

DEFENCE (PROHIBITED WORDS AND LETTERS) REGULATIONS

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1. These Regulations may be cited as the Defence (Prohibited Words and Letters) Regulations.¹

2. The use, in connexion with a trade, business, calling or profession or by an organization or body of persons, of—

- (a) a word, or words, specified in the second column of a Part of the Schedule, being a word or words that is or are descriptive or indicative of—
 - (i) a part of the Naval Forces, Military Forces or Air Forces of a part of the Queen's dominions; or
 - (ii) a service or body of persons associated with the defence of the Commonwealth; or
- (b) a group of letters specified in the third column of a Part of the Schedule, being a group of letters that is descriptive or indicative of—
 - (i) a part of the Naval Forces, Military Forces or Air Forces of a part of the Queen's dominions; or
 - (ii) a service or body of persons associated with the defence of the Commonwealth, is prohibited unless the consent in writing of the Minister to the use has been obtained.

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(1) An application for the consent of the Minister to the use of a word or words, or a group of letters specified in the second or third column of the Schedule shall be made in writing to the Minister and shall state the grounds upon which the application is made.

(2) The Minister may, by notice in writing, require a person who has made such an application to furnish such additional information in relation to the application as is required by the notice.

4. The Minister may, in his discretion, grant his consent to the use of the word, words or group of letters or may refuse the application.

5. A person shall not use a word, words or a group of letters in contravention of regulation 2.

Penalty: \$40 or imprisonment for 3 months.



SCHEDULE
PROHIBITED WORDS AND GROUPS OF LETTERS

PART I—AUSTRALIAN NAVY

Item No.	Prohibited Words	Prohibited Letters
1	Royal Australian Navy	R.A.N.
2	Royal Australian Naval Nursing Service	R.A.N.N.S.
3	Women's Royal Australian Naval Service	W.R.A.N.S. W.R.A.N.
4	Her Majesty's Australian Ship	H.M.A.S.
5	Her Majesty's Australian Ships	H.M.A. Ships
6	Permanent Naval Forces	
7	Naval Emergency Reserve Forces	N.E.R.F.
8	Citizen Naval Forces	C.N.F.
9	Royal Australian Naval Emergency Reserve	R.A.N.E.R.
10	Royal Australian Naval Reserve	R.A.N.R.
11	Royal Australian Fleet Reserve	R.A.F.R.
12	Women's Royal Australian Naval Service Reserve	W.R.A.N.S.R.
13	Royal Australian Naval College	R.A.N.C.
14	Royal Australian Navy Relief Trust Fund	
15	Naval	
16	Navy	
17	Naval Forces	

PART II—AUSTRALIAN ARMY

Item No.	Prohibited Words	Prohibited Letters
1	Australian Flying Corps	AFC
1A	Australian Imperial Force	AIF
2	Australian Military Forces	AMF
3	Australian Regular Army *****	ARA
6	Defence Force	
7	Military Forces	

PART III—ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

Item No.	Prohibited Words	Prohibited Letters
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1	Air Force	A.F.E.F.
2	Air Force Emergency Force	C.A.F.
3	Citizen Air Force	D.Q.A.
4	Directorate of Quality Assurance	P.A.F.
5	Permanent Air Force	R.A.A.F.
6	Royal Australian Air Force	
7	Royal Australian Air Force Nursing Service	R.A.A.F.N.S.
8	Women's Royal Australian Air Force	W.R.A.A.F.

NOTE

1. The Defence (Prohibited Words and Letters) Regulations (in force under the *Defence Act 1903*) as shown in this reprint comprise Statutory Rules 1957 No. 16 as amended by the other Statutory Rules specified in the following table:

Year and number	Date of notification in <i>Gazette</i>	Date of commencement	Application, saving or transitional provisions
1957 No. 16	17 Apr 1957	17 Apr 1957	
1976 No. 51	6 Feb 1976	9 Feb 1976	
1981 No. 102	13 May 1981	13 May 1981	

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