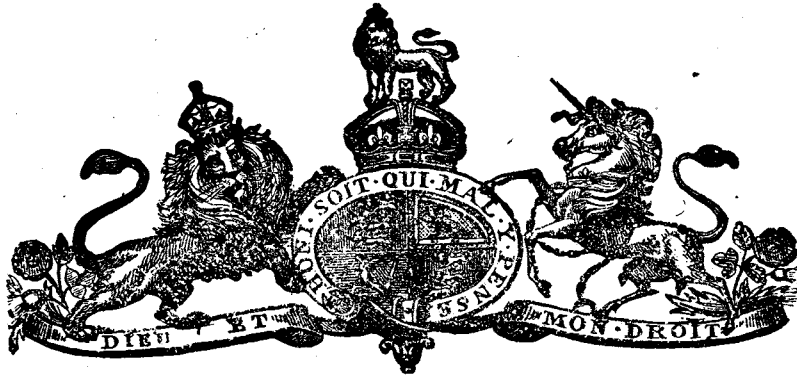


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AN ACT to further amend "The Public Service Act, 1905," and for other purposes. A.D. 1917.  
[30 October, 1917.]

BE it enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows:—

1 This Act may be cited as "The Public Service Amendment Act, 1917," and shall be read and construed as one with "The Public Service Act, 1905," hereinafter called the Principal Act, and any Acts amending the same, which Acts and this Act may be cited together as "The Public Service Acts." Short title, construction, and citation.  
5 Edw. VII. No. 9.

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Interpretation.  
"Returned  
Soldier."

**2** In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context or subject matter—

"Returned Soldier" means any person who (whether before or after the commencement of this Act)—

- i. Has enlisted with any expeditionary force raised in Tasmania for naval or military service with His Majesty's navy or army during the war in which His Majesty is at present engaged : and
- ii. Has left Tasmania on duty with such force : and
- iii. Has been on active service : and
- iv. Has returned to this State, and who has received his discharge from service, or whose appointment to any such force has been terminated, either before or after his return to the State.

Provided that the foregoing definition shall not include any person whose discharge from service was due to misconduct or incapacity resulting from his own default.

"Soldiers'  
Board."

"Soldiers' Board" means the Returned Soldiers' Employment Board appointed under this Act.

Priority of  
returned soldiers,  
&c., of  
expeditionary  
forces for  
temporary and  
other employment  
in public service.  
Cf. No. 2713 of  
1915, s. 76  
(Vict.).

**3** Notwithstanding anything in the Public Service Acts—

i. Any returned soldier shall, subject to this Act, on his return to Tasmania—

(a) Be entitled to have his name enrolled in the register for temporary employment, kept for that purpose by the Public Service Board, and be considered for employment in priority to any other person who is not a returned soldier, except persons employed in any temporary work and not being single men eligible for military service having no relatives wholly dependent upon their earnings ; or

(b) If he fulfils the requirements of the regulations made under this Act, be entitled, irrespective of age, and in priority to all persons whomsoever (except persons in the Public Service not being single men eligible for military service having no relatives wholly dependent upon their earnings), to be appointed to any vacancy in the Public Service if competent to fulfil the duties of the vacant position :

ii. No male person other than a returned soldier shall be eligible for any new appointment, nor unless already engaged shall be eligible to be employed in any temporary work in any department unless the Chairman of the Public Service

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Board certifies in writing to the Soldiers' Board (and in every case where any certificate is otherwise required to be made as a condition for such appointment or employment also certifies in the certificate so required) that no duly qualified returned soldier has applied for the vacant position or for the temporary work (as the case may be). A.D. 1917.

**4**—(1) For the better carrying out of the provisions of this Act the Governor may appoint a Board, to be called the Returned Soldiers' Employment Board, to consist of the persons for the time being holding the following offices or acting therein, namely: Chairman of the Public Service Board, Director of Education, Commissioner of Railways, Chief Engineer and General Manager of Hydro-Electric Department, Commissioner of Police, Medical Superintendent of the Mental Diseases Hospital, and a person nominated by the Tasmanian branch of the Returned Sailors' and Soldiers' Imperial League of Australia. Constitution of Soldiers' Board.

(2) At any meeting of the Soldiers' Board Three members shall form a quorum. Quorum.

