



THE ARMED FORCES EQUIVALENT RANKS ORDER 1966

BERNARD FERGUSSON, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government House at Wellington this 6th day of July 1966

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to the Navy Act 1954, 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 1966.
2. For the purposes of the Navy Act 1954, the New Zealand Army Act 1950, and the Royal New Zealand Air Force Act 1950, the equivalent relative ranks of men and women members of the Royal New Zealand Navy, the New Zealand Army, and the Royal New Zealand Air Force are hereby declared to be as specified in the Schedule hereto.
3. The Armed Forces Equivalent Ranks Order 1954* is hereby revoked.

SCHEDULE
TABLE OF EQUIVALENT RANKS

MEN			WOMEN			
Royal New Zealand Navy	New Zealand Army	Royal New Zealand Air Force	Royal New Zealand Navy: Women's Royal New Zealand Naval Service	New Zealand Army		Royal New Zealand Air Force: Women's Royal New Zealand Air Force
				New Zealand Women's Royal Army Corps	Royal New Zealand Nursing Corps	
<i>Officers</i>	<i>Officers</i>	<i>Officers</i>	<i>Officers</i>	<i>Officers</i>	<i>Officers</i>	<i>Officers</i>
Vice-Admiral	Lieutenant-General ..	Air Marshal	No equivalent ..	No equivalent ..	No equivalent ..	No equivalent.
Rear-Admiral	Major-General	Air Vice-Marshal ..	No equivalent ..	No equivalent ..	No equivalent ..	No equivalent.
Commodore	Brigadier	Air Commodore	No equivalent ..	No equivalent ..	No equivalent ..	No equivalent.
Captain	Colonel	Group Captain	Superintendent ..	Colonel	Matron-in-Chief ..	Group Officer.
Commander	Lieutenant-Colonel ..	Wing Commander ..	Chief Officer ..	Lieutenant-Colonel ..	Principal Matron ..	Wing Officer.
Lieutenant-Commander ..	Major	Squadron Leader ..	First Officer ..	Major	Matron	Squadron Officer.
Lieutenant	Captain	Flight Lieutenant ..	Second Officer ..	Captain	Charge Sister ..	Flight Officer.
Sub-Lieutenant ..	Lieutenant	Flying Officer	Third Officer ..	Lieutenant ..	Sister	Section Officer.
Acting Sub-Lieutenant (but junior to Army and Air Force ranks)						
*Midshipman	2nd lieutenant	Pilot Officer Acting Pilot Officer (but junior to Second Lieutenant)	Probationary Third Officer	2nd Lieutenant ..	Staff Nurse ..	Assistant Section Officer.
*Cadet Midshipman						

*Junior to Army and Air Force ranks.

SCHEDULE—*continued*
TABLE OF EQUIVALENT RANKS—*continued*

MEN				WOMEN		
Royal New Zealand Navy	New Zealand Army	Royal New Zealand Air Force	Royal New Zealand Navy: Women's Royal New Zealand Naval Service	New Zealand Army		Royal New Zealand Air Force: Women's Royal New Zealand Air Force
				New Zealand Women's Royal Army Corps	Royal New Zealand Nursing Corps	
<i>Ratings</i>	<i>Soldiers</i>	<i>Airmen</i>	<i>Ratings</i>	<i>Soldiers</i>	<i>Soldiers</i>	<i>Airwomen</i>
No equivalent	{ Warrant Officer, Class I *Warrant Officer, Class II	Warrant Officer, and Master Aircrew ranks	No equivalent	{ Warrant Officer, Class I †Warrant Officer, Class II	{ Warrant Officer, Class I †Warrant Officer, Class II	Warrant Officer (W).
Chief Petty Officer	Staff Sergeant	Flight Sergeant and Flight Sergeant Aircrew ranks	Chief Wren	Staff Sergeant	Staff Sergeant	Flight Sergeant (W).
Petty Officer	Sergeant	Sergeant	Petty Officer Wren	Sergeant Corporal	Sergeant Corporal	Sergeant (W).
Leading rating (but junior to Bombardier and Corporal)	{ Bombardier Corporal ‡Lance Bombardier ‡Lance Corporal	Corporal	Leading Wren	{ Lance Corporal (but junior to Leading Wren and all Corporal ranks)	{ Lance Corporal (but junior to Leading Wren and all Corporal ranks)	Corporal (W).
Able Rating Ordinary Rating	{ Gunner Trooper Sapper Signalman Private Driver Craftsman	{ Leading Aircraftman Aircraftman, 1st Class Aircraftman, 2nd Class Cadet Aircrew ranks	Wren 1st class Wren 2nd class Probationary Wren	Private	Private	{ Leading Aircraftwoman Aircraft woman
Artificer Apprentice Seaman Boy Junior Rating	Regular Force Cadet	Airman Cadet Apprentice	No equivalent No equivalent	No equivalent No equivalent	No equivalent No equivalent	No equivalent No equivalent

*Junior to Air Force Warrant Officer and Master Aircrew ranks.

†Junior to Air Force rank.

‡Junior to Bombardier, Corporal, and Leading Rating.

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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This note is not part of the order, but is intended to indicate its general effect.

This order replaces the Armed Forces Equivalent Ranks Order 1954, and provides for the changes in rank structure which have occurred since 1954.

Issued under the authority of the Regulations Act 1936.

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These regulations are administered in the Ministry of Defence (Army).