

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT
STATUTORY RULES 1987 NO. 211

Long Service Leave (Commonwealth Employees)
Regulations (Amendment)

(Issued with the authority of the Minister for
Industrial Relations)

Section 26 of the Long Service Leave (Commonwealth Employees) Act 1976 (the Act) provides that the Governor-General may make regulations prescribing all matters which are required or permitted to be prescribed, or which are necessary or convenient to be prescribed, for carrying out or giving effect to the Act. Sub-section 7(2) of the Act provides that regulations may be made to enable previous employment of an employee in the service of a person, authority, institution or body (including a company) whether incorporated or not, that is referred to in the regulations, to be taken into account for the purposes of section 11 of the Act as if it had been employment in Government Service. Section 11 of the Act provides, inter alia, that for long service leave purposes, the period of service of an employee is the period during which the employee has been employed continuously in Government Service.

The Statutory Rules amend the Long Service Leave (Commonwealth Employees) Regulations to authorise the recognition, for long service leave purposes, of prior service with Army Health Benefits Society (AHBS).

AHBS was established at the direction of the Minister for the Army in 1953. It is a health benefits organisation registered under the National Health Act 1953.

It has been decided that service with AHBS be recognised for long service leave purposes, because of the Commonwealth's direct interest in AHBS.

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