

# Public Service

No. 47 of 1966

An Act to amend the *Public Service Act* 1922–1964.

[Assented to 26 October, 1966]

**B**E it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:—

1.—(1.) This Act may be cited as the *Public Service Act* 1966. Short title and citation.

(2.) The *Public Service Act* 1922–1964\* is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

(3.) The Principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Public Service Act* 1922–1966.

2.—(1.) Subject to this section, this Act shall come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent. Commencement.

(2.) The amendments made by paragraphs (a), (c), (d) and (e) of section 3, by section 12, and by paragraphs (b) and (c) of section 13, of this Act, shall be deemed to have taken effect on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-five.

3. Section 7 of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by inserting after the definition of “Employee” the following definition:—

“ ‘ national service ’ means—

(a) service in the Regular Army Supplement rendered under the *National Service Act* 1951–1965; or

(b) service as an officer in that force in pursuance of an appointment referred to in sub-section (1.) or (2.) of section twenty-eight of that Act,

but does not include service (other than service under sub-section (10.) of section twenty-seven, under section thirty or under

Interpretation.

\* Act No. 21, 1922, as amended by No. 46, 1924; No. 41, 1928; No. 19, 1930; No. 21, 1931; No. 72, 1932; No. 38, 1933; Nos. 45 and 46, 1934; No. 72, 1936; No. 41, 1937; No. 72, 1939; No. 88, 1940; No. 5, 1941; No. 19, 1943; Nos. 11, 29 and 43, 1945; No. 16, 1946; Nos. 1, 38, 52 and 84, 1947; Nos. 35 and 75, 1948; Nos. 51 and 80, 1950; Nos. 46 and 48, 1951; No. 22, 1953; No. 63, 1954; No. 18, 1955; Nos. 13 and 39, 1957; No. 11, 1958; Nos. 17 and 105, 1960; and Nos. 2 and 75, 1964.

sub-section (6B.) of section thirty-one of that Act) rendered by a person by virtue of a voluntary undertaking by him to render service for a period for which he is not otherwise bound so to serve under that Act or the *Defence Act 1903-1965*;"

(b) by adding at the end of the definition of "Returned Soldier" the words "and any other former member of the Defence Force who, at any time while he was a member of the Defence Force, was on service that was special service for the purposes of the *Repatriation (Special Overseas Service) Act 1962* or of that Act as amended and in force from time to time";

(c) by inserting after the definition of "Selection Test" the following definition:—

" ' specified defence service ' means—

(a) continuous full-time service in a part of the Reserve Forces or of the Citizen Forces;

(b) service in a part of those Forces for such periods as are fixed by or in accordance with the regulations under the *Defence Act 1903-1965*, the *Naval Defence Act 1910-1965* or the *Air Force Act 1923-1965*; or

(c) national service,

but does not include service rendered by a member of a part of the Reserve Forces or of a part of the Citizen Forces by virtue of a voluntary undertaking by him to render continuous full-time service for a period for which he is not otherwise bound so to serve under the *Defence Act 1903-1965*, the *Naval Defence Act 1910-1965* or the *Air Force Act 1923-1965*;"

(d) by inserting after the definition of "The Board" the following definition:—

" ' the Citizen Forces ' has the same meaning as in the *Defence Act 1903-1965*;"

(e) by inserting after the definition of "the prescribed educational qualification" the following definition:—

" ' the Reserve Forces ' has the same meaning as in the *Defence Act 1903-1965*;" and

(f) by adding at the end thereof the following sub-section:—

“(2.) A reference in this Act to a Territory, to a Territory of, or under the authority of, the Commonwealth or to the Territories of the Commonwealth shall be read as including a reference to the Territory of Nauru.”.

4. Section 7B of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the words “, including the Territory of Nauru ”.

Operation of Act.

5. Section 8B of the Principal Act is amended by omitting sub-section (5.) and inserting in its stead the following sub-section:—

Officers and employees performing duties overseas.

“(5.) In this section, ‘ overseas ’ means outside Australia and the Territories of the Commonwealth.”.