(3) The members of the Soldiers' Board may—

- i. Appoint One of the members to be chairman: Chairman, &c.
- ii. Regulate their own proceedings: and
- iii. (Provided there is a quorum) act, notwithstanding any vacancy in their number.

**5** The Governor may fill any vacancy however occurring in the office of member of the Soldiers' Board, and may, in case of the absence, continued illness, or inability of any member of the Soldiers' Board to perform his duties, appoint some person to act as a substitute for such member. Vacancies, how filled. Appointment of substitute for member of Board

**6**—(1) The Soldiers' Board shall make regulations— Regulations.

- i. For the determination of the conditions for the admission of returned soldiers to the professional division of the Public Service:
- ii. For determining the nature or character and standard of examinations or tests which returned soldier candidates for employment in the clerical division of the Public Service shall undergo:
- iii. For the examination of returned soldier candidates, and the granting of certificates to them:
- iv. For the examination of returned soldiers applying for appointment in the general division of the Public Service:
- v. For regulating and determining who are fit and proper returned soldiers to be employed in temporary work in the Public Service.

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(2) Every such regulation shall be submitted to and confirmed by the Governor before it shall have the force of law.

Applications by returned soldiers for appointment or employment.

**7** Every returned soldier desirous of appointment or desirous of employment in any temporary work in any department of the Public Service shall forward to the Soldiers' Board an application in his own handwriting, stating his full name and address, the date of his birth, his military rank, a copy of his military discharge, a description of the work to which he was accustomed before enlisting, and of the class of work or employment for which he is an applicant, and, if possible, copies of testimonials from former employers.

Register to be kept.

**8** The Soldiers' Board shall cause to be enrolled in a register to be kept for that purpose by such Board, the full name and address, age, military rank, date of discharge, and the indorsement thereon as to the soldier's conduct, of every returned soldier applying for employment who has passed the prescribed examination and received a certificate; and the Soldiers' Board shall without delay from time to time furnish the Chairman of the Public Service Board with a copy of the particulars so recorded in the case of each returned soldier, together with a statement of the class of work or employment applied for.

Applications for new appointments to be invited.

**9** Notwithstanding anything in the Public Service Acts, whenever any new appointment of a male person requires to be made, the Chairman of the Public Service Board shall, by notice published in the "Gazette," invite applications for the vacant position from returned soldiers qualified as provided by the regulations under this Act; and no appointment shall be made until at least Fourteen days after such notice has been published.

Classification on appointment to clerical division.

**10** Notwithstanding anything in the Public Service Acts, a returned soldier appointed to the clerical division of the Public Service, whose age at his last birthday previous to appointment was not less than Eighteen, and was under Twenty-one, shall not be appointed to a lower subdivision than the First subdivision of Class 4(a) prescribed by the regulations under the Principal Act; whose age at his last birthday previous to appointment was Twenty-one, shall not be appointed to a lower subdivision than the Second subdivision of the said Class 4(a); whose age at his last birthday previous to appointment was Twenty-two, shall not be appointed to a lower subdivision than the Third subdivision of the said Class 4(a); whose age at his last birthday previous to appointment was Twenty-three, shall not be appointed to a lower subdivision than the Fourth subdivision of the said Class 4(a); whose age at his last birthday previous to appointment was Twenty-four, shall not be appointed to a lower subdivision than the Fifth subdivision of the said Class 4(a); whose age at his last birthday previous to appointment was not less than Twenty-five, shall not be appointed to a lower subdivision than the Sixth subdivision of the said Class 4(a).

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**11**—(1) The provisions of the Principal Act as to the examination of persons desiring appointment thereunder shall, subject to this Act, and so far as applicable, extend and apply to the examination pursuant to the regulations made under this Act of returned soldiers desiring appointment under this Act. A.D. 1917.  
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Examination of returned soldiers for appointment.

(2) The names of returned soldiers who have passed the standard of examination prescribed under this Act shall be registered in order of their merit in the register kept for that purpose under the Principal Act. Names of successful candidates to be entered in register.

**12** The following provisions of the Principal Act shall not apply to the appointment or employment of returned soldiers pursuant to this Act, or to returned soldiers so appointed or employed, namely, the provisions of—

Section Thirty-one ; and,  
Subsections Two, Three, and Four of Section Forty.

