

Military Financial Regulations (Repeal) 1996 No. 181

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

STATUTORY RULES 1996 No. 181

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Defence Act 1903

Military Financial Regulations (Repeal)

The Military Financial Regulations (the Principal Regulations), made under the *Defence Act 1903*, had the primary purpose of providing for certain Army financial conditions of service. Most of the provisions formerly contained in, the Principal Regulations had been repealed progressively as they were replaced by other legislation of tri-service application, particularly determinations made under Part IIIA of the Defence Act. A small number of operative provisions remained.

Provisions dealing with married quarters and medical and dental treatment are being replaced by new provisions in the Defence Force Regulations, also made under the Defence Act. The remaining provisions in the Principal Regulations cover matters which are dealt with in other legislation, are more appropriately dealt with in administrative instructions, or are no longer required. For example, regulations 265 (Overpayments during prior service) and 236 (Items of initial issue - property of the Commonwealth) are adequately dealt with by the Audit Act and Finance Directions, regulation 7 (Power of formation commander) is dealt with in the Australian Military Regulations, also made under the Defence Act, regulation 274 (Regimental funds) can be covered by administrative instruction, and regulation 32 covers an allowance which no longer exists.

The Statutory Rule repeals the Principal Regulations.

The Statutory Rule comes into operation on 1 December 1996.