

**Singapore Armed Forces (Amendment) Act 1991  
(No. 1 of 1991)**

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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 14th January 1991 and assented to by the President on 16th January 1991:—

**SINGAPORE ARMED FORCES (AMENDMENT) ACT 1991**

**(No. 1 of 1991)**

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I assent.

**WEE KIM WEE**  
*President.*  
*16th January 1991.*

**Date of Commencement: 1st April 1991**

An Act to amend the Singapore Armed Forces Act (Chapter 295 of the 1985 Revised

Edition).

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

### **Short title and commencement**

1. This Act may be cited as the Singapore Armed Forces (Amendment) Act 1991 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

### **Amendment of section 2**

2. Section 2(1) of the Singapore Armed Forces Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “arrest”, the following definition:

“ “before the enemy”, in relation to a person, means that he is in action against the enemy or about to go into action against the enemy or is under attack or threat of imminent attack by the enemy;” and

- (b) by deleting the full-stop at the end of the definition of “vessel” and substituting a semi-colon, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following definition:

“ “volunteer” means a person accepted by the proper authority as a volunteer in the Singapore Armed Forces.”.

### **Amendment of section 3**

3. Section 3 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting the word “and” at the end of paragraph (d); and
- (b) by deleting the full-stop at the end of paragraph (e) and substituting the word “; and”, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following paragraph:

“(f) volunteers during the period that they are ordered to report for service, whether they have complied with such order or not.”.

### **Amendment of section 7**

4. Section 7 (1) of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “military, maritime and air” in the fifth line and substituting the words “army, air force and navy”.

### **Repeal and re-enactment of section 8 and new sections 8A, 8B and 8C**

5. Section 8 of the principal Act is repealed and the following sections substituted therefor:

#### **“Establishment of Armed Forces Council**

**8.**—(1) For the purposes of the administration of matters relating to the Singapore Armed Forces under this Act, there shall be established an Armed Forces Council which shall consist of —

- (a) one or more Ministers charged with the responsibility for defence and any other Minister who has been assigned to assist them;
- (b) the Permanent Secretary, or all the Permanent Secretaries (if there is more than one), of the Ministry of Defence;
- (c) the Chief of Defence Force;
- (d) the Chief of Army;
- (e) the Chief of Air Force;
- (f) the Chief of Navy;
- (g) not more than 4 other members as the President may appoint if the President, acting in his discretion, concurs with the advice of the Prime Minister.

(2) The Minister charged with the responsibility for defence or, if there is more than one, the principal Minister shall be the Chairman of the Armed Forces Council.

(3) No revocation of any of the appointments referred to in subsection (1)(g) shall be made unless the President, acting in his discretion, concurs with the advice of the Prime Minister.

(4) Any appointment or revocation thereof made by the President under this section shall be published in the *Gazette*.

#### **Armed Forces Council to provide for certain matters**

**8A.** The Armed Forces Council may make provision for the following matters: