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:—

“(b) to enable the member to visit his home when granted leave of absence with pay;”.

20.—(1.) Regulation 68 is amended—

(a) by omitting from sub-regulations (2.), (3.) and (3A.) the words “a member who” (first occurring) in each of those sub-regulations and inserting in their stead the words “a member who is serving in Australia and who”; and

(b) by inserting after sub-regulation (3A.) the following sub-regulation:—

“(3B.) Subject to these Regulations, a member who is serving outside Australia and who is not provided with rations, quarters or tentage, may be paid an allowance at a rate for the time being fixed by order made by the Minister, with the concurrence of the Treasurer, in respect of the country or locality in which the member is serving.”.

(2.) The amendments effected by this regulation shall be deemed to have come into operation on the sixth day of October, 1939.

21.—(1.) After regulation 68 the following regulation is inserted:—

“68A.—(1.) Subject to these Regulations, a member who is not provided with quarters at his usual station and normally is required to live away from his home and is in receipt of an allowance under

Rations and quarters and subsistence and special living allowance.

Allowance for retention of quarters.

sub-regulation (2.) or sub-regulation (3A.) of regulation 68 of these Regulations, may be paid, in respect of any period during which he is—

- (a) in hospital;
  - (b) temporarily absent from his usual station on duty and receiving travelling allowance; or
  - (c) temporarily absent from his usual station on duty and provided with quarters and rations,
- an allowance at the rate prescribed by sub-regulation (2.) of this regulation for the retention of his accommodation in the locality of his usual station:

Provided that an allowance under this regulation shall not be paid in respect of any part of a member's absence in excess of—

- (a) in the case of a member in hospital and—
  - (i) where the absence commenced prior to the twenty-second day of January, 1945—fourteen days; or
  - (ii) where the absence commenced on or after the twenty-second day of January, 1945—twenty-eight days; or
- (b) in the case of a member absent from his usual station on duty and—
  - (i) where the absence commenced prior to the twenty-second day of January, 1945—seven days; or
  - (ii) where the absence commenced on or after the twenty-second day of January, 1945—fourteen days.

(2.) The amount of the allowance payable under sub-regulation (1.) of this regulation shall be the amount actually paid by the member for the retention of his accommodation in the locality of his usual station:

Provided that in no case shall the rate exceed—

- (a) in the case of a member in respect of whom dependants allowance is not being paid, Two shillings and sixpence per day; or
- (b) in the case of a member in respect of whom dependants allowance is being paid, the rate specified opposite to the designation of his rank in the following table:—

Rank.	Daily rate.
	s. d.
Air Commodore and above .. .. .	4 6
Group Captain, Wing Commander, Squadron Leader, Matron-in-Chief, Principal Matron, Matron, Group Officer, Wing Officer and Squadron Officer .. .. .	4 0
Flight Lieutenant, Flying Officer, Pilot Officer, Senior Sister, Sister, Staff Masseuse, Flight Officer, Section Officer and Assistant Section Officer .. .. .	3 6
All other ranks .. .. .	3 0

(3.) A claim for an increased rate of the allowance payable under this regulation, consequent upon the promotion of a member to a higher rank, shall not be payable for any period prior to the date upon which the promotion is officially notified.”.

(2.) This regulation shall be deemed to have come into operation on the twelfth day of February, 1943.

**22.—**(1.) Regulation 71 is amended by omitting sub-regulations (1.) and (2.) and inserting in their stead the following sub-regulations:—

“71.—(1.) An officer appointed for duty with the Royal Air Force under the Empire Air Training Scheme, shall, if so appointed in Australia—

Outfit  
allowance—  
E.A.T.S.  
officers with  
the Royal Air  
Force.

(a) prior to the first day of January, 1941—be paid an outfit allowance of Forty pounds;

(b) after the thirty-first day of December, 1940, and prior to the twenty-fourth day of June, 1942—be paid an outfit allowance of Forty-five pounds;

(c) after the twenty-third day of June, 1942—be issued with such articles of uniform, clothing and equipment as are authorized by the Air Board.

(2.) An officer to whom an outfit allowance has been paid in pursuance of paragraph (a) or (b) of sub-regulation (1.) of this regulation shall provide himself with articles of uniform, clothing and equipment in accordance with such scales as are approved by the Air Board.”.

