

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal No. 5 of 2020, Salaries – Royal Australian Corps of Signals – amendment

This Determination amends Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal (DFRT) Determination No. 2 of 2017, Salaries (the Principal Determination), made under section 58H of the *Defence Act 1903* (the Act) and in accordance with subsection 33(3) of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901* (AI Act). The Principal Determination sets out provisions dealing with salary for members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF).

This Determination makes a number of changes to the structures of Signal Corps employment categories in both the Warrant Officer Pay Structure and the Graded Other Ranks Pay Structure: some changes involve the disestablishment of employment categories (or just skill grades) and creation of new ones, some changes are purely name changes and some changes affect the placement of skill grades in the pay grade tables.

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

Section 2 of this Determination provides that the Determination commences on 9 July 2020. Section 3 provides that this instrument has authority under section 58H of the *Defence Act 1903*.

Section 4 provides that each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

Schedule 1 – Royal Australian Corps of Signals – amendments to the Principal Determination

Section 1 omits and substitutes the table in Schedule B.9 for Warrant Officer Class 1 pay grades, Part 2: Army, pay grade 5. The employment category Battlespace Communications Engineer Grade 1, Tier A has been inserted into the table and Communications systems Engineer Grade 1 Tier A has been removed from the table.

Section 2 omits and substitutes the table in Schedule B.9 for Warrant Officer Class 1 pay grades, Part 2: Army, pay grade 6. The employment category Battlespace Communications Engineer Grade 2 Tier A and Telecommunications Network Engineer Tier A have been inserted into the table. Communications systems Engineer Grade 2 Tier A and Telecommunications systems Engineer Tier A have been removed from the table.

Section 3 omits and substitutes the table in Schedule B.9 for Warrant Officer Class 1 pay grades, Part 2: Army, pay grade 7. Battlespace Communications Engineer Grade 2 Tier B and Telecommunications Network Engineer Tier B have been inserted into the table. Communications systems Engineer Grade 2 Tier B and Telecommunications systems Engineer Tier B have been removed from the table.

Section 4 omits and substitutes the table in Schedule B.11 for Other rank pay grades, Part 2: Army, pay grade 1. Battlespace Communications Specialist Grade 1 has been inserted into the table. Combat Signaller Grades 1 and 2 and Communications Systems Operator Grade 1 have been removed from the table.

Section 5 omits and substitutes the table in Schedule B.11 for Other rank pay grades, Part 2: Army, pay grade 2. Battlespace Communications Specialist Grade 2, Information Systems Technician Grade 2 and Telecommunications Network Signaller Grade 1 have been inserted into the table. Communications Systems Operator Grade 2 and Telecommunications Systems Linesman Grades 1 and 2 have been removed from the table.

Section 6 omits and substitutes the table in Schedule B.11 for Other rank pay grades, Part 2: Army, pay grade 3. Battlespace Communications Specialist Grades 3 and 4, Information Systems Technician Grades 3 and 5 and Telecommunications Network Signaller Grade 2 have been inserted into the table. Communications Systems Advance Operator Grade 1, Communications Systems Operator Grade 3, Telecommunications Systems Bearer Technician and Telecommunications Systems Switch Technician have been removed from the table.

Section 7 omits and substitutes the table in Schedule B.11 for Other rank pay grades, Part 2: Army, pay grade 4. Battlespace Communications Specialist Grade 5, Battlespace Communications Specialist Detachment Commander Grade 1, Battlespace Communications Specialist Supervisor Grade 1, Information Systems Team Leader, Information Systems Technician Grade 6, Telecommunications Network Detachment Commander and Telecommunications Network Signaller have been inserted into the table. Communications Systems Advanced Operator Grade 2, Communications systems Detachment Commander Grade 1, Communications Systems Supervisor Grade 1, information Systems Advanced Technician, Telecommunications Systems Bearer Team Leader, Telecommunications Systems Switch Team Leader and Telecommunications Systems Technician have been removed from the table.

Section 8 omits and substitutes the table in Schedule B.11 for Other rank pay grades, Part 2: Army, pay grade 5. Battlespace Communications Manager Grade 1, Battlespace Communications Specialist Detachment Commander Grade 2, Battlespace Communications Specialist Supervisor Grades 2 and 3, Telecommunications Network Supervisor and Telecommunications Network Team Leader have been inserted into the table. Communications Systems Detachment Commander Grade 2, Communications Systems Manager Grade 1, Communications Systems Supervisor Grade 2, Telecommunications Systems Supervisor and Telecommunications Systems Team Leader have been removed from the table.

Section 9 omits and substitutes the table in Schedule B.11 for Other rank pay grades, Part 2: Army, pay grade 6. Battlespace Communications Manager Grade 2, Telecommunications Network Manager and Telecommunications Network Planner have been inserted into the table. Assistant Manager Electronic Warfare, Assistant Manager Telecommunication Systems, Communications Systems Manager Grade 2, Manager Telecommunication Systems and Telecommunications Systems Manager have been removed from the table.

Authority: Section 58H of the
Defence Act 1903