



**THE VISITING FORCES (RELATIVE RANKS) REGULATIONS
1983**

DAVID BEATTIE, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government Buildings at Wellington this 7th day of February 1983

Present:

THE RIGHT HON. D. MACINTYRE PRESIDING IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to section 6 (5) of the Visiting Forces Act 1939, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

REGULATIONS

1. Title and commencement—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Visiting Forces (Relative Ranks) Regulations 1983.

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*.

2. Declaration of relative ranks—For the purposes of section 6 of the Visiting Forces Act 1939, the relative ranks of members of the home forces and of the naval, military, and air forces of the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth of Australia, and Tonga respectively shall be those specified in the Schedule to these regulations.

3. Revocation—The Visiting Forces (Relative Ranks) Regulations 1971* are hereby revoked.

SCHEDULE

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*TABLE OF RELATIVE RANKS

Ranks in the Home Forces

| Royal New Zealand Navy | New Zealand Army | Royal New Zealand Air Force |
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| 1. .. | .. | .. |
| 2. .. | .. | .. |
| 3. Vice-Admiral | Lieutenant-General | Air Marshal |
| 4. Rear-Admiral | Major-General | Air Vice-Marshal |
| 5. Commodore | Brigadier | Air Commodore |
| 6. Captain | Colonel Matron-in-Chief | Group Captain |
| 7. Commander | Lieutenant-Colonel Principal Matron | Wing Commander |
| 8. Lieutenant-Commander | Major Matron | Squadron Leader |
| 9. Lieutenant | Captain Charge Sister | Flight Lieutenant |
| 10. Sub-Lieutenant | Lieutenant Sister | Flying Officer |
| 11. Ensign Midshipman (but junior to all ranks in clause 11 of this Schedule except Act- ing Pilot Officer) | Second Lieutenant Staff Nurse | Pilot Officer Acting Pilot Officer (but junior to all ranks in clause 11 of this Schedule except Midshipman) |
| 12. Warrant Officer | Warrant Officer, Class I | Warrant Officer Master Aircrew |
| 13. .. | Warrant Officer, Class II | .. |
| 14. Chief Petty Officer | Staff Sergeant | Flight Sergeant Flight Sergeant Aircrew |
| 15. Petty Officer | Sergeant | Sergeant Sergeant Aircrew |
| 16. Leading Rank (but junior to Army and Air Force ranks) | Bombardier Corporal | Corporal |
| 17. .. | Lance-bombardier Lance-corporal | .. |
| 18. Able Rank Ordinary Rank | Gunner Trooper Sapper Signalman Private Driver Craftsman | Leading Aircraftman Aircraftman Aircraftwoman Cadet Aircrew |
| 19. Artificer Apprentice Junior Rank | Regular Force Cadet | Aircraft Apprentice Airman Cadet |

SCHEDULE—continued

Relative Ranks in Forces Raised in the United Kingdom

| Royal Navy | Army and Royal Marines | Royal Air Force |
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| 1. Admiral of the Fleet | Field-Marshal | Marshal of the Royal Air Force |
| 2. Admiral | General | Air Chief Marshal |
| 3. Vice-Admiral | Lieutenant-General | Air Marshal |
| 4. Rear-Admiral | Major-General | Air Vice-Marshal |
| 5. Commodore | Brigadier | Air Commodore |
| 6. Captain | Colonel | Group Captain |
| 7. Commander | Lieutenant-Colonel | Wing Commander |
| 8. Lieutenant-Commander | Major | Squadron Leader |
| 9. Lieutenant | Captain | Flight Lieutenant |
| 10. Sub-Lieutenant Acting Sub-Lieutenant (but junior to Army and Air Force ranks) | Lieutenant | Flying Officer |
| 11. Midshipman/Naval Cadet (but junior to all ranks in clause 11 of this Schedule except Acting Pilot Officer) | Second Lieutenant Major, Queen's Gurkha Officer; Captain, Queen's Gurkha Officer; Lieutenant, Queen's Gurkha Officer; (but junior to Air Force ranks) | Pilot Officer Acting Pilot Officer (but junior to all ranks in clause 11 of this Schedule except Midshipman) |
| 12. Warrant Officer | Warrant Officer, Class I Regimental Sergeant-Major, Royal Marines | Warrant Officer Master Pilot Master Navigator Master Signaller Master Engineer Master Air Electronics Operator Master Air Quartermaster |
| 13. .. | Warrant Officer, Class II Quartermaster Sergeant, Royal Marines | .. |
| 14. Chief Petty Officer (ranks with Quartermaster Sergeant, Royal Marines, after 9 years' service as Chief Petty Officer) | Staff Corporal Staff Sergeant | Flight Sergeant Chief Technician |
| 15. Petty Officer | Corporal-of-horse Sergeant | Sergeant |
| 16. Leading Rating (but junior to Army and Air Force ranks) | Corporal Bombardier | Corporal |
| 17. .. | Lance-corporal Lance-bombardier | |