6.—(1.) Section 24 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after sub-section (1.) the following sub-section:—

Composition of Divisions.

“(1A.) Notwithstanding the last preceding sub-section, the person who, by virtue of holding the office of Chairman of the Repatriation Commission under the *Repatriation Act* 1920–1966, is the Permanent Head of the Repatriation Department is not, by reason only of holding that office or being the Permanent Head of that Department, a member of the First Division of, or otherwise included in, the Commonwealth Service.”.

(2.) In relation to the exercise of any power or function of the Permanent Head of the Repatriation Department before the date on which this Act received the Royal Assent, a person who held office as Chairman of the Repatriation Commission under the *Australian Soldiers’ Repatriation Act* 1920–1946 or under that Act as amended shall be deemed to have been the Permanent Head of that Department.

7. Section 25 of the Principal Act is amended—

Permanent Heads.

(a) by inserting after sub-section (4.) the following sub-section:—

“(4A.) The Commissioner of Trade Practices has all the powers of, or exercisable by, a Permanent Head under this Act so far as those powers relate to the branch of the Commonwealth Service comprising the staff referred to in section thirty-one of the *Trade Practices Act* 1965–1966, as if that branch were a separate Department.”; and

(b) by inserting in sub-section (7.), after the words “ in sub-section (4.) ”, the words “ or sub-section (4A.) ”.

**Increments.**

8. Section 31 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting in sub-section (2.), after the word “ section ”, the words “ and except as otherwise provided by, or determined in accordance with, the regulations ”.

**Appointments to offices requiring professional, technical or special qualifications.**

9. Section 37 of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following sub-section:—

“ (2.) The appointment of a person to an office referred to in the last preceding sub-section may, if the Board thinks fit, be without probation.”.

**Appointments to offices requiring technical or special qualifications, &c.**

10. Section 40 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after sub-section (2.) the following sub-section:—

“ (2A.) The appointment of a person to an office referred to in sub-section (1.) of this section may, if the Board thinks fit, be without probation.”.

**Special provisions relating to appointment of returned soldiers.**

11. Section 47A of the Principal Act is amended by inserting in sub-section (3.), after the word “ war ”, the words “ or any other service by virtue of which he is a returned soldier ”.

12. After section 47A of the Principal Act the following section is inserted:—

**Appointment and confirmation of appointment of certain officers on specified defence service.**

“ 47AA.—(1.) An officer who was on specified defence service on the date on which he was appointed as an officer shall be deemed, for the purposes of section forty-seven of this Act, to have commenced duties in pursuance of his appointment on that date.

“ (2.) In the case of a probationer who is absent on specified defence service, sub-section (9.) of section forty-seven of this Act does not apply in relation to confirmation of the appointment of the probationer.”.

**Transfers, promotions and appeals.**

13. Section 50 of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by omitting sub-section (1.) and inserting in its stead the following sub-sections:—

“ (1.) Where a vacancy exists in an office in any Division other than the First Division, the Permanent Head of the Department in which the vacancy exists may, subject to this Act, transfer or promote an officer to fill the vacancy.

“ (1A.) Where an office in which a vacancy exists is—

(a) an office the rate of salary, or the maximum rate of salary, applicable to which exceeds such rate as is prescribed; or

(b) an office in relation to which there is in force for the time being a notice in writing given by the Board to the Permanent Head of the Department in which the office exists that the office is an office in relation to which this sub-section is to apply,

a transfer or promotion of an officer to fill the vacancy shall not be made under the last preceding sub-section unless the Board has approved the filling of the vacancy by the transfer or promotion of an officer.”;

(b) by inserting after sub-section (4B.) the following sub-section:—

“(4C.) An officer who is or has been absent on specified defence service shall, for the purposes of this section, be deemed to have such efficiency as, in the opinion of the Permanent Head, the Board or a Promotions Appeal Committee, as the case may be, he would have had but for his absence on that service.”; and

(c) by omitting sub-section (7A.) and inserting in its stead the following sub-section:—

“(7A.) The Board may regard an appeal as having been made under this section on a ground specified in either of the last two preceding sub-sections by an officer who, at any time within the time prescribed for lodging an appeal, is absent on leave granted in pursuance of section seventy-two of this Act, is absent on specified defence service or is absent from Australia on official duty, and in such a case this section has effect as if an appeal on that ground had been received from that officer and as if that officer had been at the date of the appeal performing his duties in the State in which, immediately before the commencement of that leave, his commencing that service or his departure from Australia on official duty, as the case may be, he was performing his duties or, if he was not then performing duties in a State, in the State the Board determines to be appropriate.”.

