
SECOND SCHEDULE (Regulation 6)
**DEFENCE FORCE BOOKS AND FORMS ADMISSIBLE
IN EVIDENCE**

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**DEFENCE (REGULAR FORCE ENLISTMENT AND
SERVICE) REGULATIONS**

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- 1.** These Regulations may be cited as the Defence (Regular Force Enlistment and Service) Regulations. Citation.

Interpretation.

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

“Commanding Officer” means, in relation to a marine, the officer for the time being commanding the unit with which the marine is serving;

“enlisted” means enlisted to serve in the regular Force and “enlist” shall be construed accordingly; and

“warrant officer” means the holder of a warrant issued under regulation 16.

Eligibility of marines.

3. No person shall, without the approval of the Minister, be enlisted unless he is a citizen of The Bahamas.

Recruiting officers.

4. All commissioned officers of the regular Force may act as recruiting officers.

Forms.

5. The form of Notice set out in the First Schedule, or a form substantially to the like effect, shall be the notice to be given, in accordance with subsection (1) of section 16 of the Act, to a person offering to enlist (hereinafter called “the applicant”) and the form of Attestation set out in the First Schedule, or a form substantially to the like effect, shall be used for the purposes of attestation.

First Schedule.

Method of attestation.

6. (1) The recruiting officer, after the applicant has been given a notice paper, shall satisfy himself that the applicant understands the contents of the notice paper and the conditions of engagement upon which he is about to enter and he shall warn the applicant that if he knowingly makes any false answers to the questions in the attestation paper which are to be put to him, he will be liable to be punished as provided by the Act.

(2) The recruiting officer shall satisfy himself that the applicant is not under the age of eighteen years.

(3) The recruiting officer shall read or cause to be read to the applicant the questions set out in the attestation paper and shall ensure that the answers are duly recorded thereon.

(4) The recruiting officer shall then ask the applicant to make and sign the declaration set out in the attestation paper as to the truth of the answers and shall administer to him the oath of allegiance set out in the attestation paper:

Provided that if the applicant objects to being sworn and states as a ground for his objection either that he has

no religious belief or that the taking of an oath is contrary to his religious belief, or if it is not reasonably practicable to administer an oath to him in the manner appropriate to his religious belief, the applicant shall be required to make a solemn affirmation instead of taking the oath.

(5) Upon signing the declaration in the attestation paper and upon taking the oath, or as the case may be, making a solemn affirmation, the applicant shall become a marine and subject to the Act.

(6) The recruiting officer shall by signature confirm on the attestation paper that the requirements of the Act and these Regulations have been duly complied with and shall deliver the attestation paper duly dated to Commander Defence Force who shall on receiving the attestation paper, sign it in the appropriate place and thereby signify that the applicant is finally approved for service:

Provided that Commander Defence Force shall not so act without the approval of the Minister.

(7) The marine, on being finally approved for service, shall be entitled to receive a certified true copy of the attestation paper.

7. (1) Subject to regulation 15, a marine shall, unless the Minister in a special case otherwise directs, be enlisted in the rank of recruit. Rank and promotion.

(2) On satisfactory completion of his initial training period a marine who entered as a recruit shall be promoted to marine seaman or marine mechanic.

(3) Further promotion shall be as laid down by the Minister.

(4) No person shall have an absolute right to promotion to substantive or acting rank.

8. Commander Defence Force shall be the competent authority — Competent Authorities.

- (a) pursuant to section 18 of the Act, for approving the re-engagement, or continuation in service, in the regular Force of a warrant officer or marine; and
- (b) pursuant to subsection (3) of section 20 and sections 23 and 24 of the Act, for authorising the discharge of a marine:

Provided that Commander Defence Force shall not act under sub-paragraph (a) or (b) without the approval of the Minister.

Transfer between
units.

9. A marine on enlistment shall be appointed to a unit in the regular Force and may be transferred from one unit to another.

Terms of
enlistment.

10. The term of service for which in accordance with section 17 of the Act a person may enlisted, or re-enlisted after a break in service, in the regular Force, shall be a term of 3 or 5 years, as the case may be, or such other term as may be authorised specifically or generally by the Minister. A person re-enlisting after a break in service may be permitted to count former service for any or all purposes as authorised by the Minister.

Re-engagement.

11. (1) A warrant officer or marine may, subject to the approval of the Minister, and in a manner set out in the Form in the Second Schedule, from time to time re-engage for any period in the regular Force, beginning on the expiration of his then current engagement but so that a total period of twenty-five years pensionable service in the regular Force shall not be exceeded.

Second Schedule.

(2) Notwithstanding anything in paragraph (1), a warrant officer or marine of the regular Force who at any time has completed twenty-five years of pensionable service may, in accordance with section 18 of the Act, be granted further yearly extensions of service in the regular Force until he attains the age of fifty-five.

Discharge.

12. A marine may be discharged from the regular Force by order of the competent authority on any of the following grounds —

- (a) defect in enlistment procedure;
- (b) false answer on attestation;
- (c) final approval of attestation withheld;
- (d) failure to complete training satisfactorily;
- (e) by purchase under section 24 of the Act;
- (f) conviction by a civil court on a charge which, in the opinion of the competent authority, renders it undesirable for him to continue serving as a marine;
- (g) misconduct or indiscipline or inefficiency;
- (h) on implementation of a sentence of a court-martial or commanding officer;
- (i) services no longer required;

- (j) mentally or physically unfit for service;
- (k) at the request of a marine, on compassionate or other personal grounds;
- (l) completion of engagement;
- (m) subject to paragraph (e), on six (6) months' notice by a person who has served in the Defence Force for a period of twenty-five (25) years or less; and
- (n) on three (3) months' notice by a person who has re-enlisted in the Defence Force after twenty-five (25) years service.

13. The particulars to be contained in a certificate of discharge shall be — Discharge certificate.

- (a) name, including christian or forenames;
- (b) pay number;
- (c) date and place of enlistment;
- (d) physical description of warrant officer or marine while in the regular Force;
- (e) rank of warrant officer or marine on leaving the regular Force;
- (f) assessment of character during his service in the regular Force;
- (g) date of discharge;
- (h) reason for discharge;
- (i) total time spent in the regular Force on discharge; and
- (j) signature of Commander Defence Force.

14. For the purposes of section 22 of the Act, the Commander of the Defence Force, with the approval of the Minister, is authorised to reduce in rate chief petty officers, petty officers and leading rates in cases of inefficiency or unsuitability. Reduction in rank of certain Marines.

15. If immediately prior to his enlistment under these Regulations a person has been continuously serving as a warrant officer or marine of the Defence Force, his service shall for all purposes be deemed to have commenced on the date he entered the Defence Force or, if immediately prior to so serving in the Defence Force and prior to 1st May, 1980 he had a continuous period of full-time paid service in the Marine Division of the Royal Bahamas Police Force, the date that period started, and he shall continue to serve in the rank he had attained on enlistment. Persons who entered Defence Force before coming into force of these Regulations.