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118. Captains of Aircraft - Powers of Command .*Sponsor: DAS(AS25)*

- (1) The pilot, or in the case of an aircraft with more than one pilot, the first pilot, is the captain of the aircraft unless some other person is detailed to be captain by the officer authorizing the flight.
- (2) All persons subject to air force law, whatever their rank, while in an aircraft, are to be under the command, as respects all matters relating to the flying or handling of the aircraft or affecting the safety thereof, of the captain of the aircraft, whether the latter is subject to air force law or not.
- (3) Any person subject to air force law, who while in an aircraft disobeys any lawful command of the captain of the aircraft, whether or not the captain is subject to air force law, is liable to punishment for an offence under Section 34 AFA 55 (Disobedience to lawful commands).
- (4) The duties and responsibilities of captains of aircraft are contained in JSP 318 (Military Flying Regulations).

119. Acting Rank.*Sponsor: RAF Employment Policy*

Officers holding the same acting rank are to take precedence among themselves according to the date of appointment to the acting rank. They are, however, to take command and precedence below all officers holding substantive rank corresponding to their acting rank but above all officers holding substantive rank in the rank below. When an officer has relinquished acting rank and is reappointed to such rank at a later date, he will reckon his subsequent seniority from the date of reappointment only. Nothing in this paragraph affects the counting of service in acting rank for the purpose of pay, retired pay or promotion.

120. Prisoners of War.*Sponsor: ACOS Pers Pol (RAF)*

When officers or airmen become prisoners of war, the ordinary air force relations of superior and subordinate, and the air force duty of obedience, remain unaltered. Any such prisoner who is guilty of insubordination or other breach of discipline in respect of his superior will be required to answer for his conduct when released.

121. Royal Air Force Reserve of Officers.*Sponsor: PMA(ECwk)RF(RAF)*

- (1) Except as provided in clause (2) and in para **122** (2) officers of the RAFResO are to rank as junior to all regular officers of the same rank, but senior to all officers of the RAuxAF of the same rank.
- (2) When called up for service, when serving on a civilian engagement in Class CC or when serving voluntarily with the RAF, officers of the RAFResO will take command and precedence with regular officers as if they had been appointed to the RAF in the reserve rank in which they are employed, from the date of their being called up, or commencing to serve with the RAF, as the case may be, or if they are promoted whilst called up or serving with the RAF, from the date of such promotion. Officers to whom AP3393,

Chapter 5, para 0552 applies are, however, to continue to take command and precedence as if they had not been transferred to the reserve and called up for service.

122. Royal Auxiliary Air Force, RAF Volunteer Reserve (Training) and RAF Volunteer Reserve (University Air Squadrons) Officers.

Sponsor: PMA(ECwk)RF(RAF)

(1) Except as provided in clause (2), officers of the RAuxAF are to rank junior to officers of the RAF or the RAFResO of the same rank. Similarly, officers of the RAFVR(T) and the RAFVR(UAS) are to rank junior to officers of the RAF, RAFResO or RAuxAF of the same rank. The seniority of officers of the RAFVR(T) in relation to officers of the RAFVR(UAS) is to be determined by the date of appointment or promotion.

(2) When any portion of the RAuxAF has been called out, officers of that portion of the RAuxAF are to take command and precedence with officers of the RAF and of the RAFResO with whom they are serving as if they had been appointed to the RAF in their RAuxAF rank from the date of their being called out, or, if they were promoted whilst called out, from the date of such promotion.

123. Retired Officers Re-employed as Officers.

Sponsor: RAF Employment Policy

(1) An officer on the Retired List who is recalled to service with the regular air force under AP3393, Chapter 5, Annex B in the substantive rank in which he was serving at the time of retirement is to take his original date of seniority in that rank abated by the period spent on the Retired List, and is to take command and precedence with other officers of the RAF in accordance with that rank and seniority.

(2) An officer on the Retired List who is re-employed on the Active List other than under clause (1), is to take his original date of substantive seniority in the re-employed rank, abated by the period spent on the Retired List, and is to take command and precedence with other officers of the same substantive rank in accordance with his revised seniority.

(3) An officer on the Retired List who is appointed to a commission in the RAFR, the RAuxAF or the RAFVR(T) and the RAFVR(UAS) is to take command and precedence as prescribed for officers of those forces (see paras 121 and 122).

124. Employment Outside the RAF.

Sponsor: ACOS Pers Pol (RAF)

An officer employed in a Commonwealth air force appointment, or civil appointment, on the staff of a civil governor, under a foreign government, or in any other special employment is not entitled, by virtue of his air force rank, to assume any air force command in the RAF unless posted for air force duty by the Defence Council. He will be liable, however, in case of necessity, to serve on courts-martial, or to perform such air force duty as the Defence Council may direct.

125. Precedence of Airmen.

Sponsor: RAF Employment Policy

(1) Warrant officers are to take precedence after commissioned officers, but before all other airmen, and, amongst themselves, according to their date of promotion. In this clause the expression "warrant officer" is used in its generic sense, ie, as including airmen of ground trades who hold the rank title of warrant officer and non-commissioned aircrew who hold master aircrew titles.

(2) The order of precedence of airmen below warrant rank will be in accordance with the following table, and within each rank according to the date of promotion:

<i>Airmen.</i>	Flight Sergeant	Junior Technician
	Chief Technician	Senior Aircraftman
	Sergeant	Leading Aircraftman
	Corporal	Aircraftman
	Lance Corporal	

(3) The appointment of an NCO to Drum Major in an Established Band confers no additional precedence on the NCO so appointed, who retains his normal rank.

(4) Airmen of the same rank are to take precedence amongst themselves and amongst airmen holding ranks of equal status according to the date of their promotions.