(2.) The amendment effected by this regulation shall be deemed to have come into operation on the first day of January, 1941.

Outfit  
allowances—  
Nurses.

**23.—**(1.) Regulation 72 is amended—

(a) by inserting in sub-regulation (1.), after the word “posted”, the words “prior to the third day of August, 1942,”;

(b) by omitting from sub-regulation (2.) the words “on appointment” and inserting in their stead the words “prior to the third day of August, 1942,”;

(c) by inserting in sub-regulation (4.), after the word “posted”, the words “prior to the third day of August, 1942,”;

(d) by inserting in sub-regulation (5.), after the word “posted”, the words “prior to the third day of August, 1942,”;

(e) by omitting from sub-regulation (6.) the words “under this regulation” and inserting in their stead the words and figures “under sub-regulation (1.) or (2.) of this regulation”;

(f) by omitting sub-regulation (7.) and inserting in its stead the following sub-regulations:—

“ (7.) An outfit allowance of Three pounds shall be paid to a nurse—

(a) if appointed prior to the third day of August, 1942—on the third day of August, 1942; or

(b) if appointed on or after the third day of August, 1942—on the date of her appointment.

(8.) Prior to the third day of August, 1942, a nurse shall be paid an outfit maintenance allowance of Five pounds on the completion of each period of twelve months' continuous service.

(9.) After the second day of August, 1942, a nurse shall be paid an outfit maintenance allowance of Two pounds on the completion of each period of twelve months' continuous service after the date on which she becomes eligible for an outfit allowance under sub-regulation (7.) of this regulation.

(10.) A nurse shall not be eligible for any *pro rata* payment of outfit maintenance allowance in respect of any period of service of less than twelve months."

(2.) The amendments effected by this regulation shall be deemed to have come into operation on the third day of August, 1942.

24.—(1.) Regulation 73 is repealed and the following regulation inserted in its stead:—

"73. Subject to such conditions as are approved by the Air Board, a member may, upon the termination of his appointment, or upon his discharge, Supply of civilian clothing on discharge.

(a) be provided with civilian clothing; or

(b) be paid an allowance at such rate as is from time to time determined by the Minister and the Treasurer."

(2.) The amendment effected by this regulation shall be deemed to have come into operation on the sixth day of October, 1939.

25. After regulation 74 the following regulation is inserted:—

"75.—(1.) For the purposes of this regulation, 'war service estate' has the same meaning as in the *War Service Estates Act 1942-1943*. Decorations—  
Monetary grants and annuities.

(2.) This regulation shall apply in relation to decorations for gallantry which are or have been awarded airmen of the Air Force after the sixth day of October, 1939.

(3.) If the Victoria Cross is or has been awarded posthumously, an amount of Fifty pounds—

(a) shall, if the member died before the first day of October, 1944, be paid to the member's widow or to such other person of pensionable status under the *Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act 1920*, as amended from time to time, as the Air Board approves; or

(b) shall, if the member died or dies on or after the first day of October, 1944, be credited to the deceased member's war service estate.

(4.) If the Victoria Cross or any bar to that decoration is awarded during a member's lifetime, he shall be paid an annuity of Ten pounds in respect of the original award and Five pounds in respect of any bar thereto.

(5.) If a member who has been awarded the Victoria Cross dies whilst still a member of the Air Force and has not received by way of annuity in respect of the Victoria Cross an amount at least equal to Fifty pounds, the balance required to make up such amount—

(a) shall, if the member died before the first day of October, 1944, be paid to the member's widow or to such other person of pensionable status under the *Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act 1920*, as amended from time to time, as the Air Board approves; or

(b) shall, if the member died or dies on or after the first day of October, 1944, be credited to the deceased member's war service estate.

(6.) A member who has been awarded the Military Cross, Distinguished Flying Cross, Distinguished Conduct Medal, Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (Naval), Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (Flying), Distinguished Service Medal, Military Medal or Distinguished Flying Medal or any bar to those decorations shall be paid on his—

(a) discharge,

(b) transfer to the Reserve, or

(c) appointment to commissioned rank,

whichever first occurs, a gratuity of Twenty pounds in respect of a first award, together with an additional gratuity of Twenty pounds in respect of the award of any bar.

