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SINGAPORE ARMED FORCES ACT (CHAPTER 295)

SINGAPORE ARMED FORCES (SAVER PLAN) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2020

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 205 and 205A of the Singapore Armed Forces Act, the Armed Forces Council makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations are the Singapore Armed Forces (SAVER Plan) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 and come into operation on 1 September 2020.

Amendment of regulation 2

- **2.** Regulation 2 of the Singapore Armed Forces (SAVER Plan) Regulations (Rg 19) (called in these Regulations the principal Regulations) is amended
 - (a) by deleting the definition of "injuries received in and which are attributable to service" in paragraph (1);
 - (b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of "injury" in paragraph (1), the following definition:
 - ""injury received in and which is attributable to service" includes the following:
 - (a) any injury received in consequence of some act lawfully performed in the discharge of a member's duties;
 - (b) any injury received while on a journey necessary to enable a

member to report for duty or to return home after duty;";

- (c) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (c) of the definition of "member" in paragraph (1), the following paragraph:
 - "(d) any serviceman in the military domain experts service who opts to convert to the SAVER Plan under Part VIII;";
- (d) by inserting, immediately after the definition of "member" in paragraph (1), the following definition:
 - ""no pay maternity leave" means any no pay leave granted by the Director of Manpower under regulation 9 of the Singapore Armed Forces (Leave) Regulations (Rg 12) to a servicewoman who has been in service for at least 90 days before the date of her confinement, in respect of the birth of her child;";
- (e) by inserting, immediately after the words "enlists for" in paragraph (b) of the definition of "SAVER end date" in paragraph (1), the words ", or is transferred to,";
- (f) by deleting the words "Lieutenant Colonel" in paragraph (b)(i) of the definition of "SAVER end date" in paragraph (1) and substituting the words "Senior Lieutenant-Colonel"; and
- (g) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (1), the following paragraph:
 - "(1A) For the purposes of these Regulations, an injury is not attributable to service by reason only of the injury having been received while on duty, at a place of duty or on any land, premises, vehicle, ship or aircraft for the time being used by or for the purposes of the Singapore Armed Forces."

Amendment of regulation 2A

3. Regulation 2A of the principal Regulations is amended by inserting, immediately after the words "provided in", the words "these Regulations or".

Amendment of regulation 8

- **4.** Regulation 8(1) of the principal Regulations is amended
 - (a) by inserting, immediately after the words "an officer" in sub-paragraph (a), the words ", a military expert or a soldier"; and
 - (b) by inserting, immediately after sub-paragraph (l), the following sub-paragraph:
 - "(la) any period of no pay maternity leave;".

Amendment of regulation 9

5. Regulation 9 of the principal Regulations is amended by inserting, immediately after the word "member" in paragraph (h), the words "(except for the whole period of no pay maternity leave)".

Amendment of regulation 14

6. Regulation 14(2) of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting the words ", and on the application of the person eligible to withdraw the money under regulation 18".

Amendment of regulation 15A

- 7. Regulation 15A of the principal Regulations is amended
 - (a) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (1), the following paragraph:
 - "(1A) In addition to the transfers mentioned in paragraph (1), where a soldier who is a member of the Premium Plan after 31 March 2010 becomes an officer cadet after that date —

(a) an amount, A, which is calculated in accordance with the following formula must be credited into his Savings Account under the SAVER Plan:

$$A = RB_1 \times \frac{RS_1}{S_1},$$

where —

- (i) RB₁ is any retention bonus that would have been payable to the soldier had he remained a member of the Premium Plan for 10 years;
- (ii) RS₁ is the period of the soldier's reckonable service as a member of the Premium Plan immediately before the date that he becomes an officer cadet; and
- (iii) S₁ is the number of years of service required for any RB₁ to be payable to the soldier; and
- (b) where the soldier has not less than 6 years of reckonable service, an amount, B, which is calculated in accordance with the following formula must be credited into his Retirement Account under the SAVER Plan:

$$B = RB_2 \times \frac{RS_2}{(S_2 - 6)},$$

where —

(i) RB₂ is any retention bonus that would have been payable to the soldier after more than 10 years had he remained a member of the Premium Plan;

- (ii) RS₂ is the period of the soldier's reckonable service as a member of the Premium Plan, starting on the first day of his 7th year of reckonable service and ending on the date immediately before the date that he becomes an officer cadet; and
- (iii) S₂ is the number of years of service required for any RB₂ to be payable to the soldier.";
- (b) by deleting the word "failure" in paragraph (3)(a) and substituting the word "reversion"; and
- (c) by inserting, immediately after the word "Regulations" in paragraph (3)(d), the words ", and all other moneys not so transferred must be forfeited".

Amendment of regulation 17

- **8.** Regulation 17 of the principal Regulations is amended
 - (a) by deleting the words ", on the application of the person eligible under regulation 18," in paragraph (4);
 - (b) by deleting the word "applicant" in paragraph (4) and substituting the words "serviceman, or a person eligible to make an application under regulation 18,"; and
 - (c) by deleting the words "minimum sum" in paragraph (7) and substituting the words "retirement sum".

Amendment of regulation 18

- 9. Regulation 18(1) of the principal Regulations is amended
 - (a) by deleting the words "apply to"; and
 - (b) by inserting, immediately after the word "Regulations" in sub-paragraph (b)(i) and (ii), the words ", who makes an application for such withdrawal".