



Defence Determination 2009/29

I, PETER ARTHUR ELLIS BAVINGTON, Acting Director General Personnel Policy and Employment Conditions, make this Determination under section 58B of the *Defence Act 1903*.

Dated 24 April 2009

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Personnel Policy and Employment Conditions
People Strategies and Policy Group

1 Citation

This Determination is Defence Determination 2009/29, Reunion travel and benchmark schools – amendment.

2 Commencement

This Determination commences on the day it is signed.

3 Amendment

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

4 Clause 15.3.12 (Member to give notice of reunion visit)

omit

5 Part 1 of Annex 15.6.A (Pre-schools)

substitute the item for Samoa

Samoa	Bahai Montessori
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6 Part 2 of Annex 15.6.A (Primary schools)

substitute the item for Samoa

Samoa	Vaiala Beach School
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7 Part 3 of Annex 15.6.A (Secondary schools)

substitute the item for Samoa

Samoa	Robert Louis Stevenson Secondary School
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NOTE

1. Defence Determination 2005/15 commenced on 31 May 2005. For previous amendments see Note to Defence Determination 2009/1 and see also Defence Determinations 2009/2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28.

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 deals with long-term postings overseas for members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF).

The purpose of this Determination is to:

- remove the notification period for members applying for reunion travel when on long-term posting overseas; and
- amend the benchmark schools for Samoa.

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

Clause 2 of this Determination provides that the Determination commences on the day on which it is made, as provided by subsection 58B(4) of the Act.

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

Clause 4 omits clause 15.3.12 from the Principal Determination. The clause provides that a member must give three months notice to CDF when applying for reunion travel. This provision placed unreasonable constraints on members when they were planning reunion travel due to the many variables associated with planning the travel.

Clauses 5, 6 and 7 amend Parts 1, 2 and 3 of Annex 15.6.A, respectively, of the Principal Determination by substituting the benchmark schools listed for Samoa. This change aligns the schools to ones used by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Samoa. These schools provide an education system closer to the Australian standard of education.

Criteria are provided for the exercise of discretions under the Principal Determination, as amended by this Determination. Adverse decisions are subject to merits review under the ADF redress of grievance system, including an appeal to the Defence Force Ombudsman.

Authority: Section 58B of the
Defence Act 1903