

Previous Commissioned Service in other Armed Forces of the Crown

(Chapter 6, Section 4, Paragraph 6406): Officers who have previously served full-time in a commissioned rank in any of the other Armed Forces of the Crown, including those of Commonwealth Countries, will normally be allowed to count all such service towards rank and seniority on appointment to an RAF commission. Previous full time commissioned service with the Merchant Navy also counts under these provisions. The conditions of Chapter 1 Section 2 paragraph 1203c apply to all such officers.

(Chapter 1, Section 2, Paragraph 1203c): *Officers with Previous Service.* Other officers with previous reckonable service (commissioned or non-commissioned), as defined in Chapter 6 Section 4 (paragraphs 6401 – 6408), will be required to serve the balance of an 18 year commission, subject to a minimum period of service of 8 consecutive years from the date of re-instatement or re-employment¹. Officers commissioned into the RAF prior to 6 Apr 05 were required to serve the balance of a 16 year commission. The period of 8 years provides such entrants with an appropriate period of productive service in which to become competitive for promotion or considered for further service (assimilation) with their peers.

¹ The balance of the commission is only deducted by previous **commissioned** service.