

THE HOME GUARD ACT

(Of 17 July 1953 with subsequent amendments up to 31 December 1991)

Supplementary provisions

(Laid down by Royal Decree of 19 December 1980)

The supplementary provisions entered into force on 1 January 1982 and replaced all provisions previously issued.

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CHAPTER I
BASIC PROVISIONS

§ 1

The Home Guard forms part of the Armed Forces (in this Act termed the Defence Establishment). It is primarily intended to participate in the defence of its home territory.

§ 2

The organization of the Home Guard and its role in the Defence Establishment will be prescribed by the King with the approval of the Storting.

With a view to collaboration with the civilian population, the King may, with the approval of the Storting, establish any necessary councils and committees. The King will lay down rules for their activities.

RULES FOR THE COUNCIL, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES
OF THE HOME GUARD

(Section 2 of the Act)

1. Scope

These rules include provisions relating to the establishment and activities of

- The National Home Guard Council
- The District Home Guard Advisory Boards
- The Local Area Home Guard Advisory Boards
- The Local Area Home Guard Advisory Boards (or Representative) of small units
- The Municipal Home Guard Committees.

2. The form of the rules

The following rules have been laid down for the council, boards and committees of the Home Guard:

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- A. Rules for the National Home Guard Council
- B. Rules for the District Home Guard Advisory Boards
- C. Rules for the Local Area Home Guard Advisory Boards
- D. Rules for the Local Area Home Guard Advisory Boards (or Representative) of small units
- E. Rules for the Municipal Home Guard Committees
- F. General rules for the council, boards and committees of the Home Guard.

3. Authority to amend the rules

The Inspector General of the Home Guard may make minor amendments to these rules and issue additional rules provided that a two-thirds majority of the National Home Guard Council consents thereto. If the National Home Guard Council does not give its consent, the Inspector General of the Home Guard may submit the proposals to the Ministry of Defence for a decision.

The Inspector General of the Home Guard may try out rules other than those set out here if a majority of the National Home Guard Council gives its consent to the rules for such trials.

A. RULES FOR THE NATIONAL HOME GUARD COUNCIL

1. Members

- a. One member from each of the following organizations:
 - The National Rifle Association of Norway
 - The Norwegian Federation of Trade Unions
 - The Norwegian Farmers' Union
 - The Norwegian Fishermen's Association
 - The Norwegian Federation of Sports
 - The Norwegian Women's Voluntary Defence League
 - The Norwegian Red Cross

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- The Norwegian Smallholders' Union
 - The Norwegian People's Relief Association
 - The Norwegian Women's Public Health Association
 - The Directorate for Civil Defence and Emergency Training
 - The Sami Reindeer Herders' Association in Norway
 - The Confederation of Norwegian Business and Industry
- b. Two members from:
- The State Youth Council
- c. The procedure for appointment of the members of the civilian organizations is for the Inspector General of the Home Guard to notify the organizations, which in turn will submit their proposals for members to the Inspector General. The Inspector General will submit all the proposals to the Ministry of Defence, which will make the appointments.
- d. One member elected from each of the District Advisory Boards.
- e. The chairman and deputy chairman will be appointed among the members of the Council by the Ministry of Defence.
- f. The Council has a permanent Secretary General who forms part of the Home Guard Staff.

2. The tasks of the Council

- a. The Council shall provide assistance in the form of statements, proposals and advice on all important issues of relevance to the Home Guard.

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- b. In particular, the Council shall promote cooperation between the Home Guard and the civilian community.
- c. The Council shall submit an opinion in connection with the appointment or posting of a new Inspector General of the Home Guard.
- d. The Council will elect a member who together with the chairman and deputy chairman will constitute a working group. The council will also elect a deputy for this member.
- e. The working group shall submit an opinion in connection with the appointment of a Secretary General.

3. The responsibilities of the Inspector General of the Home Guard vis-à-vis the Council.

- a. At least once a year, the Inspector General shall report on the activities of the Home Guard to the Council. He shall keep the Council informed on matters of importance to the Home Guard.
- b. The Inspector General has a duty to attend meetings of the Council or its working group (but is not entitled to vote).
- c. Moreover, the Inspector General of the Home Guard shall provide the Council with any assistance necessary to ensure that it is able to carry out its tasks in a satisfactory manner.

4. Other participants at meetings.

The following persons may also attend Council meetings (but are not entitled to vote):

- a. Personnel from the Home Guard Staff if the Inspector General or the Council so requests.

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- b. Other persons whom the Council requests to be present.

B. INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD

1. Members.

- a. One member from each of the following organizations:

- The National Rifle Association of Norway
- The National Federation of Trade Unions
- The Norwegian Farmers' Union
- The Norwegian Fishermen's Association
- The Norwegian Federation of Sports
- The Norwegian Women's Voluntary Defence League
- The Norwegian Red Cross
- The Norwegian Smallholders' Union
- The Norwegian People's Relief Association
- The Norwegian Women's Public Health Association
- The Directorate for Civil Defence and Emergency Training
- The Sami Reindeer Herders' Association in Norway
- The Confederation of Norwegian Business and Industry

The procedure for appointment of the above members is for the National Home Guard Council to notify the main offices of the various organizations. The organizations will ensure that members are appointed and notify the National Home Guard Council of this: the Council will in turn notify the HG Districts and the chairmen of the District Advisory Boards.

If an HG District comprises all or part of several counties, the District Advisory Board in question may, with a two-thirds majority, decide that one or more organizations are to have two representatives on the Board.

