



Defence Determination 2000/28

I, MAL PEARCE, Director General Personnel Policy and Employment Conditions, Defence Personnel Executive, make this Determination under section 58B of the *Defence Act 1903*.

Dated 18 September 2000

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Director General
Personnel Policy and Employment Conditions
Defence Personnel Executive

1 Citation

This Determination is Defence Determination 2000/28, Reimbursement of expenses for pet relocation (Defence Determination 2000/1 – Amendment).

[NOTE: This Determination commences on the day on which it is made: see *Defence Act 1903*, subsection 58B(4).]

2 Amendment

Defence Determination 2000/1, Conditions of Service, as amended,¹ is amended as set out in this Determination.

3 Subclause 4.4.1 (1) (Reimbursement of pet relocation expenses)

omit

removal within Australia

insert

posting within Australia and a consequent removal

4 Subclause 4.4.1 (2) (Reimbursement of pet relocation expenses)

substitute

- (2) The member is entitled to be reimbursed for the expenses reasonably incurred, up to a total of \$600 for all pets in connection with the removal.

5 Subclauses 4.4.1 (3) and (4) (Reimbursement of pet relocation expenses)

substitute

- (3) In this clause, ***transportation*** includes any veterinary fees for the sedation of a pet during transport.

NOTE

1. Defence Determination 2000/1 was made on 6 January 2000 and has been amended by Defence Determinations 2000/2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27. The Determination has also been amended by Determination No. 8 of 2000 made under section 58H.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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This Determination amends Defence Determination 2000/1, Conditions of Service (“the Principal Determination”), made under section 58B of the *Defence Act 1903*, which includes provisions dealing with the reimbursement of certain expenses for the transportation and boarding of animals kept as pets where a member of the Australian Defence Force is granted a removal from one locality within Australia to another.

Prior to this Determination, subclause 4.4.1 (2) of the Principal Determination enabled a member to be reimbursed a maximum of \$240 for expenses associated with the transportation and boarding of all pets as part of a removal. In addition, the Chief of the Defence Force had a discretion under subclauses 4.4.1 (3) and (4) to reimburse an additional amount of expenses above that amount.

The amount that could be paid under subclauses 4.4.1 (3) and (4) was open-ended. Claims under subclauses 4.4.1 (3) and (4) were only sought by approximately 20% of applicants for reimbursement. In the 12-month period from February 1999 to January 2000, 85% of this limited group of applicants were paid less than \$360 under subclauses 4.4.1 (3) and (4).

This Determination amends subclause 4.4.1 (1) to clarify that the removals in question relate only to postings within Australia.

Subclause 4.4.1 (2) has been amended so that a member may now be reimbursed up to a total of \$600 for these expenses during a removal. The new maximum amount reflects the previous combined reimbursement for expenses that was granted to the majority of members under subclauses 4.4.1 (2), (3) and (4) prior to this amendment. Any transportation and boarding expenses incurred by members beyond the new \$600 maximum will be the member’s responsibility.

As a consequence of the new maximum amount, this Determination also omits the discretion to reimburse an additional amount of expenses under subclauses 4.4.1 (3) and (4).

The new subclause 4.4.1 (3) ensures that veterinary fees for the sedation of pets during transport are covered by this provision.

This Determination commences on the day on which it is made, as provided by subsection 58B(4) of the *Defence Act 1903*.

Authority: Section 58B of the
Defence Act 1903