

Regulations for the N.Z. Military Forces amended.—Amendments No. 29.

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred on me by the Defence Act, 1909, and its amendments, I, Charles, Baron Bledisloe, Governor-General, do hereby amend, in the manner and to the extent set forth in the Schedule hereto, the regulations for the New Zealand Military Forces published in the *Gazette* dated the twenty-fifth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven; and I do hereby declare that the amendments made shall take effect as from date of publication thereof in the *Gazette*.

SCHEDULE.

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1. PAGE 7. Definitions: After the definition of war establishments add:—
 “NOTE.—Except where they may be inconsistent with the special regulations for the Air Force, references to the various Army ranks throughout these regulations include the equivalent Air Force ranks.”
2. Para. 105, line 2: After “except” insert “the N.Z. Air Force and.”
3. Paras. 115, 116, and 117 are hereby revoked and the following substituted:—
 “115. First appointments to commissions in the General Duties Branch of the N.Z. Air Force will normally be made in the rank of Pilot Officer from candidates who have passed the prescribed examination. A candidate for a commission must, unless specially authorized by the General Officer Commanding,—
 “(a) Be between the ages of 18 and 25 years;
 “(b) Have passed the N.Z. University Entrance Examination, or reached an equivalent standard;
 “(c) Have gained his ‘A’ Pilot’s License; and
 “(d) Be medically fit in accordance with Appendix I, Section IV, of these regulations.”
4. Paras. 142 and 149A are hereby revoked.
5. Para. 168 is hereby revoked, and the following substituted:—
 “168. Officers in the General Duties Branch of the N.Z. Air Force will be retired on reaching the following ages:—
 Pilot Officer, Flying Officer, or Flight Lieutenant 40 years.
 Squadron-Leader 45 “
 Wing-Commander 48 “
 The age-limits may, however, be extended at the discretion of the General Officer Commanding.”
6. Para. 180, line 3: Delete “fifteen” and substitute “ten.”
7. Paras. 238, 239, and 240 are hereby revoked, and the following substituted:—
 “238. Applicants for enlistment into the N.Z. Permanent Air Force must, unless otherwise authorized by the General Officer Commanding,—
 (a) Be within the ages of 16 and 25 years;
 (b) Be physically fit; and
 (c) Have passed the 6th standard of education or its equivalent.
 Enlistments will normally be made,—
 (a) In the rank of aircraft apprentice, from selected applicants between the ages of 16 and 18 years.
 (b) In the rank of aircraftman, or such higher rank as the General Officer commanding may approve, from applicants over 18 years of age, who have had prior training in an Air Force, or who possess special trade qualifications.
239. For the purpose of administration and promotion the other ranks of the N.Z. Permanent Air Force will be organized into groups as follows:—
 Group 1.—Technical personnel.
 Group 2.—Non-technical and administrative personnel.
 These groups comprise the following sections:—
 Group 1.—Fitters (aero-engine), electricians, riggers (aero), photographers, wireless operators and mechanics, metal workers, armourers.
 Group 2.—Clerks (general), clerks (stores accounting), aircraft hands, storemen, transport details.
240. Promotion to warrant and non-commissioned ranks within the limits of the establishment will be subject to passing the prescribed examination and being recommended as fit for promotion.”