

DEFENCE FORCE BOARD CANON 1985

Canon 20, 1985 as amended by
Canon 2, 1995
Canon 4, 1998
Canon 6, 2001

A canon to establish the Defence Force Board

The General Synod prescribes as follows:

1. This canon may be cited as "Defence Force Board Canon 1985".
2. In this canon "**Bishop to the Defence Force**" means the bishop holding office as Bishop to the Defence Force appointed pursuant to the Defence Force Ministry Canon 1985.
3. There shall be a board of this Church to be known as "Defence Force Board" (hereinafter called "**the Board**").
4. The objects of the Board shall be:
 - (a) to continue the work of the Armed Services Board established under the Armed Services Board Canon 1966;
 - (b) to be a resource available to the Primate, the bishops, the Synod and the Standing Committee of General Synod on all matters concerned with the ministrations of the Church among men and women of the Defence Force and the families of those men and women;
 - (c)¹ to consult with and to give advice to the Bishop to the Defence Force
 - (d)² to administer any funds or other property allotted to it by General Synod, or placed at its disposal in other ways, for the furtherance of these objects and in providing for the Bishop to the Defence Force;
 - (e) to do such other things in respect to Chaplains in the Defence Force and their work as may be delegated to it by the Primate, the General Synod or Standing Committee of General Synod.
5. The members of the Board shall be:
 - (a) the Bishop to the Defence Force who shall be Chairman:

¹ Section 4 (c) repealed and replaced by Canon 6, 2001.

² Amended by addition of new words by Canon 6, 2001.

- (b)³ (i) three members of the clergy of whom at least one at the time of election is rendering or has previously rendered service as a reserve chaplain in the Australian Defence Force; and
- (ii) three lay persons

elected by the House of Clergy and House of Laity voting together at each ordinary session of the General Synod.

It is declared for the avoidance of doubt that the expression "**members of the clergy**" may include any person in bishop's orders, including a diocesan bishop.

- (c) The Principal Chaplain of this Church in each arm of the Defence Force.
- (d) Any vacancy in the elected membership of the Board occurring when General Synod is not in session shall be filled by a qualified person elected by the Standing Committee of General Synod.
6. A quorum of the Board at a meeting of the Board is five members.
7. A vacancy in the membership of the Board does not affect the exercise of the powers or the performance of the functions of the Board.
8. Nominations of candidates for election to the Armed Services Board received at the 1985 session of Synod shall be deemed to be nominations for election to the Defence Force Board.
9. The Board shall report to General Synod at each ordinary session of the General Synod and shall report at least once in every year to the Standing Committee of General Synod.
10. The Armed Services Board Canon 1966 is repealed.

³ Section 5(b) repealed and replaced by Canon 2, 1995 and amended by Canon 4, 1998.