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- b. One member from each Home Guard Sub-District (HG Sub-District) elected by and among the chairmen of the HG Sub-District's Local Area Advisory Boards and the representative of the Sub-District Staff. The Sub-District Commander will convene a meeting at which this member is elected.
- c. One member from the Naval Home Guard (NHG) elected by and among the chairmen of the Local Area Advisory Boards of the HG District's NHG Local Areas. The representative of the NHG Sub-District Staff shall participate in the election if the Staff is stationed within the HG District. The NHG Sub-District Commander/Local Area Commander will convene a meeting at which this member is elected.
- d. One member from the Anti-Aircraft Home Guard (AAHG) elected by and among the chairmen of the Local Area Advisory Boards of the HG District's AAHG Local Areas. The representative of the AAHG Sub-District Staff (AAHG Battalion Staff) shall participate in the election if the Staff is stationed within the HG District. The AAHG Sub-District Commander (the AAHG Battalion Commander) will convene a meeting at which this member is elected.
- e. One member elected by and among the HG District's youth leaders. The District Commander will convene a meeting at which this member is elected.
- f. The members (deputy members) of the Advisory Board must as a general rule be resident within the HG District.

2. The tasks of the Advisory Board

- a. The Advisory Board shall provide assistance in the form of statements, proposals and advice on all important issues of relevance to the Home Guard within the HG District in question.

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- b. In particular, the Advisory Board shall promote cooperation between the Home Guard and the civilian community.
- c. If a matter is of fundamental importance, or if it concerns several HG Districts or the Home Guard as a whole, the Advisory Board shall submit the matter to the National Home Guard Council.
- d. The Advisory Board itself will elect its chairman, deputy chairman and secretary. These will constitute the working group of the Advisory Board. In addition, the District's representative on the National Home Guard Council will attend meetings of the working group if he is not elected to one of the above-mentioned positions. The Advisory Board will also elect a deputy member to the working group.
- e. The working group of the Advisory Board shall submit a statement in connection with the appointment or posting of a new District Commander.
- f. The Advisory Board will elect one member and a deputy member to the National Home Guard Council among those chairmen of Local Area Advisory Boards who represent the HG Sub-Districts in the District Council.

3. The responsibilities of the District Commander vis-à-vis the Advisory Board

- a. The District Commander will notify the Chairman of the District Advisory Board as to who has been elected as the representative of the HG personnel on the Advisory Board.
- b. At least once a year, the District Commander shall report in writing to the Advisory Board on the activities of the Home Guard in his District.

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He shall either in writing or verbally keep the Advisory Board informed on matters of importance to the Home Guard in the District.

- c. The District Commander has a duty to attend meetings of the Advisory Board or its working group (but is not entitled to vote).
- d. Moreover, the District Commander and his Staff shall provide the Advisory Board with any assistance necessary to ensure that it is able to carry out its tasks in a satisfactory manner.

4. Other participants at meetings

- a. Personnel from the District Staff may attend the Board's meetings when the District Commander or the Advisory Board so requests (but are not entitled to vote).
- b. The following persons may attend the Advisory Board's meetings, but are not entitled to vote:
 - The Inspector General of the Home Guard or his representative
 - One member of the working group of the National Home Guard Council or its Secretary General
 - The immediate operational superiors in the respective services who will command the HG District's units in the event of war may attend meetings themselves or appoint representatives.
 - Sub-District Commanders. The Sub-District Commander of the Naval Home Guard may attend meetings of several District Advisory Boards if he commands units in the corresponding HG Districts.
 - One Local Area Commander from each Sub-District

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- Other persons whom the Board requests to be present.

5. Sub-District meetings

If special circumstances so require, the chairmen of the Local Area Advisory Boards within one HG Sub-District may hold joint meetings. Such meetings may be held to deal with matters concerning several Local Areas within the Sub-District. The Local Area Advisory Board Chairman who represents the Sub-District in the District Advisory Board will convene and chair the meeting. The Sub-District Commander has a duty to attend such meetings, but is not entitled to vote.

C. RULES FOR LOCAL AREA ADVISORY BOARDS

1. Members

- a. A Local Area Advisory Board shall have at least three and no more than 10 members. The size of the Home Guard Local Area and the number of units in the Local Area shall be used as a guideline for determining the number of members. The number of members will be determined by the personnel of the Local Area in consultation with the Local Area Commander.
- b. The members of the Local Area Advisory Board shall be elected by and among the personnel of the Local Area when they have been called up for service.

2. The tasks of the Local Area Advisory Board

- a. The Advisory Board shall provide assistance in the form of statements, proposals and advice on all important issues of relevance to the Home Guard in the Local Area.
The Advisory Board shall provide such assistance to Local Area personnel, the Local Area Commander, the Sub-District

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Commander, the Municipal Home Guard Committee, the District Advisory Board and the District Commander when requested, or when the Advisory Board considers it necessary.

b. The Advisory Board will elect a chairman, deputy chairman and secretary among its members. These will constitute the working group of the Local Area Advisory Board. A deputy member will also be elected to the working group.

c. The main tasks of the working group are to:

- ensure that the Local Area has an adequate number of qualified officers and specialists and express an opinion in connection with the selection of trainees and postings or appointments within the Local Area.

- discuss the form of any disciplinary action and express its opinion on the question of guilt in disciplinary cases which the Local Area Commander submits to the working group. If such cases are submitted to a higher authority, the working group's statement shall be enclosed.

- in cooperation with the Local Area Commander, submit proposals, with grounds, to the Municipal Home Guard Committee in cases involving the dismissal of personnel from the Local Area pursuant to sections 4, 5 and 6 of the Act.

Decisions on such matters shall be recorded in a separate minute book which only the Local Area Commander and the Municipal Home Guard Committee are entitled to see.