14. After section 51 of the Principal Act the following section is inserted:—

“51A.—(1.) The regulations may make provision for or in relation to the temporary performance of the whole or a part of the duties of an office (whether vacant or not) in a Department

Temporary  
performance  
of duties.

other than an office in the First Division by an officer who occupies another office in that Department, including provision for or in relation to—

- (a) the selection of an officer to perform temporarily the duties of an office of a classification higher than the classification of the office occupied by him;
- (b) appeals by officers in relation to such a selection of an officer; and
- (c) the payment of allowances to officers temporarily performing duties in accordance with the regulations made for the purposes of this sub-section.

“(2.) For the purposes of the last preceding sub-section, an unattached officer who is performing duties in a Department shall be deemed to occupy an office in that Department, being an office that has a classification the same as the salary that is, or the limits of salary that are, applicable to him as an unattached officer.”.

Qualifications  
for particular  
offices.

**15. Section 53 of the Principal Act is amended—**

- (a) by inserting after sub-section (1.) the following sub-section:—

“(1A.) A qualification or condition specified in accordance with the last preceding sub-section may be a qualification or condition that is defined or expressed by reference to the opinion of the Board in relation to a particular matter.”; and

- (b) by omitting from sub-section (2.) the words “the last preceding sub-section” and inserting in their stead the words “sub-section (1.) of this section”.

Appointments  
to First  
Division.

**16. Section 54 of the Principal Act is amended—**

- (a) by omitting from sub-section (2.) the word “position” and inserting in its stead the word “office”; and
- (b) by adding at the end thereof the following sub-sections:—

“(3.) Where—

- (a) an officer who occupies an office in the First Division is, or is about to be, absent or not available to perform the functions of his office; or

(b) there is a vacancy in such an office,

the Governor-General may appoint an officer to act in the place of the officer while the officer is absent or not available to perform the functions of his office or

to act in the office until the filling of the vacancy and a person so appointed may perform the functions and exercise the powers, and shall perform the duties, appertaining to the office.

“(4.) Sub-sections (1.) and (2.) of this section apply in relation to appointments under the last preceding sub-section in like manner as they apply in relation to appointments and promotions under those sub-sections.

“(5.) An appointment under sub-section (3.) of this section by reason of a vacancy in an office shall not be made or continue to have effect after the expiration of a period of six months from the date of the occurrence of the vacancy.

“(6.) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the Governor-General may at any time, without reference to the Board, terminate an appointment made under sub-section (3.) of this section in relation to an office of Permanent Head.

“(7.) The Governor-General may at any time, on the recommendation of the Board, terminate an appointment made under sub-section (3.) of this section in relation to an office other than Permanent Head.

“(8.) The validity of an act done by an officer appointed under sub-section (3.) of this section shall not be questioned in any proceedings on the ground that the occasion for his appointment had not arisen or that the appointment (not being an appointment to a vacant office) had ceased to have effect.”

17. Section 68 of the Principal Act is repealed and the following sections are inserted in its stead:—

“68.—(1.) The Chief Officer may at any time grant to an officer of his Department leave of absence for recreation but, subject to the next succeeding sub-section, the period of the leave shall not exceed the recreation leave credit of the officer immediately before the commencement of the leave.

Leave of  
absence for  
recreation.

“(2.) Where the period from the date on and from which it is proposed to grant leave of absence for recreation to an officer to the end of the maximum period for which, but for this sub-section, the leave could be granted includes, or ends immediately before, the first day of January in any year, the maximum period for which the leave may be granted is increased by a period equal to the addition to the recreation leave credit of the officer that will, if he continues to be an officer, accrue on that first day of January.

