



Defence Determination 2007/17

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

Dated 17 April 2007

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Director General
Personnel Policy and Employment Conditions
Personnel Executive

1 Citation

This Determination is Defence Determination 2007/17, Overseas conditions of service – amendment.

2 Commencement

This Determination commences on the date of signature.

3 Amendment

Defence Determination 2005/15, Conditions of Service, as amended,¹ is amended as set out in this Determination.

4 Subclause 15.6.12.3 (School transport costs), formula

substitute

$$\frac{\text{AUD } 56 \times A \times 4}{2} \quad \times \quad \frac{B}{100}$$

5 Subclause 15.6.12.3 (School transport costs), Note 2

substitute Note 2

Note 2: AUD 56 is the cost of a school term bus ticket in Canberra on 1 March 2007.

6 Annex 16A (Hardship post conditions of service), table item 33A

substitute

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NOTE

1. Defence Determination 2005/15 commenced on 31 May 2005. For previous amendments see Note to Defence Determination 2007/1 and see also Defence Determinations 2007/2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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This Determination amends Defence Determination 2005/15, Conditions of Service (the Principal Determination), made under section 58B of the *Defence Act 1903* (the Act). Chapter 15 of the Principal Determination sets out provisions dealing with living and working on long-term posting overseas for members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF). Chapter 16 of the Principal Determination sets out provisions dealing with overseas hardship locations for members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF).

The purpose of this Determination is twofold:

- to amend the formula for calculation of overseas school transport costs and reflect the increase in a school term bus ticket in Canberra to AUD 56, which is the cost standard; and
- to prescribe hardship post conditions of service of a member posted to Turkey, which is already listed as a hardship post in annex 16.A.

Clause 1 of this Determination sets out the manner in which this Determination may be cited.

Clause 2 provides that the Determination commences on the date of signature.

Clause 3 specifies that the amendment is made to the Principal Determination, as amended.

Clause 4 substitutes the formula in subclause 15.6.12.3 of the Principal Determination. The formula reflects the current price Action Buses are charging for a school term bus ticket in Canberra. Because liability cannot be increased back in time, the increase will apply only to calculations made after the date of signature. Therefore the increase will be applicable only to posts commencing on or after the date of signature and not at the commencement of the 2007 school year.

Clause 5 amends Note 2 in subclause 15.6.12.3 of the Principal Determination, which offers an explanation of what the dollar amount stands for in the formula. The amendment replaces the price of a school term bus ticket in Canberra.

Clause 6 substitutes a table item in Annex 16.A, Hardship post conditions of service. To date, Defence has not had any member posted to Turkey. The new table item provides hardship conditions for that country since Defence's short-post of its first member to Turkey necessitates the determination of such conditions. These are based on hardship conditions provided by the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFAT) to its employees. Only the length of posting will differ (two years as opposed to DFAT's three). Turkey remains as a Grade D hardship post, but the extra leave (days) a year has been decreased from 10 to 9 in order to align with the number of days of extra leave that DFAT grants its employees. The excess-baggage entitlement for the regional centre is expressed in footnote 2 in the existing table found in Annex 16A.

Authority: Section 58B of the
Defence Act 1903

