

NATIONAL SERVICE LAW, 5713—1953*

1. In this Law —
 "person eligible for service" means a woman who has been exempted from defence service under section 11(d) of the Defence Service Law, 5709—1949¹⁾, and who is of any age from 18 to 26 years inclusive;
 "national service" means any of the following: —
 (1) service in agricultural work or in agricultural training, either in a religious agricultural settlement or in a religious agricultural institution;
 (2) labour service for the Defence Army of Israel, or other labour service for the security of the State;
 (3) service in an immigrants' camp, a *ma'bara* (immigrants' transitional settlement), an educational or social welfare institution or an institution for medical care;
 (4) labour service in another institution of the State defined by the Minister as an institution for the purpose of this Law;
 "the Minister" means the member of the Government on whom the Government has conferred the power to implement this Law.
2. A person eligible for service is liable to national service for a period of 24 months. Interpretation.
National service.
3. The Minister shall appoint inspectors for the purpose of this Law. The appointment may be general or restricted and notice thereof shall be published in *Reshumot*. Inspectors.
4. (a) The nature, conditions, place and time of national service shall be prescribed by an inspector by order. Service and conditions thereof.
 (b) The kind of service within the framework of the national service shall be prescribed by the inspector having regard to the preference of the person eligible for service.
5. An order regulating matters of discipline shall be made only by an inspector whose appointment is general. Disciplinary orders.
6. An inspector shall make an order under section 4 only in respect of a person eligible for service who has been found medically fit for national service. The provisions of the Defence Service Law, 5709—1949, relating to the determination of fitness for defence service shall apply, with adaptations to be prescribed by regulations, to the determination of fitness for national service. Fitness for national service.
7. The calculation of age for the purpose of this Law shall be made in accordance with the provisions of the Defence Service Law, 5709—1949, relating to the calculation of age. Calculation of age.
8. A person eligible for service exempted from defence service on religious grounds shall be assured during her national service of an opportunity to maintain a religious way of life, in accordance with rules to be prescribed by regulations. Religious way of life.

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¹⁾ *Sefer Ha-Chukkim* No. 25 of the 21st Elul, 5709 (15th September, 1949), p. 271.

Duty to perform task.

9. A person eligible for service shall perform on national service any task lawfully assigned to her, and shall obey any lawful direction given her by her superior at the time of her service.

Compensation in respect of industrial injury.

10. For the purpose of the Workmen's Compensation Ordinance 1947¹⁾, and of any other Law providing for compulsory insurance against industrial injuries, a person eligible for service shall, while on national service, be deemed to be a workman; and the person for whom she works shall be deemed to be her employer.

Duties of employers.

11. The duties of a person for whom a person eligible for service works in connection with her national service shall be prescribed by an inspector by order.

Exemption.

12. A married woman is exempt from national service.

In this section, "married woman" means also the mother of a child, a pregnant woman and a woman who has married during the period of her national service.

Relief from duty by boards.

13. The Minister shall appoint general or special boards for national service which shall be authorised to grant relief from the duty of national service, or to postpone the service, for family, educational or economic reasons or for reasons connected with a family's special way of life. Application to a board shall not suspend liability to service unless the board otherwise orders.

Relief from duty by Minister.

14. The Minister may grant relief from the duty of national service for any of the reasons enumerated in section 13, either on his own motion or upon an objection to a decision of a board for national service.

Orders — general provisions.

15. An order under this Law may be personal or to a particular class of persons and does not require publication in *Reshumot*. The order binds the person to whom it relates from the time at which it comes to his or her knowledge.

Order sent by post.

16. An order sent by registered post to the permanent residential address of the person to whom it relates is considered to have come to the knowledge of such person at the expiration of 72 hours from the time at which it was delivered to the post office for despatch.

Offences.

17. A person who —

(1) does not fulfil a duty imposed under this Law; or

(2) refuses to obey, or is negligent in carrying out, a direction lawfully given,

is liable to imprisonment for a term of one year or to a fine of one thousand pounds or to both such penalties or, where the person does not fulfil a duty imposed under this Law with intent to evade national service, to imprisonment for a term of three years.

Operation of orders.

18. Where an order has been made under this Law imposing on a person eligible for service a duty to be fulfilled at a time prescribed in the order, and she has not fulfilled the duty at such time, the order shall remain in force with regard to her until she fulfils the duty; the provision of this section does not affect the criminal liability of a person eligible for service for non-fulfilment of a duty at the time prescribed in an order, and her conviction of non-fulfilment of a duty imposed on her does not relieve her from that duty.

Regulations.

19. The Minister may make regulations as to any matter relating to the implementation of this Law.

¹⁾ P.G. No.1604 of the 16th. August, 1947, Suppl. I, p. 186 (English Edition).

20. This Law does not apply to any person eligible for service who was exempted from defence service, whether before or after the coming into force of this Law, on an application submitted to an exemption board before the 1st Av, 5713 (13th July, 1953).

Application.

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