“(3.) Where an officer who commenced duties as an officer before the date of commencement of this section is granted leave of absence for recreation by reference to the last preceding sub-section but ceases to be an officer before the first day of January referred to in that sub-section, sections sixty-eight A and sixty-eight E of this Act apply in relation to the officer as if—

- (a) he had continued in the Commonwealth Service throughout the period of the leave; and
- (b) an addition to his recreation leave credit had accrued on the first day of January so referred to and so much of the period of the leave as was granted by reference to that sub-section had been granted by virtue of that addition to his recreation leave credit.

“(4.) Subject to this section, on the first day of January in every year there accrues to an officer a recreation leave credit, or an addition to his recreation leave credit, of—

- (a) a period equivalent to the period of his ordinary hours of duty during a period of three weeks; or
- (b) in the case of an officer who, during the last preceding year, has served in such special circumstances as are prescribed, such longer period as is fixed by or in accordance with the regulations.

“(5.) In the case of an officer who commenced duties as an officer on or after the date of commencement of this section, a recreation leave credit in accordance with the last preceding sub-section does not accrue to the officer on the first day of January next following the date on which he so commenced duties but, if the officer has completed a period of service of not less than one month before that first day of January, there accrues to the officer on that first day of January a recreation leave credit of a period calculated at the rate of one-twelfth of the period that would have accrued under that sub-section, if that sub-section had been applicable, for each complete month of that period of service.

“(6.) In the case of an officer who commenced duties as an officer during the period of twelve months immediately preceding the date of commencement of this section—

- (a) there accrues to the officer, on completion by him of his first year of service, a recreation leave credit of the period referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) of sub-section (4.) of this section; and
- (b) if the officer does not complete his first year of service before the first day of January, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven, a credit does not accrue to the officer on that date in accordance with that sub-section.



“(7.) In the case of an officer who commenced duties as an officer before the period of twelve months immediately preceding the date of commencement of this section—

- (a) there accrues to the officer, upon the commencement of this section, a recreation leave credit equal to so much of the period of recreation leave for the grant of which the officer became eligible on or after the first day of January, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-six, as was not granted to the officer before the date of commencement of this section; and
- (b) there shall be deemed to have accrued to the officer, upon the commencement of this section, a recreation leave credit equal to such further period, if any, as the Chief Officer determines in respect of leave for the grant of which the officer became eligible before the first day of January, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-six, but which was not granted to the officer before the date of commencement of this section.

“(8.) Where a period of leave of absence for recreation is granted to an officer in accordance with this section—

- (a) if the period of the leave does not exceed the recreation leave credit of the officer immediately before the commencement of the leave—that recreation leave credit is reduced by the period of the leave; or
- (b) if, by virtue of sub-section (2.) of this section, the period of the leave exceeds that recreation leave credit—that recreation leave credit lapses and the recreation leave credit that next accrues to the officer shall be reduced by a period equal to the excess.

“(9.) Except as otherwise directed in accordance with the regulations, the recreation leave credit of an officer lapses at the end of each year.

“(10.) The regulations may provide for the reduction of a recreation leave credit that would otherwise accrue to an officer to the extent of leave of absence (not being leave of absence for recreation) that has been granted to the officer, in accordance with the regulations, subject to deduction from recreation leave.

“(11.) The regulations may provide for the reduction, by reason of a period of absence from duty, of a recreation leave credit that would otherwise accrue to an officer.

“(12.) The regulations may make provision with respect to the determination or accrual of recreation leave credits in the case of an officer who—

- (a) immediately before his appointment, was employed under this Act in a temporary capacity;

(b) is an officer to whom section forty-seven E of this Act is applicable; or

(c) has been granted leave of absence under section seventy-one A or seventy-two of this Act,

and this section has effect subject to any such regulations.

Adjustment  
of credit in  
certain cases.

