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FIRE SERVICES

Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977

Made . . . . . *9th May* 1977

Coming into operation . . . . . 30*th June* 1977

The Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 16(2) and 40(1)(*a*) of the Fire Services Act (Northern Ireland) 1969(**a**) and now vested in it(**b**) hereby makes the following Regulations:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977 and shall come into operation on 30th June 1977.

2. The Fire Service (Appointments and Promotion) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973(**c**) shall be amended as follows:

(1) After Regulation 2 (Interpretation) there shall be inserted the following regulation—

"**2A.** In their application in the case of a woman these Regulations shall have effect as if for any reference to a fireman were a reference to a firewoman and as if any reference to the rank of junior fireman, fireman or leading fireman were a reference to the rank of junior firewoman, firewoman or, as the case may be, leading firewoman.";

(2) In Regulation 4(1) (Appointment in the rank of junior fireman) the words "in the case of a male person" shall be omitted;

(3) In Regulation 5 (Promotion to, or appointment in, the rank of fireman)—

(*a*) the word "male" in paragraph (1) shall be omitted;

(*b*) for paragraph (1)(*c*) there shall be substituted the following subparagraph—

"(*c*) subject to paragraph (3), shall be not less than 1.68 metres in height and have a chest measurement of not less than 91 centimetres when unexpanded with an expansion of not less than 5 centimetres;"; and

(*c*) for paragraph (1)(*e*) there shall be substituted the following subparagraph—

"(*e*) shall have satisfied the chief fire officer of the Fire Authority for Northern Ireland of his ability to pass the following test of strength, that is to say, a test of his ability to carry a person weighing between 63.5 and 76.2 kilograms a distance of 91.44 metres in a time not exceeding 60 seconds; and";

(a) 1969 c. 13 (N.I.) as amended by S.I. 1973/601 (N.I. 9)
(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 504 (II, p. 2992)
(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 414 (II, p. 2410)

(4) In Regulation 6 (Promotion to a rank higher than that of fireman)—

(*a*) the word "male" in paragraph (1) shall be omitted;

(*b*) for paragraph (4)(*b*) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph—

"(*b*) have passed, since the end of the year 1961, the graduateship examination, or the examination for membership (or, before 1974, for associate membership), of the Institution of Fire Engineers, having been eligible to enter for the examination referred to in sub-paragraph (*a*) immediately before he took the examination in question of the said Institution; or"; and

(*c*) the words "the London County Council or, as the case may be" in paragraph (6) shall be omitted;

(5) In Regulation 7(1) (Appointment in the rank higher than that of fireman) the word "male" shall be omitted.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland on 9th May 1977.

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Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Regulations amend the Fire Service (Appointments and Promotion) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973.

The qualifications for appointment and promotion contained in the Regulations of 1973 apply only in the case of men; the principal amendments made by the present Regulations provide that they shall apply also in the case of women.

The present Regulations also make amendments which re-state certain measurements in metric terms and take account of changes in the Institution of Fire Engineers' system of examinations and membership.