

Singapore Armed Forces (Volunteers) Regulations

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1. These Regulations may be cited as the Singapore Armed Forces (Volunteers) Regulations.

Definitions

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

“full-time national service” has the same meaning as “full-time service” in the Enlistment Act (Cap. 93);

“national service” has the same meaning as in the Enlistment Act;

“operationally ready national service” has the same meaning as in the Enlistment Act (Cap. 93);

“permanent resident” has the same meaning as in the Enlistment Act;

“regular service” has the same meaning as in the Enlistment Act.

Appointment of officers

3.—(1) Appointments of volunteers as officers shall be made either by the President of Singapore or by the proper authority who or which may, without assigning any reason, cancel any such appointment.

(2) An appointment made under paragraph (1) shall be in the form approved by the proper authority.

(3) Officers appointed under paragraph (1) shall be deemed to be officers of the Singapore Armed Forces from the date specified in their appointments.

(4) Officers may from time to time be promoted or advanced in rank by the proper

authority.

Eligibility for enlistment as volunteer

4.—(1) Every citizen or permanent resident of Singapore who is not less than 16 years and 6 months of age shall, subject to the provisions of these Regulations, be eligible for enlistment as a volunteer.

(2) No national serviceman, regular serviceman or operationally ready national serviceman shall be enlisted as a volunteer, except that an operationally ready national serviceman may be enlisted as a volunteer with the permission of the proper authority.

Disruption

5.—(1) Any volunteer who is enlisted into full-time national service or regular service shall have his service as a volunteer disrupted until such time as he has completed his full-time national service or regular service and is reinstated as a volunteer.

(2) No volunteer who is liable to render operationally ready national service shall be reinstated without the permission of the proper authority.

(3) For purposes of volunteer service under these Regulations, the period of disruption shall not be considered as service.

Medical examination

6.—(1) Every person applying for enlistment as a volunteer and every volunteer shall, if so required by the proper authority, present himself before a medical officer approved in that behalf by the proper authority for such medical examination as may be necessary to determine if he is fit to serve in the Singapore Armed Forces.

(2) For the purposes of such medical examination, the person or volunteer shall comply with the directions of such medical officer.

Oath or declaration

7. Every volunteer on being appointed as an officer and every volunteer on enlistment, or as soon as may be thereafter, shall take an oath or make a declaration in the form approved by the proper authority.

Mobilised service

8.—(1) The proper authority may, by written notice, require any volunteer to render mobilised service which shall consist of full-time service in the Singapore Armed Forces.

(2) Every volunteer shall report for mobilised service when so required and shall

continue to render mobilised service until discharged or released by the proper authority.

Volunteer service liability

9.—(1) Subject to regulation 10, volunteers shall be liable to serve for one but not both of the following sets of periods:

- (a) for a period of 14 days and 8 hours per week during the first 6 months of service, and for a period of 7 days annually and 3 hours per week or 6 hours per fortnight or 12 hours per month after the first 6 months of service; or
- (b) for periods not exceeding in the aggregate 40 days annually.

(2) Nothing in paragraph (1) shall preclude any volunteer from serving for a period or periods longer than the period or periods specified in paragraph (1)(a) or (b) if authorised by the proper authority.

Discharge of national service liability

10.—(1) Any person who is liable to render full-time national service and who has not been enlisted for such service may, upon application by him to serve as a full-time volunteer, be enlisted by the proper authority to render full-time volunteer service on such terms and for such period as it may determine in the Singapore Armed Forces until he is enlisted for full-time national service under the Enlistment Act (Cap. 93).

(2) Where the period of full-time volunteer service under paragraph (1) has been served by a volunteer, the period of such service shall be taken into account in the computation of the full-time national service liability of the volunteer under the Enlistment Act.

Computation of volunteer service

11. In computing the periods of volunteer service under regulation 9, the following provisions shall apply:

- (a) where a period of continuous volunteer service falls within 2 years, the whole period shall be deemed to fall within the first year;
- (b) a period of volunteer service not exceeding 4 hours shall be deemed to be half a day of service;
- (c) a period of volunteer service between 4 and 24 hours shall be deemed to be one day of service, except that where a period of volunteer service between 18 and 24 hours falls within 2 calendar days, it shall be deemed to be 2 days of service; and