“ 68A.—(1.) This section applies to an officer who—

(a) commenced duties as an officer before the date of commencement of this section;

(b) has continued in the Commonwealth Service beyond the end of the year in which the first anniversary of the date on which he so commenced duties occurred;

(c) ceases to be an officer after the first day of January, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven, but before the anniversary in the year in which he so ceases of the date on which he commenced duties as an officer; and

(d) did not attain the age of sixty years before the first day of January, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven.

“(2.) In the case of an officer to whom this section applies, the recreation leave credit that accrued to the officer on the first day of January in the year in which he ceases to be an officer shall be deemed to have been so much of that credit as does not exceed a period calculated at the rate of one-twelfth of that credit for each complete month for which the officer has continued in the Commonwealth Service beyond the anniversary of the date on which he commenced duties as an officer that last preceded the date on which he ceases to be an officer.

“(3.) The regulations may provide that, for the purpose of determining, in a case specified in the regulations, the anniversary of the date on which an officer commenced duties as an officer, he shall be deemed, for the purposes of this section, to have commenced duties as an officer on such date as is determined by or under the regulations.

Payment in  
lieu of  
recreation  
leave for  
certain officers.

“ 68B.—(1.) This section applies to an officer who ceases to be an officer otherwise than by death.

“(2.) The Chief Officer may authorize payment to an officer to whom this section applies of an amount equal to the amount of salary that would be payable, at the rate applicable to the officer immediately before he ceases to be an officer, for a period of service equal to the recreation leave credit of the officer in accordance with the last two preceding sections at the time when he ceases to be an officer.

“(3.) The Chief Officer may also authorize payment to an officer to whom this section applies, in such circumstances as are prescribed, of an amount, determined in accordance with the

regulations, in relation to portion of a recreation leave credit that would next have accrued to the officer if he had continued to be an officer.

“ 68c. Where—

(a) an officer dies; or

(b) the Board has directed, after a consideration of all the circumstances, that an officer shall be presumed to have died on a particular date,

the Chief Officer may authorize payment to the officer's dependants of an amount equal to the amount, if any, that could have been authorized to be paid to him under the last preceding section or under regulations made in relation to that section if he had ceased to be an officer otherwise than by death on the day on which he died or is to be presumed to have died.

Payment to dependants on death.

“ 68D. Where at any time an officer is or was eligible, by virtue of a determination or order, whether made before or after the commencement of this section, in force under the *Public Service Arbitration Act* 1920–1964, for the grant of leave of absence for recreation additional to the leave for the grant of which he is or was eligible at that time in accordance with section sixty-eight of this Act, the last two preceding sections apply as if the recreation leave credit of the officer at that time were increased by the period of the additional leave for the grant of which he is or was so eligible.

Payment in respect of additional recreation leave under Public Service Arbitration Act.

“ 68E.—(1.) Where a person, being an officer to whom section sixty-eight A of this Act applies, has been granted leave of absence for recreation by virtue of, or in anticipation of, a recreation leave credit that accrued to him on the first day of January in the year in which he ceases to be an officer, and the period of that leave exceeds that credit as deemed to have been reduced in accordance with that section—

Liability of officers in respect of excess recreation leave in certain cases.

(a) if the officer has received salary in respect of any part of that period of leave that is included in the excess—the Commonwealth is entitled to recover from the person, as a debt due by him to the Commonwealth, the amount of that salary; and

(b) if the officer has not received salary in respect of any part of that period of leave that is included in the excess—salary is not payable to the officer in respect of that part of that period of leave.

“ (2.) Paragraph (a) of the last preceding sub-section does not apply in relation to an officer who ceases to be an officer by reason of his death.

## Interpretation.

“ 68F.—(1.) For the purposes of the last six preceding sections, unless the contrary intention appears—

‘ month ’ means one of the twelve months of the year;

‘ salary ’ has the same meaning as in section seventy-five of this Act;

‘ year ’ means a period of twelve months commencing on the first day of January.

“(2.) A reference in any of the last six preceding sections to a recreation leave credit shall be read as including a reference to an addition to a recreation leave credit.”.