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Aircrew

SCHEDULE—continued

Relative Ranks in Forces Raised in the United Kingdom—continued

| Royal Navy | Army and Royal Marines | Royal Air Force |
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| 18. Able Rating Ordinary Rating | Marine Trooper Gunner Sapper Signalman Driver Guardsman Private Ranger Fusilier Rifleman Craftsman | Junior Technician Senior Aircraftman Senior Aircraftwoman Leading Aircraftman Leading Aircraftwoman Aircraftman Aircraftwoman |
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Relative Ranks in Forces Raised in the Commonwealth of Australia

| Royal Australian Navy | Australian Military Forces | Royal Australian Air Force |
|---|----------------------------|---|
| 1. Admiral of the Fleet | Field-Marshal | Marshal of the Royal Australian Air Force |
| 2. Admiral | General | Air Chief Marshal |
| 3. Vice-Admiral | Lieutenant-General | Air Marshal |
| 4. Rear-Admiral | Major-General | Air Vice-Marshal |
| 5. Commodore | Brigadier | Air Commodore |
| 6. Captain Superintendent | Colonel | Group Captain Group Officer |
| 7. Commander Chief Officer Matron | Lieutenant-Colonel | Wing Commander Wing Officer |
| 8. Lieutenant-Commander Chief Inspector (Naval Police) First Officer Superintending Sister | Major | Squadron Leader Squadron Officer |
| 9. Lieutenant Inspector (Naval Police) Second Officer Senior Sister | Captain | Flight Lieutenant Flight Officer |
| 10. Sub-Lieutenant Sub-Inspector (Naval Police) Third Officer Sister Acting Sub-Lieutenant (but junior to Army and Air Force ranks) | Lieutenant | Flying Officer Section Officer |

SCHEDULE—*continued*Relative Ranks in Forces Raised in the Commonwealth of Australia—*continued*

| Royal Australian Navy | Australian Military Forces | Royal Australian Air Force |
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| 11. Probationary Third Officer Sister on Probation Midshipman/Cadet Midshipman (but junior to all ranks in clause 11 of this Schedule except Acting Pilot Officer) | Second Lieutenant | Pilot Officer |
| 12. Warrant Officer Warrant Officer Wran | Warrant Officer, Class I | Warrant Officer |
| 13. .. | Warrant Officer, Class II | .. |
| 14. Chief Petty Officer Chief Wran Sergeant 1st Class (Naval Police) Sergeant 2nd Class (Naval Police) | Staff Sergeant | Flight Sergeant |
| 15. Petty Officer Petty Officer Wran Constable (Naval Police) | Sergeant | Sergeant |
| 16. Leading Seaman Leading Wran (but junior to Army and Air Force ranks) | Corporal Bombardier | Corporal |
| 17. .. | Lance-corporal Lance-bombardier | .. |
| 18. Able Seaman Wran Ordinary Seaman Recruit | Gunner Trooper Sapper Signalman Private Craftsman | Leading Aircraftman Leading Aircraftwoman Aircraftman Aircraftwoman Aircraftman (Recruit) |
| 19. RAN Apprentice Recruit Seaman Junior Recruit | Officer Cadet, WRAAC | Air Cadet Cadet Aircrew Trainee Signallers Aircraft Apprentice Aircraftwoman (Recruit) |

SCHEDULE—*continued*

Relative Ranks in Forces Raised by the King of Tonga

| Maritime Force | Land Force | Air Force |
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| 1. | | |
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| 6. | | |
| 7. Commander | Lieutenant Colonel | .. |
| 8. Lieutenant Commander | Major | .. |
| 9. Lieutenant | Captain | .. |
| 10. Sub-Lieutenant | Lieutenant | .. |
| 11. Second Lieutenant (adopt the same seniority) | Ensign | .. |
| 12. Warrant Officer Class 1 | Warrant Officer Class 1 | .. |
| 13. Warrant Officer Class 2 | Warrant Officer Class 2 | .. |
| 14. Staff Sergeant | Staff Sergeant | .. |
| 15. Sergeant | Sergeant | .. |
| 16. Corporal | Corporal | .. |
| 17. Lance Corporal | Lance Corporal | .. |
| 18. Private | Guardsman (Royal Tonga Guards) Private | .. |

*Ranks in the New Zealand, United Kingdom, and Australian women's forces are shown in the Schedule only where they differ from those in the corresponding male forces. Ranks in the United Kingdom Women's Royal Naval Service are not shown because the personnel concerned are not subject to the Naval Discipline Act.

NOTE—Officer Cadets: An officer cadet in the New Zealand Army and in the Royal New Zealand Air Force is an appointment, not a rank. New Zealand Army and Royal New Zealand Air Force personnel are normally attested as other ranks and retain that rank during the cadet appointment. Officer cadets are not appointed in the New Zealand Naval Forces.

P. G. MILLEN,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.

These regulations specify the relative ranks of members of the New Zealand armed forces and members of the United Kingdom, Australian, and Tongan armed forces for the purposes of section 6 of the Visiting Forces Act 1939 (which deals with the attachment of personnel and mutual powers of command).

They replace the Visiting Forces (Relative Ranks) Regulations 1971 which did not apply to the Tongan armed forces.

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