3. The responsibilities of the Local Area Commander vis-à-vis the Local Area Advisory Board.

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- a. The Local Area Commander shall call together the personnel of the Local Area when they have been called up for service to enable them to elect members of the Local Area Advisory Board.
- b. As soon as the Local Area Advisory Board has been elected, he shall convene a first meeting at which he will provide information on the tasks of the Advisory Board. He shall without delay notify the District Commander and the Sub-District Commander of who has been elected.
- c. He shall either in writing or verbally keep the Local Area Advisory Board or its chairman informed on important issues of relevance to the Local Area.
- d. As a general rule, he shall consult the working group in all disciplinary cases before coming to a decision. If special circumstances make it necessary to come to a decision without consulting the working group, he shall inform the working group about the case at the first possible opportunity.
- e. Furthermore, the Local Area Commander and his Staff shall provide the Local Area Advisory Board with any assistance necessary to ensure that it is able to carry out its tasks in a satisfactory manner.

4. Other participants at meetings

The Local Area Commander has a duty to attend meetings of the Local Area Advisory Board and its working group, but is not entitled to vote.

Other personnel within the Local Area may also attend such meetings, without being entitled to vote, if both the Advisory Board or its working group and the Local Area Commander agree that they may be present.

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D. RULES FOR LOCAL AREA ADVISORY BOARDS (OR REPRESENTATIVES) OF SMALL UNITS

Representatives shall be elected in Sub-District Staffs and special units which do not form part of Home Guard Local Areas.

1. Members

One or two Representatives, or an Advisory Board consisting of the same number of members as that stipulated for the Local Area Advisory Board, may be elected. The personnel of the unit shall take a decision on this when they have been called up for service. The decision shall be taken in consultation with the military commander or leader in question.

2. The tasks of the Advisory Board (or Representative)

The instructions for the Local Area Advisory Board shall be followed insofar as this is expedient and practicable.

The chairman of the Advisory Board (or the Representative) of the Sub-District Staff shall participate in the election of the Sub-District's Representative to the District Advisory Board in the manner laid down in "Rules for the District Advisory Board".

3. The responsibilities of the military commander or leader vis-à-vis the Advisory Board (or Representative)

The military commander or the leader in question will comply with the provisions that apply to the Local Area Commander as set out in "Rules for the Local Area Advisory Board" insofar as this is expedient and practicable.

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E. RULES FOR MUNICIPAL HOME GUARD COMMITTEES

In each municipality, there shall be a Municipal Home Guard Committee with advisory powers. Several Municipal Committees shall be established in a municipality if the Municipal Council so decides at the request of the District Commander.

1. Members

- a. The Municipal Committee shall include the following members:
 - Two members appointed by the Municipal Council
 - One member from the local police authority
- b. The Municipal Committee will elect a chairman and secretary among its members.

2. The tasks of the Municipal Committee

- a. The Municipal Committee represents the civilian authorities of the municipality and shall promote cooperation between these and the Home Guard Local Areas of the municipality.
- b. The Municipal Committee may submit an opinion on matters of particular importance to the Home Guard when it considers this to be necessary.
- c. In particular, the Municipal Committee shall deal with those personnel matters for which provisions have been laid down pursuant to section 4, 5 and 6 of the Home Guard Act. The Local Area Commander in question shall take part when such cases are to be considered.
- d. When a Local Area Commander is to be appointed, the Municipal Committee shall submit an opinion on the applicants. If there

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are several Municipal Committees in the Home Guard Local Area, the Municipal Committee for the area where the applicant is resident shall submit an opinion.

- e. A minute book shall be kept in which the decisions made by the Municipal Committee are recorded. The contents of the minute book shall only be made available to those who require the information in the course of their duties. Outside meetings of the Municipal Committee, the minute book shall as a general rule be kept by the police representative.

3. The responsibilities of the Local Area Commander vis-à-vis the Municipal Home Guard Committees

The Local Area Commander shall attend meetings of the Municipal Committee in an advisory capacity when the Municipal Committee considers such matters as specified in item 2c above. He shall also participate when specially requested by the Municipal Committee.

The Local Area Commander shall keep the Municipal Committee informed on important issues concerning the work of the Municipal Committee.

F. GENERAL RULES FOR THE COUNCIL, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES OF THE HOME GUARD

1. Election (appointment) of members and deputy members

- a. If a member (deputy member) dies or is relieved of his duties, a new member (deputy member) shall be elected (appointed) at the first possible opportunity.
- b. If a chairman dies or is relieved of his duties, a new chairman shall be elected (appointed) at the first possible opportunity.

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- c. A member (deputy member) shall be relieved of his duties immediately if he ceases to serve in the Home Guard unit or organization for which he was elected as a representative.

2. Terms of office

All members and deputy members shall be elected (appointed) for a period of four calendar years at a time. They shall serve until a new election (appointment) has taken place, even if their term of office has expired.

3. Restrictions on the tasks of the Council, boards and committees

The Council or a board or committee may not deal with a matter if this is in contravention of the military security instructions.

4. Tasks of the working groups

- a. If the Council or a board or committee has appointed a working group, it shall consider routine matters and any matters which the full Council, board or committee has authorized it to consider.
- b. The working group will notify the appropriate council, board or committee of its decisions at the first possible opportunity.

5. The tasks of the chairman

- a. The chairman will convene meetings as frequently as required, when at least one third of the members so request, or when the military commander whose duty it is to attend the meetings of the council or the board so requests.

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- b. The chairman will make the decisions of the council, board or committee known to the authority or person to which or whom the decisions are addressed.
- c. The chairman will preside at the meetings.

