



Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal Determination No. 11 of 2026, Defence Regulations 2026 Consequential Amendments

The Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal make this Determination under section 58H of the *Defence Act 1903*.

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1 Name

1. This Determination is the Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal Determination No. 11 of 2026, Defence Regulations 2026 Consequential Amendments.
2. This Determination may also be cited as DFRT Determination No. 11 of 2026.

2 Commencement

Each provision of this instrument specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

Commencement information	
Column 1	Column 2
Provisions	Commencement
1. The whole of this instrument	Immediately after the commencement of Defence Regulations 2026

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this instrument.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under section 58H of the *Defence Act 1903*.

4 Schedules

Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

Schedule 1—Officer Aviation Remuneration Structure amendments

DFRT Determination No. 12 of 2012

1 Subsection 5.2 (table item 4)

Omit “determined by the Service Chiefs under the *Defence Regulation 2016*, as in force from time to time”.

Schedule 2—ADF Allowances amendments

DFRT Determination No. 11 of 2013

1 Section D.1.8.2.c.i

Omit “24(1)(a) of Defence Regulation 2016”, substitute “23(1)(a) of the Defence Regulations 2026”.

2 Section D.1.8.2.c.ii

Omit “24(1)(b) of Defence Regulation 2016”, substitute “23(1)(b) of the Defence Regulations 2026”.

3 Section D.1.8.2.d (note)

Omit “18 of Defence Regulation 2016”, substitute “17 of the Defence Regulations 2026”.

4 Section D.1.9.a.ii (note)

Omit “18 of Defence Regulation 2016”, substitute “17 of the Defence Regulations 2026”.

5 Paragraph D.1.9.c

Omit “subsection 24(1) of Defence Regulation 2016 for a reason under”.

6 Subparagraph D.1.9.c.i

Omit “24(1)(c) of Defence Regulation 2016”, substitute “23(1)(c) of the Defence Regulations 2026”.

7 Subparagraph D.1.9.c.ii

Omit “24(1)(d) of Defence Regulation 2016”, substitute “23(1)(d) of the Defence Regulations 2026”.

9 Paragraph D.2.2.3.c

Omit “15 of the *Defence Regulation 2016*”, substitute “14 of the Defence Regulations 2026”.

10 Paragraph D.2.2.3.d

Omit “18 of the *Defence Regulation 2016*”, substitute “17 of the Defence Regulations 2026”.

11 Paragraph D.2.2.3.e

Omit “14(1)(a) of the *Defence Regulation 2016*”, substitute “13(1)(a) of the Defence Regulations 2026”.

12 Paragraph D.2.3.4.c

Omit “15 of the *Defence Regulation 2016*”, substitute “14 of the Defence Regulations 2026”.

13 Paragraph D.2.3.4.d

Omit “18 of the *Defence Regulation 2016*”, substitute “17 of the Defence Regulations 2026”.

14 Paragraph D.2.3.4.e

Omit “14(1)(a) of the *Defence Regulation 2016*”, substitute “13(1)(a) of the Defence Regulations 2026”.

Schedule 3—Salaries amendments

DFRT Determination No. 2 of 2017

1 Subsection A.1.9.2 (definition of *enlisted rank*)

Omit “Section 6 of the *Defence Regulation 2016*”, substitute “section 5 of the Defence Regulations 2026”.

2 Subsection A.1.12 (definition of *aviation specialist*)

Omit “*Defence Regulation 2016*”, substitute “Defence Regulations 2026”.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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This Determination amends Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal (DFRT) Determination No. 2 of 2012, Officer Aviation Remuneration Structure (the OARS Determination), DFRT Determination No. 11 of 2013, ADF Allowances (the Allowances Determination) and DFRT Determination No. 2 of 2017, Salaries (the Salaries Determination), made under section 58H of the *Defence Act 1903* (the Act) and in accordance with subsection 33(3) of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901* (AIA Act). The Principal Determination sets out provisions dealing with salary for members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF).

The purpose of this Determination is to amend various determinations made by the DFRT as a consequence of the repeal of the Defence Regulation 2016 and the commencement of the Defence Regulations 2026.

Section 1 of this Determination sets out the manner in which this Determination may be cited.

Section 2 of this Determination provides that the Determination commences immediately after the commencement of the Defence Regulations 2026.

Section 3 provides that this instrument has authority under section 58H of the *Defence Act 1903*.

Section 4 provides that each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

Schedule 1—Officer Aviation Remuneration Structure amendments

Item 1 amends table item 4 in subsection 5.2 of the OARS Determination, which specifies the period of service a member must complete in relation to their initial employment training. The amendment removes reference to the Service Chiefs determining the period of service under the Defence Regulation 2016 as this is no longer a function under the Defence Regulations 2026.

Schedule 2—ADF Allowances amendments

Items 1 and 2 amend paragraph D.1.7.2.c of the Allowances Determination, which specifies reasons for which a member's service is ended for the purpose of providing early payment of the submarine capability allowance. The items amend subparagraphs i and ii, updating the references from the Defence Regulation 2016 to the corresponding references in the Defence Regulations 2026.

Items 3 and 4 amend the notes to paragraph D.1.8.2.d and subparagraph D.1.9.a.ii of the Allowances Determination, which provide information regarding the ability to change the member's period of service under the Defence Regulation 2016. The items amend the notes, updating the references from the Defence Regulation 2016 to the corresponding references in the Defence Regulations 2026.

Items 5 to 7 amend paragraph D.1.9.c of the Allowances Determination, which specifies reasons for which a member's service is ended that result in submarine capability allowance not being payable. The items amend the paragraph to remove the reference to the Defence Regulation 2016, and amend subparagraphs i and ii, updating the references from the Defence Regulation 2016 to the corresponding references in the Defence Regulations 2026.

Items 9, 10 and 11 amend subsection D.2.2.3 of the Allowances Determination, which provide when a member is not eligible for the Navy retention incentive payment for members who reached a service milestone before 30 June 2020. The items amend paragraphs c, d and e, updating the references from the Defence Regulation 2016 to the corresponding references in the Defence Regulations 2026.

Items 12, 13 and 14 amend subsection D.2.3.4 of the Allowances Determination, which provide when a member is not eligible for the Navy retention incentive payment for members who reached a service milestone after 1 July 2020. The items amend paragraphs c, d and e, updating the references from the Defence Regulation 2016 to the corresponding references in the Defence Regulations 2026.

Schedule 3—Salaries amendments

Item 1 amends the definition of ‘enlisted rank’ in section A.1.9.2 of the Salaries Determination to update the references from the Defence Regulation 2016 to the corresponding references in the Defence Regulations 2026.

Item 2 amends the definition of ‘aviation specialist’ in section A.1.12 of the Salaries Determination to update the references from the Defence Regulation 2016 to the corresponding references in the Defence Regulations 2026.

Section 58H
Defence Act 1903