## Leave without pay.

18. Section 71 of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end of sub-paragraph (iv) of paragraph (b) of sub-section (1.) the words “, with Commonwealth Brickworks (Canberra) Limited or with any other company that is, for the purposes of this section, declared by the regulations to be a company in which the Commonwealth has an interest ”.

19. After section 71 of the Principal Act the following section is inserted:—

## Leave for specified defence service.

“ 71A.—(1.) The Chief Officer shall grant leave of absence to an officer or employee in respect of any period of specified defence service of the officer or employee.

“(2.) The terms and conditions to which any leave granted under this section is subject are the terms and conditions from time to time prescribed as applicable to that leave.

“(3.) A grant of leave under this section in respect of a period of specified defence service made after the commencement of that period shall be deemed to have taken effect at the commencement of that period.

“(4.) The first regulations made prescribing the terms and conditions to which leave granted under this section to officers and employees rendering national service is to be subject shall be deemed to have taken effect on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-five.”.

## Board to determine whether certain leave without pay counts as service.

20. Section 72AA of the Principal Act is amended by inserting in sub-section (1.), after the word “seventy-one”, the word “, seventy-one A ”.

## Furlough.

21. Section 73 of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by omitting sub-section (2.) and inserting in its stead the following sub-section:—

“(2.) Where an officer who has continued in the Commonwealth Service for not less than fifteen years ceases to be an officer otherwise than by death, the Board may, in lieu of the grant to him of leave under sub-section (1.) of this section, authorize payment

to him of a sum not exceeding his salary for a period equal to the period, or the sum of the periods, of leave on full salary that the officer could have been granted under that sub-section if he had not ceased to be an officer.”; and

- (b) by omitting from sub-section (3.) the word “retired” and inserting in its stead the words “ceased to be an officer”.

**22.—(1.)** Section 74 of the Principal Act is amended—

- (a) by omitting from sub-section (1.) the words “retirement from the Commonwealth Service” and inserting in their stead the words “ceasing to be an officer”;

Extended leave or pay in lieu to officers not entitled to furlough.

- (b) by omitting paragraphs (b) and (c) of sub-section (1.) and inserting in their stead the following paragraphs:—

“ (b) where the period of service of the officer is not less than eight years but is less than ten years—three months;

“ (c) where the period of service of the officer is not less than ten years—a period of three-tenths of one month in respect of each year of continuous service.”;

- (c) by omitting sub-section (2.) and inserting in its stead the following sub-section:—

“ (2.) Where an officer may be granted leave under the last preceding sub-section, the Board may, in lieu of the grant of that leave, authorize payment to him, upon his ceasing to be an officer, of a sum not exceeding his salary for a period equal to the period of leave that the officer could have been granted under that sub-section.”;

- (d) by inserting after sub-section (3.) the following sub-section:—

“ (3A.) Where an officer—

(a) retires after he has continued in the Commonwealth Service for not less than ten years but for less than fifteen years;

(b) is not eligible for leave under sub-section (1.) of this section or for a payment under the last preceding sub-section; and

(c) satisfies the Board that his retirement is justified by domestic or other pressing necessity,

the Board may authorize payment to the officer of a sum not exceeding his salary for a period equal to three-tenths of one month in respect of each year of continuous service.”; and

- (e) by omitting from paragraph (c) of sub-section (4.) the words “retired from the Commonwealth Service” and inserting in their stead the words “ceased (otherwise than by death) to be an officer”.

(2.) The amendments made by paragraph (b) of the last preceding sub-section do not apply in relation to an officer whose period of service was, on the date on which this Act received the Royal Assent, not less than ten years.

23. Section 75A of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section inserted in its stead:—

“75A.—(1.) In this section, ‘former officer of the Northern Territory Service’ means an officer who—

- (a) was appointed to an office in the Commonwealth Service under section forty-two of the *Commonwealth Public Service Act 1922–1941* on the twelfth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-one, and has continued in the Commonwealth Service since that date;
- (b) was, immediately before that date, an officer of the Public Service of the Northern Territory; and
- (c) was, immediately before that date, or could, if he had continued in that service, have become, eligible for the grant of leave by reason of length of service, or for pay in lieu of such leave, under the *Public Service Ordinance 1928–1941* of that Territory.