6. Decisions

- a. A quorum of the Council, a board or a committee is present when half the members are present during voting and the meeting was called within the time limit and in the manner laid down by the National Council for each council, board or committee.
- b. Decisions will be made by a simple majority. In the event of an equal division of votes, the chairman will have a casting vote.

7. Minute book and minutes

- a. The Council and each board and committee shall keep a minute book.
- b. If the minutes are not approved at the same meeting, such approval shall be the first item on the agenda of the next meeting.
- c. The National Home Guard Council will determine who is to receive the minutes of meetings of the National Council, the District Advisory Boards, the Local Area Advisory Boards and the Advisory Boards of small units.

8. Expenses

- a. The expenses of the Council, boards and committees shall be covered by the Home Guard budget.

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- b. Members of committees etc. are entitled to an allowance per meeting and travel day corresponding to the Home Guard's course allowance for soldiers without being required to provide documentation.
- c. In the case of meetings and other travel ordered by the Council, board or committee in question, and which take place outside the period of time in which the member is performing compulsory or voluntary HG service, the member is also entitled to an allowance for travel and board expenses on the same conditions as those laid down for public officials in the Defence Establishment.

9. Own funds

- a. The Council, board or committee controls funds and materiél obtained from other sources than the Home Guard budget.
- b. If the Inspector General of the Home Guard considers it appropriate and expedient, funds may also be made available through the Home Guard budget for similar purposes.

§ 3

The Home Guard shall be recruited from persons liable for service and from volunteers. The following are Home Guard servicemen:

- 1. Any person liable for compulsory service in the Home Guard pursuant to section 4.*
- 2. Any person who is accepted as a volunteer in the Home Guard pursuant to section 5.*

§ 4

Pursuant to more detailed provisions laid down by the King, the following are liable for service in the Home Guard:

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1. Any person liable for military service but who it is assumed will not be called up for other military service during peacetime, during mobilization or for some time after mobilization.

2. Any person who is not liable for military service but who is of conscription age or older up to and including the year when he reaches the age of 55, provided that he has been found to be fit for service in the Home Guard and is not or would not have been exempted from liability for military service on grounds of nationality. Men above conscription age may only be ordered to serve in the Home Guard insofar as the tasks of the Home Guard in the locality in question cannot be carried out by younger persons who are liable for service or by volunteers.

During wartime, men below conscription age are also liable for service in the Home Guard as from the year during which they reach the age of 18, if they meet the conditions set out in the second sentence of the first paragraph above.

LIABILITY FOR SERVICE IN THE HOME GUARD

(Section 4 of the Act)

1. All the categories of persons set out in the Act are liable for service in the Home Guard.
2. If, on transfer to the Home Guard pursuant to section 4 of the Act, legitimate doubt arises as to the fitness of the person in question to be issued with a weapon and equipment to be kept at home, the National Service Administration or the HG District will submit the matter to the Municipal Home Guard Committee for an opinion.

If the Municipal Committee's statement gives grounds for not issuing a weapon and equipment, the National Service Administration will decide that the person shall not be transferred to the Home Guard.

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If the person has already been transferred, the matter will be dealt with as described in item 4 of the supplementary provisions pursuant to section 5 and 6.

§ 5

Men and women who have attained the age of 16 years, including persons who are liable for military service may, insofar as provided by the King, be accepted as volunteers in the Home Guard. However, persons who are liable for military service may not be ordered to serve in the Home Guard during the period when they have been called up for other service in the Defence Establishment. The King will lay down more detailed provisions governing the conditions and procedures for accepting volunteers, and for the termination of service.

§ 6

During the period of time for which they have undertaken to serve, volunteers are subject to the same duties and conditions of service as persons liable for service in the Home Guard. Such restrictions on type, etc, of service as are prescribed by the King with the consent of the Storting are applicable to female volunteers. In the event of war or the threat of war during their period of service, volunteers are obliged, pursuant to further provisions laid down by the King, to continue subject to the same conditions after the end of the agreed period of service and for as long as circumstances so require.

VOLUNTARY SERVICE IN THE HOME GUARD

(Sections 5 and 6 of the Act)

(Laid down by Royal Decree of 8 May 1987 and entered into force on 15 May 1987. The supplementary provisions of 19 December 1980 have been repealed.)

1. Volunteers may be accepted as HG serviceman from 1 January in the year they reach the age of 19. They may be accepted as HG youths from

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the date on which they reach the age of 17 until the date on which they reach the age of 21, and as trainees from the date on which they reach the age of 16 until the date on which they reach the age of 17.

2. Any person who wishes to serve in the Home Guard as a volunteer must submit an application on the prescribed form, which may be obtained from the Local Area Commander.

A written statement from the parents or other authorized persons must be enclosed with an application for admission to the HG Youth trainees. The District Commander may issue further guidelines on the means whereby the Local Area Commander shall keep the District informed. The Local Area Commander will forward the application to the Municipal HG Committee, which will recommend its approval or rejection, cf the instructions for the Municipal Home Guard Committees.

If the Local Area Commander agrees with the recommendation, the matter is settled. If not, the recommendation and the comments of the Local Area Commander will be sent to the District Commander; he will in turn submit the papers to the Inspector General of the Home Guard for a final decision.

3. Applicants who are rejected will receive written notice of this. Applicants who are accepted will be called up to the Local Area for registration. At the same time, an agreement for service in the Home Guard will be signed.

The agreement applies to one mobilization term at a time, and will be automatically renewed if neither of the parties gives notice of its termination by 1 October prior to the expiry of the term.

4. If HG personnel prove themselves unworthy of or unfit for service in the Home Guard, the Local Area Commander and the Local Area working

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group may propose that the agreement be terminated with immediate effect.

