

The Territorial Force Act, 1950

(ACT NO. L OF 1950)

An Act to constitute a Bangladesh Territorial Force. ¹♣

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the constitution of a Bangladesh Territorial Force and for its administration and discipline;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

Short title, extent and commencement	<p>1. (1) This Act may be called the Territorial Force Act, 1950.</p> <p>(2) It extends to the whole of Bangladesh, and applies to persons enrolled in the Bangladesh Territorial Force wherever they may be.</p> <p>(3) It shall come into force at once.</p>
Definitions	<p>2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,-</p> <p>“enrolled” means enrolled or re-enrolled in the Bangladesh Territorial Force under this Act;</p> <p>“non-commissioned officer” means a person holding non-commissioned rank in the Bangladesh Territorial Force, and includes an acting non-commissioned officer;</p> <p>“officer” means a commissioned officer or a junior commissioned officer;</p> <p>“prescribed” means prescribed by rules made under this Act.</p>
Constitution of Bangladesh Territorial Force	<p>2[3. There may be raised and maintained in the manner hereinafter provided a Force to be called the Bangladesh Territorial Force:</p> <p>Provided that the Government may establish all or any of the branches of the Force as circumstances may permit from time to time.]</p>

**Constitution
and
disbandment
of units**

4. (1) The Government may constitute any corps or unit of the Bangladesh Territorial Force and may disband or reconstitute any corps or unit so constituted.

(2) The Government may constitute ³[* * *] a university corps consisting of one or more units of the Territorial Force, for the appointment thereto of students of, and other persons connected with, a university established by law in Bangladesh, or colleges affiliated to such a university, and may disband or reconstitute any unit so constituted.

**Classes of
officer**

5. (1) There shall be the following classes of officers in the Bangladesh Territorial Force, namely:-

(a) commissioned officers, and

(b) junior commissioned officers.

(2) An officer shall be deemed to be enrolled in the Bangladesh Territorial Force for so long as he holds a commission in that Force.

Enrolment

6. (1) ⁴[Any person who is a citizen of Bangladesh] may offer himself for enrolment in the Bangladesh Territorial Force, and any such person who satisfies the prescribed conditions may be enrolled in the prescribed manner for such period, not exceeding six years, as may be prescribed.

(2) An applicant for enrolment may apply to be enrolled for service in any particular branch, corps or unit.

**Appointment
to corps or
unit**

7. (1) Every person enrolled shall without unnecessary delay be appointed in the prescribed manner to a corps or unit constituted under section 4.

(2) Any person who has been enrolled for service in any particular branch, corps or unit shall be appointed to a corps or unit of that branch or to that corps or unit, as the case may be.

**Transfer
and
attachment**

8. (1) Any person appointed to a corps or unit under section 7 may be transferred, whether on disbandment of the corps or unit or otherwise, to

another corps or unit of the same branch of the Bangladesh Territorial Force, in such manner as may be prescribed.

(2) Any person enrolled may be attached at his own request to any corps or unit of the Bangladesh Territorial Force or to any unit of the Bangladesh Army.

Change of residence

9. (1) Any enrolled person who changes his residence otherwise than temporarily shall inform the prescribed authority of his new residence.

(2) The prescribed authority on being so informed may, subject to the provisions of section 8, transfer such person from the corps or unit in which he is serving to another corps or unit.

Discharge

10. Every person enrolled shall be entitled to receive his discharge from the Bangladesh Territorial Force on the expiration of the period for which he was enrolled and any such person may, before the expiration of that period, be discharged from the said Force by such authority and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed, and shall be so discharged on a recommendation of the officer commanding the unit in this behalf:

Provided that no person enrolled who is for the time being engaged in military service under the provisions of this Act shall be entitled to receive his discharge before the termination of such service.

Liability to serve and perform military service

11. (1) Every person enrolled shall, subject to such conditions as may be prescribed, be bound to serve in any corps or unit of the Bangladesh Territorial Force to which he has been appointed or transferred, or is for the time being attached, and shall be subject to all rules and regulations that may be made under this Act relating to such corps or unit.

(2) Every person enrolled in a corps or unit other than a university corps or unit shall be liable to perform military service-

(a) when called out with any portion of the Bangladesh Territorial Force by an order of the senior military officer present either to act in support of the

civil power or to provide guards, which, in the opinion of such officer, are essential; or

(b) when any portion of the Bangladesh Territorial Force to which he belongs has been embodied to support or supplement the Bangladesh Army in the event of an emergency by a notification directing such embodiment issued by the Government and published in the official Gazette; or

(c) when attached at his own request to any unit of the Bangladesh Army.

**Territorial
limits of
liability to
and
duration of,
military
service**

12. No person embodied under section 11 shall be required to perform military service beyond the limits of Bangladesh save under a general or special order of the Government.

**The Army
Act, 1952**

13. (1) Every officer of the Bangladesh Territorial Force when doing duty as such officer, shall be subject to the ⁵[* * *] Army Act, 1952, and the rules and regulations made thereunder, whereupon the said Act, rules and regulations shall apply to him as if he held the same rank in the Bangladesh Army as he holds for the time being in the said Force, subject to the terms of his commission and the orders of the President.

(2) Every non-commissioned officer and man of the Bangladesh Territorial Force,-

(a) when called out or embodied for military service under section 11, or

(b) when attached to, or otherwise acting as part of, or with, any unit of the Bangladesh Army, or

(c) when embodied for, or otherwise undergoing, military training in the prescribed manner,

shall be subject to the ⁶[* * *] Army Act, 1952, and the rules and regulations made thereunder, whereupon the said Act, rules and regulations shall apply to him as if he held the same rank in the