(7.) In the event of the death of a member, the amount of any gratuity to which, but for his death, he would have become entitled under the last preceding sub-regulation—

(a) shall, in a case where the gratuity is in respect of the award of the Distinguished Service Medal or Military Medal or any bar thereto, and where the recipient died before the first day of October, 1944, be paid to the member's widow or to such other person of pensionable status under the *Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act 1920*, as amended from time to time, as the Air Board approves; or

(b) shall, in any other case, be credited to the deceased member's war service estate."

**First Schedule.**

**26.—(1.)** The First Schedule is amended—

(a) by omitting from columns 5 and 9 respectively the words and figures "After 28th September, 1942," and inserting in their stead the words, figures and symbol "After 28th September, 1942.\*";

(b) by inserting, after the words "Flying Officer" (first occurring) and the particulars relating thereto, the following words and figures:—

"Pilot Officer  
( ' A ' Rate)\* | . . | . . | . . | 19 | 0 | . . | . . | . . | 19 | 0 | 3 | 0 ";

(c) by omitting the words "Pilot Officer" (first occurring) and inserting in their stead the words "Pilot Officer ( ' B ' Rate)\*"; and

(d) by adding at the foot thereof the following note:—

"\* The 'A' rates are payable on and from 1st September, 1944, to Pilot Officers (Pilots) commissioned from warrant or non-commissioned rank. The 'B' rates are payable prior to 1st September, 1944, to all Pilot Officers, and on and from 1st September, 1944, to Pilot Officers other than those qualified for 'A' rates."

(2.) The amendments effected by this regulation shall be deemed to have come into operation on and from the first day of September, 1944.

27.—(1.) The Fifth Schedule is amended—

Fifth Schedule.

(a) by inserting, after the words "Flying Officer" (first occurring) and the particulars relating thereto, the following words and figures:—

"Pilot Officer ('A' Rate)\* .. .. | 1 9 | 2 1";

(b) by omitting the words "Pilot Officer" (first occurring) and inserting in their stead the words "Pilot Officer ('B' Rate)\*";

(c) by adding at the end thereof the following words and figures:—

"Royal Australian Air Force Nursing Service—		
Matron-in-chief—		
Prior to the twenty-ninth day of July, 1942—		
On appointment .. ..	1 8	1 10
After one year's service ..	1 10	1 11
After two year's service ..	1 11	2 1
After the twenty-eighth day of July, 1942 .. ..		
Principal Matron† .. ..	1 11	2 1
Matron .. ..	1 9	1 11
Matron .. ..	1 6	1 8
Senior Sister—		
Prior to the twenty-sixth day of February, 1943 .. ..		
After the twenty-fifth day of February, 1943 .. ..	1 1	1 3
After the twenty-fifth day of February, 1943 .. ..	1 3	1 5
Sister (Group I.) or Staff Masseuse (Group I.)† .. ..	1 1	1 3
Sister (Group II.) or Staff Masseuse (Group II.)† .. ..	0 10‡	1 0‡

(d) by adding at the foot thereof the following note:—

"\* The 'A' rates are payable on and from 1st September, 1944, to Pilot Officers (Pilots) commissioned from warrant or non-commissioned rank. The 'B' rates are payable prior to 1st September, 1944, to all Pilot Officers, and on and from 1st September, 1944, to Pilot Officers other than those qualified for 'A' rates."; and

(e) by adding at the foot thereof the following notes:—

"† The rate for Principal Matron has effect on and from 23rd March, 1942, only.

‡ Scales of allowances for Sister (Group II.) and Staff Masseuse (Group II.) were abolished after 23rd March, 1943. Grouping of Sisters and Staff Masseuses was also abolished after that date, all officers of that rank being entitled thereafter to the rates of allowance applicable to Sisters (Group I.) and Staff Masseuses (Group I.)."

(2.) The amendments effected by paragraphs (a), (b) and (d) of sub-regulation (1.) of this regulation shall be deemed to have come into operation on and from the first day of September, 1944.

(3.) The amendments effected by paragraphs (c) and (e) of sub-regulation (1.) of this regulation shall be deemed to have come into operation on and from the first day of October, 1940.

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