The matter will then be submitted to the Municipal Home Guard Committee. If the committee agrees to the proposal, the matter is settled. The proposal of the Local Area Commander and the working group and the statement by the Municipal Committee must be unanimous. Otherwise, the case will be submitted to the District Commander, who will in turn submit it to the Inspector General of the Home Guard for a final decision.

5. Voluntary HG personnel who pursuant to a statute or other official provision are already liable for service in (called up by) the Civil Defence, the police or another civilian emergency preparedness institutions, may not be assigned to any form of service in the Home Guard that will prevent them from carrying out their duties in the said institutions.
6. Young people who are accepted as HG Youth trainees shall be subject to the same rules as persons who have reached the age of 17 and been accepted for the HG Youth, but with the following restrictions:
 - The training programme shall include non-combatant disciplines such as physical training, medical service, communications, outdoor training and information on the Home Guard.
 - Trainees shall not receive training in the use of military weapons, with the exception of fine calibre weapons, calibre 22.
 - Trainees shall be issued with working and exercise clothing, but shall not be issued with regular military uniforms.
7. The Home Guard Youth shall not be employed in mobilization forces or assigned to mobilization operations of any kind.

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8. Subject to the restrictions above, the Inspector General of the Home Guard will lay down separate provisions relating to conditions of service for the Home Guard Youths and trainees respectively.

§ 7

The King will issue provisions relating to examinations and tests for the assessment of fitness for service and for classification according to proficiency categories in the Home Guard.

**PROVISIONS RELATING TO EXAMINATIONS AND TESTS FOR THE
ASSESSMENT OF FITNESS FOR SERVICE AND FOR CLASSIFICATION
ACCORDING TO PROFICIENCY CATEGORIES IN THE HOME GUARD**

(Section 7 of the Act)

1. Before any person is called up for service in the Home Guard, he shall have undergone a medical examination and have been assessed as fit for service in the Home Guard. A person who volunteers for service in the Home Guard and who does not meet the normal requirements for fitness for service may nevertheless be accepted for such Home Guard service as he is able to perform. In case of doubt, the case will be submitted to the Inspector General of the Home Guard.
2. Examinations and tests for the assessment of fitness for service will be held in accordance with the guidelines applicable to other persons liable for compulsory military service.

§ 8

Any Home Guard serviceman is obliged to accept the appointment in the Home Guard to which he has been posted or detailed, and to carry out the duties to which he has been assigned. However, no person may against his will be posted to an appointment or duties which according to the regulations in

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force at any time carry a lower rank than the one he holds, unless special circumstances during wartime so require.

Any Home Guard serviceman is obliged to accept a higher rank and to undergo any necessary training. Unless the rank is temporary or has been conferred for a specific assignment, he may only be deprived of it if he has proved himself unfit or unworthy to hold it.

CHAPTER II LIABILITY FOR SERVICE

§ 9

The duration of peacetime service for the various categories and age groups of Home Guard servicemen will be determined by the Storting.

§ 10

Service in the Home Guard during peacetime shall normally take place outside normal working hours. Exceptions may be made when joint exercises with other branches of the Defence Establishment or other special exercises so require. The King will issue more detailed provisions for such service, and will determine which authorities may give orders for such service.

The King may also prescribe that ordinary service in the Home Guard may be wholly or partly organized in the form of continuous periods of service, if great distances, poor communications, specific working conditions or other special circumstances so require.

HOME GUARD SERVICE IN PEACETIME

(Section 10 of the Act)

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1. Orders for joint exercises with other units pursuant to the first paragraph of section 10 will be given after consultation with the HG District Commander in question and his operational commander (Defence District Commander/Land District Commander, Naval Defence District Commander, Air Station Commander) so that joint exercises are not incompatible with normal service in the Home Guard.
2. The District Commander may issue orders for service in the Home Guard to be wholly or partly organized in the form of continuous periods of service, cf the supplementary provisions pursuant to section 23, subsection 2.
3. In the event of orders for such service as mentioned in items 1 and 2, particular regard shall be had for minimizing the detrimental effects on the civilian sector.

§ 11

Home Guard servicemen of conscription age who for mobilization purposes have been detailed to a unit that holds peacetime exercises requiring periods of continuous absence from home and work may, in addition to ordinary Home Guard service pursuant to section 10, be ordered to perform continuous periods of service of such duration as the Storting determines.

§ 12¹

For persons of conscription age who are liable for service in the Home Guard, the Storting may, for the purpose of training officers or

¹ The Ministry of Defence has established that a supplementary period of service pursuant to section 12 is not to be registered as part of the duration of normal service. Posting for such service is thus not affected by the upper limit for the maximum total duration of service determined by the Storting every year.

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specialists, prescribe a supplement to the normal peacetime period of service of up to 14 days, or a corresponding number of hours, during each three-year period of a serviceman's compulsory term of service in the Home Guard.

§ 13

In addition to compulsory service pursuant to section 9-12, Home Guard servicemen may be assigned to duties with the aim of preventing or limiting the effects of natural disasters or serious accidents. The King will determine who may request assistance, who may decide whether assistance shall be given and who is to bear the expenses.

