Defence Act 1903

Defence Determination 1998/28

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

[ref147]
1. Citation
1.1 This Determination may be cited as Defence Determination 1998/28, Excess Water Charge and Temporary Rental Allowance (Amendment).

[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. Clause 9 (Charge for Excess Water)
3.1 Omit “$5.20”, substitute “$6.30”.

4. Schedule 4 (Rental contributions)
4.1 Omit the Schedule, substitute the Schedule set out in the Attachment to this Determination.

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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, 19, 20, 23 24 and 27 of 1998.
ATTACHMENT
## SCHEDULE 4
### RENTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

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<th>Rank group</th>
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<th>Amount of rental contribution $ a week</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Colonel or a higher rank</td>
<td>171.10</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Major, Lieutenant Colonel</td>
<td>139.70</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Warrant Officer Class 1, Warrant Officer Class 2, Second Lieutenant, Lieutenant, Captain</td>
<td>126.10</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Sergeant, Staff Sergeant</td>
<td>111.15</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Corporal or a lower rank, trainee(^1)</td>
<td>92.80</td>
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[Note 1: “Trainee” is defined in Defence Determination 1991/45.]
EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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This Determination amends Defence Determination 1996/16 (the Principal Determination), which sets out the rates of various allowances and contributions referred to in other determinations made under section 58B of the Defence Act 1903.

The purpose of the amendments is to implement an annual review of the rates of contribution paid by members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) for excess water and Temporary Rental Allowance (TRA).

These items form part of a housing and accommodation conditions of service package (in conjunction with other arrangements administered by the ADF). The amendments arise from a recent annual review of rents charged by the ADF for married quarters under the Group Rent Scheme (GRS).

Clause 3 authorises an increase in the rate of excess water charge from $5.20 to $6.30 a fortnight. This amount is used in conjunction with Determination 2507, Charge for Excess Water, which authorises the deduction of a uniform amount each fortnight from the salary of ADF members who live in married quarters to cover the cost of excess water. The excess water charge is reviewed annually and is based on Australia-wide charges incurred by the Defence Housing Authority (DHA) during the financial year preceding the date of increase.

The primary reason for an increase of 21% in the excess water charge on this occasion is that water suppliers have, in most areas, changed to a system of charging owners the cost of water actually consumed. The DHA, as the owner of Defence housing, pays these charges and recovers them from the Defence Organisation.

Clause 4 authorises revised rates of TRA contributions by updating the relevant Schedule in the Principal Determination. The rental contributions are increased by 5.73% for all members receiving the Allowance. This maintains the alignment between the contributions payable by members who rent accommodation on the private rental market under TRA and those who occupy married quarters under the GRS.

This Determination commences on the day on which it is made, as provided by subsection 58B(4) of the Defence Act 1903. The date of commencement is the same as the date of effect of the annual adjustment of GRS rents by the ADF.

Authority: Section 58B of the Defence Act 1903