

STATUTORY RULES.

1945. No. 49.

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 eighteenth day of April, 1945.

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Governor-General.

By His Royal Highness's Command,

ARTHUR S. DRAKEFORD
Minister of State for Air.

AMENDMENTS OF THE AIR FORCE REGULATIONS.†

1. After regulation 39 of the Air Force Regulations the following regulations are inserted:—

"40.—(1.) For the purposes of these Regulations, the ranks of members of the Air Force shall correspond with the ranks of members of the Naval Forces and the Military Forces in accordance with the following table, and commissioned officers of the Naval Forces, Military Forces and the Air Force of corresponding rank shall rank with one another according to seniority or date of appointment:—

Air Force.	Naval Forces.	Military Forces.
Air Chief-Marshal ..	Admiral ..	General
Air Marshal ..	Vice-Admiral ..	Lieutenant-General
Air Vice-Marshal ..	Rear-Admiral ..	Major-General
Air Commodore ..	Commodore (1st and 2nd Class)	Brigadier
Group Captain ..	Captain ..	Colonel
Wing Commander ..	Commander ..	Lieutenant-Colonel
Squadron Leader ..	Lieutenant-Commander ..	Major
Flight Lieutenant ..	Lieutenant ..	Captain
Flying Officer ..	Sub-Lieutenant ..	Lieutenant
Pilot Officer ..	Acting Sub-Lieutenant Commissioned Officer from Warrant Rank	Second-Lieutenant

* Notified in the *Commonwealth Gazette* on 19th April, 1945.

† Statutory Rules 1927, No. 161, as amended by Statutory Rules 1928, Nos. 52 and 109; 1929, Nos. 75 and 114; 1930, Nos. 77, 94 and 135; 1931, Nos. 3, 78 and 115; 1932, Nos. 9, 63 and 133; 1933, Nos. 16, 46, 58, 82, 80 and 117; 1934, Nos. 25, 51, 74, 81, 122 and 125; 1935, Nos. 32 and 98; 1936, No. 17; 1937, No. 21; 1938, Nos. 12, 13, 22, 48, 77, 97 and 120; 1939, Nos. 21, 64 and 142; 1940, Nos. 31, 58, 75, 114, 125, 140, 220, 241 and 279; 1941, Nos. 68, 108, 137, 181 and 228; 1942, Nos. 29, 158, 232, 254, 340, 383, 410, 440, 441, 470 and 543; 1943, Nos. 119 and 198; and 1944, Nos. 34, 50, 64, 75, 146 and 153.

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Air Force.	Naval Forces.	Military Forces.
No equivalent ..	Warrant Officer	Conductor A.A.O.C.
	Midshipman	Master Gunner, 1st Class
		Staff-Sergeant-Major, 1st Class
Warrant Officer	No equivalent ..	All other Warrant Officers Class 1
		Warrant Officer, Class 2
Flight Sergeant	Chief Petty Officer	Squadron, Battery or Company Quarter-Master Sergeant
		Colour Sergeant
Sergeant	Petty Officer	Staff Sergeant
Corporal	Leading Seaman	Sergeant
		Corporal

(2.) A member of the Naval Forces or the Military Forces of a rank for which in the Air Force there is no equivalent specified in the table in sub-regulation (1.) of this regulation shall, in the circumstances mentioned in the proviso to sub-regulation (3.) of this regulation and for the purposes of the application of that proviso, be deemed to be inferior in rank to all members of the Air Force of a rank appearing higher in the table in sub-regulation (1.) of this regulation and superior in rank to all other members.

(3.) This regulation shall not entitle any member of the Naval Forces or the Military Forces to the command of any of the Air Force on shore nor any officer of the Air Force to the command of any of the Naval Forces or Military Forces:

Provided that, when a member of the Naval Forces or the Military Forces, being an officer or non-commissioned officer, is attached or loaned to or seconded for service with the Air Force, then, for the purposes of command and discipline and for the purposes of the provisions of the Air Force Act, the Rules of Procedure, the *Air Force Act* 1923-1941 and these Regulations relating to superior officers, the officer or non-commissioned officer so attached, loaned or seconded shall, in relation to members of the Air Force, be treated and have all such powers (including powers of punishment) as if he were an air-force officer or non-commissioned officer, as the case may be, of corresponding rank.

Conditions of attachment, &c., to Naval and Military Forces, and *vice versa*.

"41. The conditions upon which a member of the Air Force may be attached or loaned to, or seconded for service with, the Naval or Military Forces and the conditions upon which a member of the Naval or Military Forces may be attached to, or seconded for service with, the Air Force shall, subject to these Regulations in the first-mentioned case, and subject to the Naval Forces Regulations or the Australian Military Regulations, as the case requires, in the second-mentioned case, be such as are agreed to by the Air Board and the Naval Board or the Military Board.

Attachment of members of the Naval or Military Forces to Air Force.

"42. Where a member of the Naval or Military Forces who is attached or loaned to, or seconded for service with, the Air Force is placed, for that purpose, at the disposal of the Air Board, he may be attached for service with such unit or at such station as is, from time to time, determined by the Air Board."

2. Regulation 70 of the Air Force Regulations is repealed and the following regulation is inserted in its stead:—

“70. An officer who is attached or loaned to, or seconded for service with, the Military Forces shall be subject to military law, while so attached, loaned or seconded, as if he were an officer of the Military Forces of corresponding rank.” Attachment, &c., of officers to Military Forces.

3. Regulation 105 of the Air Force Regulations is amended by omitting sub-regulation (1.). Postings and attachments.

4. After regulation 105 of the Air Force Regulations the following regulations are inserted:—

“105A. An airman who is attached or loaned to, or seconded for service with, the Military Forces shall be subject to military law, while so attached, loaned or seconded, as if he were a soldier of corresponding rank.” Attachment, &c., of airmen to Military Forces.

5. The Second Schedule to the Air Force Regulations is amended by omitting from paragraph (c) of Table (iii) *Exceptions* the words, figures and letter “sub-section (3) of section 179A” and inserting in their stead the words, figures and letter “sub-sections (1) and (3) of section 179A”. Modifications, &c., of the Air Force Act.

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