



Uniforms Act 1894

1894 CHAPTER 45 57 and 58 Vict

An Act to regulate and restrict the wearing of Naval and Military Uniforms. [25th August 1894]

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** References to Military Forces and military representation to be construed as including Air Force and air force representation: S.R. & O. 1918/548 (Rev. I, p. 896: 1918 I p. 50), Sch.
- C2** Act amended (women's services) by [Armed Forces Act 1981 \(c. 55, SIF 7:1\)](#), s. 20, [Sch. 3 Pt. I para. 1](#)

1 Short title.

This Act may be cited for all purposes as the Uniforms Act 1894.

2 Military uniforms not to be worn without authority.

- (1) It shall not be lawful for any person not serving in Her Majesty's Military Forces to wear without Her Majesty's permission the uniform of any of those forces, or any dress having the appearance or bearing any of the regimental or other distinctive marks of any such uniform: Provided that this enactment shall not prevent^{F1} any persons from wearing any uniform or dress in the course of a stage play performed in a place duly licensed or authorised for the public performance of stage plays, or in the course of a music hall or circus performance, or in the course of any bona fide military representation.
- (2) If any person contravenes this section he shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding [^{F2}level 3 on the standard scale].

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1908 \(c. 49\)](#)

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Uniforms Act 1894. (See end of Document for details)

F2 Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), **ss. 38, 46** and (S.) [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21, SIF 39:1\)](#), **ss. 289F, 289G** and (N.I.) [S.I. 1984/703 \(N.I. 3\)](#), **arts. 5, 6**

3 Penalty for bringing contempt on uniform.

If any person not serving in Her Majesty’s Naval or Military Forces wears without Her Majesty’s permission the uniform of any of those forces, or any dress having the appearance or bearing any of the regimental or other distinctive marks of any such uniform, in such a manner or under such circumstances as to be likely to bring contempt upon that uniform, or employs any other person so to wear that uniform or dress, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding [^{F3}level 3 on the standard scale], or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month.

Textual Amendments

F3 Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), **ss. 38, 46** and (S.) [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21, SIF 39:1\)](#), **ss. 289F, 289G** and (N.I.) [S.I. 1984/703 \(N.I. 3\)](#), **arts. 5, 6**

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In this Act—

“Her Majesty’s Military Forces” has the same meaning as in the [^{F5}Armed Forces Act 2006];

[^{F6}“Her Majesty’s Naval Forces” does not include any Commonwealth force.]]

Textual Amendments

F4 S. 4 substituted by [Armed Forces Act 1981 \(c. 55, SIF 7:1\)](#), s. 20, **Sch. 3 Pt. II para. 5**

F5 Words in s. 4 substituted (28.3.2009 for specified purposes and 31.10.2009 otherwise) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\)](#), s. 383(2), **Sch. 16 para. 11(a)**; [S.I. 2009/812](#), art. 3(a)(b) (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2009/1059](#)); [S.I. 2009/1167](#), art. 4

F6 Words in s. 4 substituted (28.3.2009 for specified purposes and 31.10.2009 otherwise) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\)](#), s. 383(2), **Sch. 16 para. 11(b)**; [S.I. 2009/812](#), art. 3(a)(b) (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2009/1059](#)); [S.I. 2009/1167](#), art. 4

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Textual Amendments

F7 S. 5 repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1908 \(c. 49\)](#)

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