DUTIES WITH THE AIM OF PREVENTING OR LIMITING

THE EFFECTS OF NATURAL DISASTERS

OR SERIOUS ACCIDENTS

(Section 13 of the Act)

1. A written or verbal request for assistance, with grounds, shall be made through the chief of police or the lensman. The request shall be addressed to the Commander of the Home Guard District in question, or to the HG Local Area Commander where there is a risk of an accident or an accident has occurred.
2. The Home Guard District Commander has the authority to decide whether assistance shall be given. If immediate help is needed, the HG Local Area Commander for the locality in question may however make such a decision himself. In such cases, the HG Local Area Commander will notify the HG District Commander immediately.
3. A Home Guard unit which is ordered to participate in a relief operation, etc, is under the command of the authority responsible for running the relief operation, as a general rule the police (lensman), for as long as this continues. However, for practical reasons the

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unit's officers shall have direct command unless otherwise required by special circumstances.

4. Expenses incurred by Home Guard units as a result of such duties shall in the first instance be met by the HG District in question. A report specifying the expenses shall in each case be submitted to the Ministry of Defence through the Inspector General of the Home Guard. Insofar as there are special provisions relating to the payment of such expenses, they shall be refunded accordingly. Otherwise, the Ministry of Defence will decide in each case whether an application for a refund of expenses shall be made and if so to whom.

§ 14

In the event of war or the threat of war, Home Guard servicemen may, subject to further provisions issued by the King, be ordered to serve continuously for as long as circumstances so require. During such service, the duties of Home Guard servicemen correspond to those of conscripts called up by the Defence Establishment.

§ 15

In order to provide immediate reinforcements for a unit of the Defence Establishment or the like that is not part of the Home Guard during its establishment on mobilization or during wartime, Home Guard servicemen of conscription age who have been trained for special appointments or duties are obliged, on being so ordered, to join and serve in the unit until they can be relieved. The King will issue further regulations for such service, and will determine which authorities may give orders for such service.*

CONTINUOUS SERVICE BY HOME GUARD SERVICEMEN IN THE EVENT OF WAR OR THE THREAT OF WAR AND THEIR DUTY TO SERVE IN ANOTHER UNIT

(Sections 14 and 15 of the Act)

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1. In the event of war or the threat of war, HG servicemen may be ordered to serve continuously according to decisions made by the following commanders:

The Norwegian Army:	Commander of Defence
	District/ Land Defence
The Royal Norwegian Navy:	Commander of Naval District
The Royal Norwegian Air Force:	Commander of Air Station

2. Continuous service shall not be of longer duration than necessary. The commanders specified in item 1 above have a duty to inform those commanders who are in direct command of the guidelines for granting leave to HG forces and to ensure that the numbers of HG servicemen serving at any time correspond to reasonable requirements.

Home Guard servicemen who are granted leave shall be ready to report at short notice (alarm plan) and shall keep their uniform and equipment at hand when they are at their civilian place of employment, cf the supplementary provisions pursuant to section 25.

3. The Local Area Commander shall ensure that those assignments which must be carried out during temporary leave as set out in item 2 above are to a reasonable extent shared among all Home Guard servicemen. However, HG personnel who have received special training may if necessary be ordered to remain on duty even if their unit is granted leave.
4. Orders for service outside the Home Guard shall if possible be limited to the district of command in question, cf. item 1 above. Servicemen shall be transferred back to the Home Guard as soon as possible.

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Service during wartime or in connection with emergency preparedness or as a result of natural disasters or accidents shall be shared as evenly as possible among the Home Guard servicemen available for such service.

§ 17

As part of the Home Guard training, Home Guard servicemen may, during the period of compulsory service, be ordered to serve in other branches of the Defence Establishment.

Home Guard servicemen are obliged to serve with a Home Guard unit where they are resident even if they belong to a different unit.

The King will issue further regulations for service pursuant to this section.

AUTHORITY TO ORDER HOME GUARD SERVICEMEN TO SERVE IN OTHER BRANCHES OF THE DEFENCE ESTABLISHMENT

(Section 17 of the Act)

1. For the purpose of training officers or specialists, a Home Guard serviceman may be ordered by the General Inspector of the Home Guard to follow courses in other branches of the Defence Establishment.
2. In the event of a temporary change of residence or absence of such long duration that he cannot perform compulsory service at his place of residence, a Home Guard serviceman is obliged to serve in a Home Guard unit in the area in which he is resident in peacetime, during emergency preparedness or on mobilization.
3. In the event of such absence as mentioned in item 2 above, a Home Guard serviceman is obliged to report his change of address (cf. section 24 of the Act) to the Local Area Commander for the area where he is resident.

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4. In the event of a temporary change of residence or such absence as mentioned in item 2 above, a Home Guard serviceman shall via the HG District be ordered to serve in the Local Area where he takes up residence.

After receiving orders from the HG District, a HG serviceman is obliged to report for service to the Local Area Commander where he is resident.

When a serviceman moves back again, he shall likewise be transferred back to his original HG Local Area.

§ 18

Officers and other military personnel who as a result of previous service in the Defence Establishment receive a pension or reduced pay or are entitled to a deferred pension, and who therefore, pursuant to the Compulsory National Service Act, are liable for service during wartime or peacetime in other branches of the Defence Establishment, are correspondingly liable for service in the Home Guard.

§ 19

A Home Guard serviceman who as a result of illness, injury, absence or negligence has not received adequate training may, pursuant to further provisions issued by the King, be ordered to complete the necessary additional service period.

Any person liable for service in the Home Guard who has been absent without leave may, pursuant to further provisions issued by the King, be ordered to compensate for his absence even if he has received adequate training.

**RULES CONCERNING ADDITIONAL SERVICE FOR HOME GUARD PERSONNEL
WHO AS A RESULT OF ILLNESS, INJURY, ABSENCE OR
NEGLIGENCE HAVE NOT RECEIVED ADEQUATE TRAINING**

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(Section 19 of the Act)

1. An additional period of service shall be required in the case of absence from compulsory service through no fault of the HG serviceman as a result of illness, injury or other reasons insofar as this is necessary to ensure that HG servicemen are adequately trained for service in the event of mobilization.

