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**THE ARMED FORCES EQUIVALENT RANKS ORDER 1952**

FREYBERG, Governor-General

**ORDER IN COUNCIL**

At the Government House at Wellington, this 14th day of  
May 1952

Present :

**HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL**

PURSUANT to the Naval Defence Act 1913, the New Zealand Army Act 1950, and the Royal New Zealand Air Force Act 1950, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following order.

**ORDER**

1. This order may be cited as the Armed Forces Equivalent Ranks Order 1952.
2. For the purposes of the Naval Defence Act 1913, the New Zealand Army Act 1950, and the Royal New Zealand Air Force Act 1950, the equivalent relative ranks of members of the New Zealand Naval Forces, the New Zealand Army, and the Royal New Zealand Air Force are hereby declared to be as specified in the First Schedule hereto in the case of men, and in the Second Schedule hereto in the case of women.

## SCHEDULES

## FIRST SCHEDULE

TABLE OF EQUIVALENT RANKS (MEN)

New Zealand Naval Forces.	New Zealand Army.	Royal New Zealand Air Force.
<i>Officers</i>	<i>Officers</i>	<i>Officers</i>
Vice-Admiral .. ..	Lieutenant-General	Air Marshal.
Rear-Admiral .. ..	Major-General .. ..	Air Vice-Marshal.
Commodore, 1st and 2nd Class	Brigadier .. ..	Air Commodore.
Captain .. ..	Colonel .. ..	Group Captain.
Commander .. ..	Lieutenant-Colonel	Wing Commander.
Lieutenant-Commander ..	Major .. ..	Squadron Leader.
Lieutenant .. ..	Captain .. ..	Flight Lieutenant.
Sub-Lieutenant .. ..		
Senior Commissioned Officer (Branch List) }	Lieutenant .. ..	Flying Officer.
Acting Sub-Lieutenant ..	2nd Lieutenant	Pilot Officer. Acting Pilot Officer (but junior to Navy and Army ranks).
Commissioned Officer (Branch List) }	No equivalent .. ..	No equivalent.
Midshipman .. ..		
<i>Ratings</i>	<i>Soldiers</i>	<i>Airmen</i>
No equivalent .. ..	Warrant Officer, Class I	Warrant Officer, and Master Aircrew ranks.
No equivalent .. ..	Warrant Officer, Class II	No equivalent.
Chief Petty Officer .. ..	Staff Sergeant .. ..	Flight Sergeant.
Petty Officer .. ..	Sergeant .. ..	Sergeant.
Leading Seaman (but junior to Army ranks) }	Bombardier	Corporal.
	Corporal .. ..	
No equivalent .. ..	Lance Bombardier	No equivalent.
	Lance Corporal	
	Gunner .. ..	
	Private .. ..	
	Trooper .. ..	
Able Seaman .. ..	Sapper .. ..	Leading Aircraftman.
Ordinary Seaman .. ..	Signalman	Aircraftman, 1st Class.
	Driver .. ..	Aircraftman, 2nd Class.
	Craftsman	Cadet Aircrew ranks.
Seaman Boy .. ..	Cadet, Class I .. ..	
Apprentice .. ..	Cadet, Class II .. ..	Boy Entrant. Apprentice.

SECOND SCHEDULE  
TABLE OF EQUIVALENT RANKS (WOMEN)

Women's Royal New Zealand Naval Service: Royal New Zealand Navy.	New Zealand Army.	Women's Auxiliary Air Force: Royal New Zealand Air Force.
<i>Officers</i>	<i>Officers</i>	<i>Officers</i>
No equivalent .. ..	Colonel .. ..	Group Officer.
Chief Officer .. ..	Lieutenant-Colonel .. ..	Wing Officer.
First Officer .. ..	Major .. ..	Squadron Officer.
Second Officer .. ..	Captain .. ..	Flight Officer.
Third Officer .. ..	Lieutenant .. ..	Section Officer.
Acting Third Officer .. ..	Second Lieutenant .. ..	Assistant Section Officer.
<i>Ratings</i>	<i>Soldiers</i>	<i>Airwomen</i>
No equivalent .. ..	Warrant Officer .. ..	Warrant Officer (W).
Chief Wren, 1st and 2nd Class .. ..	Staff Sergeant .. ..	Flight Sergeant (W).
Petty Officer Wren .. ..	Sergeant .. ..	Sergeant (W).
Leading Wren .. ..	Corporal .. ..	Corporal (W).
No equivalent .. ..	Lance Corporal .. ..	No equivalent.
Wren .. ..	Private .. ..	Leading Aircraftwoman.
Probationary Wren .. ..		Aircraftwoman.

T. J. SHERRARD,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Issued under the authority of the Regulations Act 1936.  
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These regulations are administered in the Navy Office, Army Department, and Air Department.