Defence Determination 1998/27

I, TERENCE JOHN WATSON, Acting 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 9 July 1998

T. WATSON  
Acting Director General Financial Conditions  
Defence Personnel Executive  
Department of Defence

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PART A - Preliminary

1. Citation
1.1 This Determination may be cited as Defence Determination 1998/27, Remote Locality Allowances (Amendment).

2. Commencement
2.1 Parts A and D are to be taken to have commenced on 11 June 1998.

[NOTE: Parts B and C of this Determination commence on the day on which the Determination is made: see Defence Act 1903, subsection 58B(4).]

PART B – Amendment of Determination 0301

3. Amendment
3.1 Determination 0301, District Allowance, as amended\(^1\), is amended as set out in this Part.

4. Schedule (Isolated Districts)
4.1 Item for Sarina, Queensland:
Omit the item.

4.2 Item for Kalgoorlie, Western Australia:
Omit the item.

PART C – Amendment of Determination 2601

5. Amendment
5.1 Determination 2601, Recreation Leave, as amended\(^2\), is amended as set out in this Part.

6. Schedule (Additional recreation leave)
6.1 Item for Bamaga, Queensland:
Omit the item.

PART D – Amendment of Defence Determination 1996/16

7. Amendment
7.1 Defence Determination 1996/16, as amended\(^3\), is amended as set out in this Part.
8. **Clause 20 (Port Wakefield Allowance)**

8.1 Paragraph 20.1(a):
Omit “$1,150”, substitute “$1,170”.

8.2 Paragraph 20.1(b):
Omit “$580”, substitute “$590”.

9. **Schedule 3 (Rates of remote locality allowances)**

9.1 Omit the Schedule, substitute the Schedule set out in the Attachment to this Determination.

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### NOTES

1. Determination 0301, as amended to date. For previous amendments see Note to Determination No. 10 of 1998 and see also Determination Nos. 10 and 25 of 1998.

2. Determination 2601, as amended to date. For previous amendments see Note to Determination No. 6 of 1998 and see also Determination Nos. 6, 10, 16 and 25 of 1998.

3. 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, 19, 20, 23 and 24 of 1998.
SCHEDULE 3

RATES OF REMOTE LOCALITY ALLOWANCES

PART 1 - Rates of District Allowance

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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Defence Determination 1998/27

Defence Act 1903

This Determination amends the following Principal Determinations made under section 58B of the Defence Act 1903:

- Determination 0301, District Allowance;
- Determination 2601, Recreation Leave; and
- Defence Determination 1996/16, which sets out the rates of various allowances and member contributions.

The main purpose of this Determination is to authorise increases in the rates of certain allowances for members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) performing duty in remote localities within Australia. The rates of the allowances, and many of the localities involved, are the same as those provided from time to time for Australian Public Service (APS) officers of the Department of Defence.

Part A of this Determination sets out preliminary matters.

Clause 2 provides for Parts A and D to be taken to have commenced on 11 June 1998, the date on which revised rates of remote locality allowances applied to APS officers of the Department of Defence. Parts B and C commence on the day on which this Determination is made, as provided by subsection 58B(4) of the Defence Act 1903.

Part B amends Determination 0301 by deleting Sarina (Queensland) and Kalgoorlie (Western Australia) from a Schedule specifying the localities at which members are entitled to District Allowance. Members are no longer posted to Sarina, and Kalgoorlie no longer meets the eligibility criteria as an isolated district. An existing provision of Determination 0301 authorises continued transitional payment of District Allowance, where necessary, for a year from the date on which a locality is removed from the Schedule.

Part C amends Determination 2601 by deleting Bamaga (Queensland) from a Schedule specifying the remote localities which attract an entitlement to a specified period of additional recreation leave. Members no longer serve at Bamaga.

Part D amends Defence Determination 1996/16 by updating the rates of various remote locality allowances for members of the ADF.
Clause 8 authorises revised rates of Port Wakefield Allowance. The rates of this
Allowance reflect the rates of Grade A District Allowance.
Clause 9 authorises revised rates of District Allowance, Woomera Allowance and two
specified Antarctic allowances by replacing the Schedule containing the relevant rates
with a Schedule of updated rates.

Most of these rates are adjusted annually, taking account of movement in the All Groups
component of the Consumer Price Index; average weekly earnings; and an annual cost-
of-living survey. On this occasion they are increased by 1.85%. The one exception is the
updated rate specified for Common Duties Allowance in Part 3 of the Schedule. This
amount has increased by 4%, reflecting movement in ADF base rates of pay for the first
6 months of operation of the *ADF Productivity Based Remuneration Arrangement: 1997-99* (the Arrangement).

The rate adjustments introduced by this Determination are in accordance with the
Arrangement.

The retrospective application of this Determination does not affect the rights of a
person (other than the Commonwealth) in a manner prejudicial to that person, nor does
it impose any liability on such person.

Authority: Section 58B of the
*Defence Act 1903*