The additional period of service required shall not exceed the number of hours/days of absence.

If a serviceman has been absent for most of one or more years of exercise, and such absence will make it impossible for him to complete the necessary additional service in his spare time or during continuous periods of exercise in the exercise year in which the absence comes to an end, the HG District Commander may decide that the requirement for an additional period of service will be wholly or partly waived.

2. In the case of absence without leave (including time in custody), an additional period of service corresponding to the number of hours/days of absence shall be required.
3. No additional period of service shall be required in the case of absence as a result of service pursuant to section 13, cf section 16, of the Act.
4. Orders for additional service in accordance with item 1 above will be given by the HG District Commander on the basis of proposals by the Local Area Commander. The HG serviceman in question may appeal the decision to the General Inspector of the Home Guard.
5. Decisions concerning additional service on grounds of negligence will be made by the Director General of the National Service Administration. The duration of such additional service will be

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determined in consultation with the National Service Administration and the Inspector General of the Home Guard.

The duration of additional service on grounds of negligence may under no circumstances exceed the number of hours/days corresponding to the entire prescribed annual exercise period.

Additional service may not be ordered on grounds of negligence during service pursuant to section 13, cf section 16, of the Act.

Additional service on grounds of negligence may be ordered either separately or in conjunction with an additional period of service in accordance with item 1 and 2 above.

6. Any period of additional service required shall be completed as soon as possible and preferably in the same exercise year.

Insofar as it is not practicable or expedient for exercise purposes to arrange additional service in leisure hours, orders may be given for an additional period of continuous service pursuant to the second paragraph of section 10 of the Act and the supplementary provisions issued pursuant thereto.

§ 20

The King will lay down regulations for call-up procedures.

CALL-UP PROCEDURES

(Section 20 of the Act)

1. As far as possible, at least 8 days' notice, and no less than 2 days' notice, shall be given of call-up for service outside normal working hours unless shorter notice is required for the purposes of the exercise. The orders shall be given in writing or verbally and shall

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state when and where to report and the expected duration of the exercise.

2. At least one month's notice shall be given of call-up for continuous periods of exercise and courses. A stamped envelope, a reply postcard or the return postage shall be enclosed with the call-up notice.

The call-up notice shall be accompanied by any necessary information on mode of transport, equipment, where and when to report, the duration of the exercise (course), etc.

3. A serviceman who is called up may not fail to report even if he is given shorter notice of the call-up than that set out in item 2 above.

§ 21

The King may prescribe that Home Guard servicemen in civilian positions or occupations of national importance or of importance to the overall defence of the realm shall be exempted from Home Guard service in wartime which is not compatible with their civilian duties.

The King may also determine that Home Guard servicemen as specified in the first paragraph shall be wholly or partly exempted from service in peacetime.

§ 22

The King will determine the extent to which a Home Guard serviceman may be granted deferment of service in peacetime if public interest so requires or important welfare considerations so indicate.

DEFERMENT OF HG SERVICE IN PEACETIME

(Section 22 of the Act)

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1. Deferment of HG service in peacetime may be granted:
 - a. When official assignments or posts make HG service difficult.
 - b. On grounds of welfare (studies, education, illness in the family etc.).
 - c. In special cases where HG service would result in substantial financial losses for the person in question.
 - d. If a substantial proportion of those liable for service in one enterprise are called up at the same time, an assessment shall be made that as far as possible takes into consideration the type of work, e.g. whether certain specialist qualifications are required and whether several persons from the same specialist category have been called up at the same time.
2. Home Guard servicemen who have not completed HG service because they have been granted deferment are obliged to compensate for this as set out in the supplementary provisions pursuant to section 19.
3. The Local Area Commander (Sub-District Commander) in question will make decisions on applications for deferment. In cases where the Local Area Commander (Sub-District Commander) is in doubt, and otherwise when the HG District Commander so decides, the application shall be forwarded to the HG District for a decision. The appeals authority is the Inspector General of the Home Guard and in the final instance the Director General of the National Service Administration.
4. Applications for deferment of service shall include sufficient grounds and proper documentation. It shall be established that it will be more convenient to complete service in the Home Guard at a later date.

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§ 23

The King will issue provisions relating to the registration of periods of service in the Home Guard as ordinary or extraordinary military service when a person liable for military service who has been put at the disposal of the Home Guard is transferred back for other duties.

REGISTRATION OF SERVICE IN THE HOME GUARD

(Section 23 of the Act)

1. If persons liable for military service who have been put at the disposal of the Home Guard are transferred to other duties, compulsory Home Guard service shall be registered as ordinary military service.

Voluntary service in the Home Guard shall not be registered as ordinary military service.

2. For calculations of the length of service in the Home Guard, the following definitions/provisions shall be used:

- a. Exercise in leisure hours

Exercise in leisure hours means Home Guard service that takes place outside normal working hours (evening or weekend service) and does not exceed eight hours per call-up. The number of hours worked during such exercises is to be recorded and converted to eight-hour days for calculation of the duration of service.

- b. Continuous periods of exercise

Continuous periods of exercise means periods of HG service exceeding eight hours, up to the maximum stipulated by the

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Starting each year. Periods of continuous exercise should normally include a weekend (Saturday and Sunday) unless other arrangements are necessary for the purposes of the exercise. Thus, a period of continuous exercise will normally also include service during leisure hours.

During such exercises the duration of service shall be calculated on the basis of the number of working days regardless of the actual number of hours worked per day.