“(2.) Subject to the next succeeding sub-section, the eligibility of a former officer of the Northern Territory Service or his dependants for leave by reason of length of service, or for pay in lieu of such leave, shall be determined—

- (a) by applying the provisions of the last three preceding sections; or
- (b) by applying the provisions of the *Public Service Ordinance 1928–1941* of the Northern Territory, and treating the service of the officer in the Commonwealth Service since the twelfth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-one, as service in the Public Service of the Northern Territory,

whichever has the more favourable effect in relation to the officer or dependants, and the Board may grant leave, or authorize payment in lieu of leave, accordingly.

Furlough  
rights of  
certain former  
officers of the  
Northern  
Territory  
Public Service

“(3.) The eligibility at any time of an officer, or of the dependants of an officer, for the grant of leave, or pay in lieu of leave, in accordance with this section, is subject to an appropriate deduction in respect of any leave previously granted to the officer by reason of length of service.”.

24. Section 76 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from sub-section (8.) the words “or in the Island of Nauru ”. Public holidays.

25. Section 82 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after sub-section (9.) the following sub-section:— Temporary employment.

“(9A.) Where it is proposed to engage for employment under this section a person who is not a British subject, or a person who is a British subject but is also a national of another country, the Governor-General may, after a report from the Board and if it appears to him that the employment of that person would not be prejudicial to the national security, the preservation of official secrecy or any other interest of the Commonwealth, determine that the last preceding sub-section is not to apply in relation to the engagement of that person.”.

26. Section 88 of the Principal Act is amended—

- (a) by omitting the words “any officer in His Majesty’s service (other than a Minister or judicial officer) in his capacity as such officer ” and inserting in their stead the words “the officer holding an office in Her Majesty’s service (other than the office of a Minister or a judicial office) ”; and Performance of duties of certain offices that are vacant or the holders of which are absent from duty.
- (b) by omitting the words “during his temporary absence or incapacity ” and inserting in their stead the words “while the first-mentioned officer is absent or not available to perform his duties or during a vacancy in the office ”.

27. Section 89 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from sub-section (6.) the words “, not being a building or quarters in the Island of Nauru ”. Rent chargeable for quarters.

28. The Second Schedule to the Principal Act is amended by omitting the words “The Department of Defence Production.”. Second Schedule.

29. The Third Schedule to the Principal Act is amended—

- (a) by omitting the words “The Secretary to the Department of Defence Production.”; and Third Schedule.
- (b) by omitting the words “The Chairman of the Repatriation Commission.” and inserting in their stead the words “The office under the *Repatriation Act* 1920–1966 of Chairman of the Repatriation Commission.”.

30. The Principal Act is amended as set out in the Schedule to this Act. Amendments in relation to decimal currency.

## THE SCHEDULE

Section 30.

## AMENDMENTS IN RELATION TO DECIMAL CURRENCY

Provisions amended	Omit—	Insert—
Section 13 (1.) .. ..	Eight thousand seven hundred and fifty pounds Seven thousand five hundred pounds	Seventeen thousand five hundred dollars Fifteen thousand dollars
Section 15 (2.) .. ..	Five hundred pounds	One thousand dollars
Section 19 (3.) .. ..	Twenty pounds	Forty dollars
Section 55 (2.) .. ..	Ten shillings	One dollar
Section 55 (3.) (d) (i) .. ..	Twenty pounds	Forty dollars
Section 55 (3.) (d), proviso .. ..	exceeding Two pounds Two pounds	exceeding Four dollars Four dollars
Section 58 (3.) .. ..	Twenty pounds	Forty dollars
Section 64 (3.), proviso .. ..	Two pounds	Four dollars
Section 64 (6.) .. ..	Fifty pounds	One hundred dollars
Section 82AA (4.) .. ..	Five pounds	Ten dollars
Section 96 (1.) .. ..	One hundred pounds	Two hundred dollars