

## Defence

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## DEFENCE (OFFICERS) REGULATIONS, 1979

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**Authority:** These regulations were made on 29th October, 1979 by the Governor-General under section 16 of the *Defence Act*.

**Commencement:** 29th October, 1979.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the *Defence (Officers) Regulations, 1979*. Short title.

2. (1) No person may be granted a commission, other than an honorary commission, in the Barbados Defence Force unless he is a Commonwealth citizen. Commission.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3) an officer may only be appointed to the regular Force if he is a citizen of Barbados.

(3) The Defence Board may, where it considers it necessary, appoint a Commonwealth citizen, other than a citizen of Barbados, to the regular Force, and grant him a commission.

3. (1) Subject to paragraph (2), an officer of the regular Force is eligible for promotion Promotion.

(a) to the rank of lieutenant, after 3 years in the rank of second lieutenant;

(b) to the rank of captain after 6 years in the substantive rank of lieutenant; and

(c) to the rank of major, after 8 years in the substantive rank of captain.

(2) An officer may only, unless exempted by the Defence Board, be promoted to a substantive rank lower than that of lieutenant-colonel if he passes such examination or test as the Defence Board sets for promotion to that rank.

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (1) (a), the period of 3 years, in the case of an officer appointed second lieutenant, includes any period he served as an officer cadet immediately preceding the grant of his commission in the Barbados

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Defence Force; but does not include any period by which a period of training as an officer cadet had been extended by reason of the fact that the officer cadet had been relegated.

(4) For the purposes of paragraph (1),

(a) in the case of an officer of the regular Force who, immediately preceding the grant of his commission in the Barbados Defence Force, was in full-time commissioned service in a Commonwealth Force, a period of commissioned service in any rank referred to in that paragraph includes a period of full-time commissioned service in a Commonwealth Force; and

(b) in the case of an officer of the regular Force, a period of commissioned service in any rank referred to in that paragraph includes any period of ante-date granted by the Defence Board in respect of that rank.

(5) For the purposes of paragraph (4) (b) the Defence Board may, where special circumstances exist, grant an officer a period to be known as a "period of ante-date" from which his commission shall be deemed to have commenced for the purposes of seniority, pay or pension.

(6) Promotion to the substantive rank of lieutenant-colonel and higher ranks is by selection by the Defence Board.

Promotion  
of officers  
of Reserve.

4. (1) The substantive promotion of officers of the Reserve who satisfy the requirements of regulation 3 is by selection by the Defence Board.

(2) An officer may be promoted temporarily to a rank to fill a vacancy in the establishment of a unit.

Local  
rank.

5. (1) To meet temporary situations when higher rank is necessary for the purpose of status or seniority, higher rank (to be known as "local rank") may be conferred on an officer for such period as is necessary.

(2) Local rank does not carry any pecuniary benefits.

Age of  
retire-  
ment.

6. (1) Subject to these regulations an officer shall retire on attaining, in the case of

(a) Colonel or higher rank, the age of 55 years;

(b) Lieutenant Colonel, the age of 50 years;

- (c) Major, the age of 47 years; and
- (d) Captain or lower rank, the age of 45 years.

(2) Subject to paragraphs (3) and (4) an officer of the rank of Lieutenant Colonel or lower may, when he attains the retiring age appropriate to his rank, be transferred to the second class of the Reserve and may serve in that class until he attains the age of 55 years.

(3) An officer who has attained the retiring age appropriate to his rank may, on the recommendation of the Defence Board, be permitted to continue in service.

(4) Nothing in this regulation prevents the appointment to any rank referred to in this regulation, for such period as is specified in the instrument of appointment, if the Defence Board so recommends, of any person who has attained the retiring age appropriate to that rank.

7. The Defence Board may permit an officer at his request, Request. to retire or resign his commission.

8. An officer who, by reason of ill-health, is declared unfit, ill-health. by the medical authority approved by the Defence Board, for military service shall be retired by the Defence Board.

9. The Governor-General may at any time remove an Removal. officer from the Barbados Defence Force for misconduct.

10. (1) An officer may only be called upon to retire or Call to retire. resign his commission by the Defence Board.

(2) The Defence Board may at any time call upon an officer to retire or resign his commission for misconduct or for reasons other than misconduct.

(3) If an officer fails to retire or resign his commission when called upon to do so by the Defence Board, the Defence Board shall terminate his commission.

11. Where an officer attains the retiring age appropriate Transfer to Reserve. to his rank or desires to retire or to resign his commission he may be transferred, by the Defence Board, to the second class of the Reserve.

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Honorary  
Commis-  
sion.

12. (1) A person may be granted an honorary commission in such rank and subject to such conditions as are specified by the Governor-General.

(2) A person granted an honorary commission in any rank is not entitled to any pay, allowance, retirement pay, pension, gratuity or other emolument.