CHAPTER III MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

§ 24

The provisions of the Compulsory National Service Act relating to the following matters will apply to the Home Guard to the extent provided by the King:

- a. The duty to report absence, change of residence, emigration, enrolment as seaman in foreign trade, and return to the realm;*
- b. the duty to request permission for travel, emigration and enrolment as seaman in foreign trade;*
- c. the duty to provide information of importance for Home Guard service;*
- d. the duty to undergo medical examinations and other examinations and tests for the assessment of fitness for service and other qualifications for service;*
- e. the duty to acknowledge receipt of call-up notices etc., to ensure that service notices are forwarded, and to give notice of absence from service.*

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**THE DUTY OF HOME GUARD PERSONNEL TO REPORT AND
TO UNDERGO EXAMINATIONS ETC.**

(Section 24 of the Act)

The duties listed above have been made applicable to all Home Guard personnel.

§ 25

In the event of war or the threat of war, Home Guard servicemen are obliged, pursuant to further provisions issued by the King, to be prepared to report at short notice.

**DUTIES IN CONNECTION WITH REPORTING AT SHORT NOTICE IN
THE EVENT OF WAR OR THE THREAT OF WAR**

(Section 25 of the Act)

In the event of war or the threat of war, Home Guard servicemen are obliged to be prepared to report at short notice and to do their utmost.

In the event of war or the threat of war, a Home Guard serviceman shall:

1. Keep his personal weapon, ammunition and equipment that has been issued with him at all times and packed ready for use.
2. Apply for leave before any absence from home or work.
3. During leave or absence, keep his immediate superiors informed of his place of residence and the address where orders and notices will most quickly and reliably reach him.

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4. During leave or absence, report for service without delay immediately he learns that the unit to which he belongs is to be placed on a war footing.
5. Report immediately to the nearest HG unit if he is unable to reach his own unit.

§ 26

Outside periods of service, Home Guard servicemen must keep and maintain their weapons, ammunition and other personal equipment, pursuant to further provisions issued by the King.

**THE DUTY OF HOME GUARD PERSONNEL TO KEEP AND
MAINTAIN WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT ETC**

(Section 26 of the Act)

1. Outside periods of service, a Home Guard serviceman is obliged to keep the weapon, ammunition and other personal equipment which he has been issued in a safe place.
2. He is obliged to inspect and maintain the equipment issued to him so that it is in good condition at all times.
3. In the event that equipment is faulty or damaged and the Home Guard serviceman cannot or shall not rectify this, he is obliged to report this to his immediate superior without delay.
4. When reporting for service, an HG serviceman is obliged if so ordered to bring any equipment issued with him and submit it for inspection and control.

§ 27

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Home guard servicemen are obliged to use their own clothes and footwear while on service. The King, with the consent of the Storting, will determine whether, and to what extent, compensation shall be provided.

§ 28

The King, with the consent of the Storting, will issue regulations for compensation to Home Guard servicemen during service which results in expenses or loss of income.

§ 29

The provisions of the Compulsory National Service Act relating to the duty of public authorities, private institutions and individuals to provide information, make statements, provide documentation etc., and to provide assistance in displaying notices and in call-up procedures and investigations will apply correspondingly to the Home Guard.

§ 30

Volunteers in the Home Guard enjoy the same protection as those doing compulsory service against dismissal from their employment on grounds related to service in the Home Guard.

§ 31

The King will issue provisions relating to registration of Home Guard servicemen, and for transfers from one unit to another.

REGISTRATION OF HOME GUARD SERVICEMEN

(Section 31 of the Act)

Registration of Home Guard servicemen will take place according to the guidelines applicable to the Defence Establishment otherwise.

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The yellow service record is to be kept and updated by the administrative unit.

The white service record is to accompany the person in question, and will be kept and updated by the unit in which he is serving.

The administrative units of the Home Guard are the HG Districts.

Further guidelines will be issued by the Inspector General of the Home Guard.

§ 31a

The provisions of Chapters IV-VI of the Public Administration Act will not apply to cases dealt with pursuant to this Act unless otherwise provided by the King.

CHAPTER IV PENAL PROVISIONS

§ 32

Any person who wilfully or negligently:

- 1. omits or refuses to fulfil any of the duties he is obliged to perform pursuant to section 24 or 25, provides incorrect information on such matters as specified in section 24, litra c), or by misleading conduct or in any other way attempts to obtain an erroneous assessment of his fitness for service;*
- 2. without valid reason fails to attend or arrives too late for a meeting which he has been ordered to attend pursuant to this Act, attends in a state of intoxication, leaves a meeting without*

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permission, or by his conduct obstructs or disturbs the course of the meeting;

3. *contravenes or neglects his duties as regards the safe-keeping of weapons or other equipment which he has been ordered to take care of pursuant to section 26;*

is liable to a fine.

§ 33

Any person who seeks to evade service in the Home Guard by means of such misdemeanour as set out in section 32, subsection 1 or 2, is liable to imprisonment for a term of three months to two years.

Any person who is accessory to such a misdemeanour is liable to the same penalty.

§ 34

Any person who wilfully or negligently fails to provide such information or assistance as set out in section 29 is liable to a fine unless the offence is subject to a more severe penalty.

The provision of the preceding paragraph does not apply to public officials.

CHAPTER V

ENTRY INTO FORCE AND IMPLEMENTATION

§ 35

This Act enters into force on the date prescribed by the King.

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The King may prescribe that persons who became liable to serve in the Home Guard before this Act entered into force shall be exempted from service in the Home Guard if, having regard to the overall defence of the realm, it is found that they should serve in the Police or the Civil Defence instead.

The King will otherwise issue more detailed regulations for the implementation of this Act.