

Singapore Armed Forces (Premium Plan) (Amendment) Regulations 2010

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SINGAPORE ARMED FORCES ACT (CHAPTER 295)

SINGAPORE ARMED FORCES (PREMIUM PLAN) (AMENDMENT)
REGULATIONS 2010

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

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Singapore Armed Forces (Premium Plan) (Amendment) Regulations 2010 and shall, with the exception of regulation 6, come into operation on 1st April 2010.

(2) Regulation 6 shall be deemed to have come into operation on 1st March 2010.

Amendment of regulation 2

2. Regulation 2(1) of the Singapore Armed Forces (Premium Plan) Regulations (Rg 22) (referred to in these Regulations as the principal Regulations) is amended —

(a) by deleting the definition of “compensation salary” and substituting the following definition:

“ “compensation salary”, in relation to a member, means the consolidated salary of the member, whether he is confirmed in any rank that he holds or otherwise, and includes —

(a) for the purposes of Parts V and VI, such reimbursement or pay to which the member is entitled or which is payable to him by his employer under section 24 of the Enlistment Act (Cap. 93); and

(b) any other allowance declared by the Armed Forces Council to be a component of the compensation salary, not being an allowance for the performance by a member of duties in a rank higher than his substantive or temporary rank;”;

(b) by deleting the definition of “gross salary” and substituting the following definition:

“ “gross salary”, in relation to a member, means the consolidated salary of the member, whether he is confirmed in any rank

that he holds or otherwise, and includes —

- (a) bonuses, including performance bonuses; and
 - (b) such other allowances as the Armed Forces Council may determine, not being an allowance for the performance by a member of duties in a rank higher than his substantive or temporary rank;”; and
- (c) by deleting the definition of “member” and substituting the following definition:

““member” means a member of the Premium Plan, being any of the following persons:

- (a) any person enlisted for regular service as a soldier on or after 1st January 2000, but not any person who first enlists for regular service as a military expert, a military expert senior trainee or a military expert trainee on or after 1st April 2010;
- (b) any soldier to whom Part VII applies, and who opts to join the Premium Plan under that Part;”.

New regulation 2A

3. The principal Regulations are amended by inserting, immediately after regulation 2, the following regulation:

“Non-application to regular servicemen in military domain experts service

2A. Except as otherwise provided in the Singapore Armed Forces (Military Domain Experts Service) Regulations 2010 (G.N. No. S 186/2010), these Regulations shall cease to apply to any member (including any soldier to whom Part VII applies) who becomes a regular serviceman in the military domain experts service on or after 1st April 2010.”.

Amendment of regulation 12

4. Regulation 12(1) of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting sub-paragraphs (b) and (c) and substituting the following sub-paragraphs:

- “(b) in the case of the CARE Account of a member enlisted for regular service before 1st April 2010, upon that member having completed not less than 10 years of reckonable service —
- (i) a CARE Initial Quantum at such rate as the Armed Forces Council may, by General Order, determine;
 - (ii) a monthly contribution at the prescribed rate of the member’s Premium salary; and
 - (iii) if the member is a naval diver who fulfils the conditions in paragraph 3 of the First Schedule, an ND-CARE benefit up to the age of 45 years at such rate and under such conditions as the Armed Forces Council may, by General Order, determine;
- (c) in the case of the CARE Account of a member enlisted for regular service on or after 1st April 2010, upon that member attaining the rank of Warrant Officer —
- (i) a monthly contribution at the prescribed rate of the member’s Premium salary; and
 - (ii) if the member is a naval diver who fulfils the conditions in paragraph 3 of the First Schedule, an ND-CARE benefit up to the age of 45 years at such rate and under such conditions as the Armed Forces Council may, by General Order, determine; and
- (d) any dividend declared by the Board under paragraph (4).”.

Amendment of regulation 13

5. Regulation 13 of the principal Regulations is amended by inserting, immediately after paragraph (8), the following paragraph:

“(9) This regulation shall not apply to any member enlisted for regular service on or after 1st April 2010.”.

Amendment of regulation 19

6. Regulation 19 of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting paragraph (1) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the following persons shall be entitled to apply to withdraw the sums standing to the credit of a member in the SAVER-Premium

Fund which are payable under these Regulations in respect of the member, where the member retires from the Singapore Armed Forces on any ground specified in regulation 11 or resigns from the Singapore Armed Forces:

- (a) the member; or
- (b) where the member lacks capacity within the meaning of section 4 of the Mental Capacity Act 2008 (Act 22 of 2008) —
 - (i) a deputy appointed or deemed to be appointed for the member by the court under that Act with power in relation to the member for the purposes of these Regulations; or
 - (ii) a donee under a lasting power of attorney registered under that Act with power in relation to the member for the purposes of these Regulations.”.

Amendment of regulation 23

7. Regulation 23 of the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the words “where a member” in paragraph (1), the words “enlisted for regular service before 1st April 2010”; and
- (b) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (1), the following paragraph:

“(1A) Where a member enlisted for regular service on or after 1st April 2010 dies while he is in the regular service of the Singapore Armed Forces, there shall be paid to such of his dependants as the Armed Forces Council may think fit or, if there are no dependants, to his personal representatives —

- (a) a sum equal to such proportion of the Premium salary as the Armed Forces Council may determine and all moneys standing to the credit of the member in his CARE Account and CPF Top-Up Account; or
- (b) a sum equal to the annual compensation salary,

whichever is the greater.”.

Amendment of regulation 24

8. Regulation 24(1) of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting sub-paragraph (c) and substituting the following sub-paragraph: