Defence Determination 2017/19, Education costs and benchmark schools – amendment

I, LISA ANNETTE ARNOLD, Acting Assistant Secretary People Policy and Employment Conditions, make this Determination under section 58B of the Defence Act 1903.

Dated 14 June 2017

L. A. ARNOLD
Acting Assistant Secretary
People Policy and Employment Conditions
Defence People Group
1 Name

1. This Determination is Defence Determination 2017/19, Education costs and benchmark schools – amendment.

2. This Determination may also be cited as Defence Determination 2017/19.

2 Commencement

1. Each provision of this instrument specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

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<td>15 June 2017</td>
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Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this instrument.

2. Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this instrument. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this instrument.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under section 58B of the Defence Act 1903.

4 Schedules

Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.
Schedule 1—St John’s College – Education assistance and travel

Defence Determination 2016/19, Conditions of service

1 Section 15.3.15A (Costs for escort for child – Marshall Islands)

After section 15.3.15A, insert:

15.3.15B Cost for escort for child – Cherbourg

1. This section applies to a member who meets both of the following conditions.
   a. The member receives education assistance – Cherbourg.
      See: Part 6 Division 4 section 15.6.22A, Education assistance – Cherbourg
   b. The member has an authorised reunion visit for a child boarding at St John's College, Southsea, England at Commonwealth expense.
      See: Section 15.3.12, Number of reunion visits to overseas posting location

2. A member may be eligible for travel costs for an escort to accompany the child if all the following apply.
   a. The child is unable to travel without an accompanying adult due to age restrictions imposed by the carrier.
   b. The child is not already being accompanied by an adult.

3. A member is not eligible to receive a benefit under subsection 2 if another member has received the benefit and all the following circumstances apply.
   a. Both members have a child boarding at St John’s College, Southsea, England.
   b. Either of the following applies.
      i. Both members have nominated the same person to escort their children.
      ii. The member has nominated the other member to be the escort for their child.
   c. The escort accompanies both children on the same trip.

Note: Accommodation, meals and incidental costs will not be paid under this section.

Example: Member A has a child boarding at St John’s College. Member B also has a child boarding at St John’s College. Both member A and member B have nominated Jill as an escort to accompany their children from St John’s College to the posting location overseas. Jill is to accompany both children at the same time. Member A has claimed the travel costs for Jill to accompany their child. Member B is not able to claim the travel costs.
4. The escort must be a person over 18 years old and one of the following.
   a. The member.
   b. Another person at the posting location nominated by the member.

   **Note:** Members should check French and English Immigration authorities for any administrative requirements.

5. The travel costs include the cost of the following journeys.

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<td>b. From the location where the escort departs England to the location in which the escort arrives in France.</td>
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6. Travel between France and England and the return journey must be by ferry.

   **Exception:** Travel by ferry is unavailable. Travel between France and England or return journey must be by the most economical means.

   **Note:** Accommodation, meals and incidental costs will not be paid under this section.

2 **Subsection 15.3.16.1 (Member or spouse or partner visits dependant ('reverse overseas reunion'))**

After subsection 15.3.16.1, insert:

   **Exception:** A member receiving education assistance – Cherbourg in respect of that child.

   **See:** Part 6 Division 4 section 15.6.22A, Education assistance – Cherbourg

   **Example:** A member is posted to Cherbourg, France and has two children who are dependants. One child has remained in Australia and attends school. The other child accompanied the member to Cherbourg, but attends boarding school at St John’s College, England. The member may be eligible for a reverse overseas reunion to visit the child in Australia, but will not be eligible for reverse overseas reunion to visit the child in England.
3 Section 15.6.22 (Summer school costs)

After section 15.6.22, insert:

15.6.22A Education assistance – Cherbourg

1. This section applies to a member who meets both of the following.
   a. The member has a long-term posting overseas to Cherbourg, France.
   b. The member has a child who is a dependant who is enrolled at boarding school at St John’s College, Southsea, England.

2. The member is eligible to receive education assistance – Cherbourg in respect of the child undertaking year 10, 11 or 12 at the school.

Exception: Assistant Secretary People Policy and Employment Conditions may approve education assistance – Cherbourg for a child enrolled in a school year below year 10 at St John’s College, Southsea, England in exceptional circumstances.

Example: The child is falling behind in learning because they are struggling to adjust to the school life in Cherbourg due language differences.

Note: This section does not affect a member’s benefit for education assistance for a child attending school in Cherbourg, France or in Australia.

3. For the purpose of this section, education assistance – St John’s College includes both of the following.
   a. Compulsory tuition fees.
   b. Accommodation and boarding fees.

4. The member may elect education assistance – St John’s College to be paid directly to the St John’s College, Southsea, England.

5. The member is required to pay an annual contribution to the cost of the child’s education of AUD 370.

15.6.22B Starting and ending boarding school – Travel – Cherbourg

1. This section applies to member who has a child who is receiving education assistance – Cherbourg and is travelling for either of the following purposes.
   a. To commence boarding school at St John’s College, Southsea, England.
   b. To return to the posting location immediately after the child ceases to be enrolled at St John’s College, Southsea, England.

Note: This does not include the period between the end of one school year and the beginning of the next school year. A member may use a reunion visit.

2. The member is eligible to be paid the travel costs specified in subsection 4 for the following people.
   a. The child.
   b. The member or an adult nominated by the member who accompanies the child.
3. A member is not eligible to receive a benefit under subsection 2.b if another member has received the benefit in all the following circumstances.
   a. Both members have a child boarding at St John’s College, Southsea, England.
   b. Either of the following applies.
      i. Both members have nominated the same person to travel with their children.
      ii. The member has nominated the other member to accompany the first member’s child.
   c. The person travelling with the children accompanies both children on the same trip.

   **Note:** Accommodation, meals and incidental costs will not be paid under this section.

   **Example:** Member A has a child about to start boarding at St John’s College. Member B also has a child about to start boarding at St John’s College. Member A has nominated member B to accompany member A’s child to St John’s College. Member B is travelling with his child and member A’s child at the same time. Member B has claimed the travel costs for to accompany his child. Member B is not eligible for travel costs for member B to accompany member B’s child.

4. For the purpose of this section, travel costs are specified in the following table.

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**Schedule 2—Benchmark schools**

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### 3  Annex 15.6.B (Approved summer schools)
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