I, NICHOLAS JEFFERSON FORD, Director General Financial Conditions, Defence Personnel Executive, Department of Defence, acting under a delegation made by the Minister for Workplace Relations and Small Business under regulation 72A of the Defence Force Regulations, make the following Determination under section 58B of the Defence Act 1903.

Dated 13 May 1998

N.J. FORD
Air Commodore
Director General Financial Conditions
Defence Personnel Executive
Department of Defence
1. **Citation**
   1.1 This Determination may be cited as Defence Determination 1998/20.

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

2. **Amendment**
   2.1 Defence Determination 1996/16, as amended\(^1\), is amended as set out in this Determination.

3. **Schedule 4 (Rental contributions)**
   3.1 Rank group 5, column 2:
   Omit “Private, Lance Corporal, Corporal”, substitute “Corporal or a lower rank, trainee”.

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**NOTE**

1. Defence Determination 1996/16, as amended to date. For previous amendments see Note to Defence Determination No. 1 of 1998 and see also Nos. 1, 13, 17 and 19 of 1998.
EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Defence Determination 1998/20

Defence Act 1903

This Determination amends Schedule 4 to Defence Determination 1996/16, which sets out the rates of contribution payable by members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) who are entitled to Temporary Rental Allowance.

The amendment simplifies the description of the ranks included in the lowest rank group for contribution purposes, and includes ADF trainees in that rank group. As the trainees in question are a distinct group and mostly classified for salary purposes at levels below that of a Private, it is necessary to make specific reference to this category of members.

The meaning of “trainee” is given in Defence Determination 1991/45, which sets out general definitions and interpretation for use with determinations made under section 58B of the Defence Act 1903. The term is defined by reference to a schedule in the determination on ADF salaries made by the Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal (Schedule 8 to Determination No. 6 of 1992), which sets out certain categories of trainees in the Permanent Forces who are mostly paid salary at rates below the minimum salary of a Private and who are not entitled to Service Allowance.

The amendment arises from Defence Determination 1998/19 of 1 May 1998, clause 6 of which repealed a special contribution rate for trainees without specifically including a reference to trainees in the appropriate rank group for contribution purposes.

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