STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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FIRE SERVICES

The Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) (Amendment) Regulations 1976

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In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 18(1) of the Fire Services Act 1947(**a**), as amended by the Fire Services Act 1959(**b**). I hereby, after consultation with the Central Fire Brigades Advisory Council, make the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1977.

2. In these Regulations any reference to the principal Regulations is a reference to the Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) Regulations 1965(**c**), as amended(**d**).

3. In Regulation 2(1) of the principal Regulations (appointment in the rank of junior fireman) the words "in the case of a male person" shall be omitted.

4.—(1) In paragraph (1) of Regulation 3 of the principal Regulations (promotion to, or appointment in, the rank of fireman) the word " male" shall be omitted.

(2) For paragraph (1)(*d*) of the said Regulation 3 there shall be substituted the following provision:—

"(*d*) 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;".

(3) For paragraph (1)(*f*) of the said Regulation 3 there shall be substituted the following provision:—

"(*f*) shall have satisfied the chief officer of the brigade 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**) 1947 c. 41. (**b**) 1959 c. 44.

(**c**) S.I. 1965/577 (1965 I, p. 1817).

(**d**) S.I. 1967/1689; 1968/614; 1970/102; 1972/932 (1967 III, p. 4602; 1968 I, p. 1421; 1970 I, p. 452; 1972 II, p. 2934).

(4) In paragraph (2) of the said Regulation 3 for the words "Northern Ireland Fire Authority", in both places where they occur, there shall be substituted the words "Fire Authority for Northern Ireland".

5.—(1) In paragraph (1) of Regulation 4 of the principal Regulations (promotion to a rank higher than that of fireman) the word "male" shall be omitted.

(2) For paragraph (4)(*b*) of the said Regulation 4 there shall be substituted the following provision:—

"(*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 the preceding sub-paragraph immediately before he took the examination in question of the said Institution.".

(3) In paragraph (6) of the said Regulation 4 the words "by the London County Council or, as the case may be" shall be omitted.

6.—(1) In paragraph (1) of Regulation 5 of the principal Regulations (appointment in a rank higher than that of fireman) the word "male" shall be omitted.

(2) For paragraph (2)(*c*) of the said Regulation 5 and the Table following thereon there shall be substituted the following provision:—

"(*c*) where he is serving or has previously served as a fire officer or fireman employed by the Fire Authority for Northern Ireland, if he is, or immediately before he ceased so to serve was, qualified for promotion to that rank as provided in the provisions in that behalf applicable to persons so employed and in force at the time it is decided to appoint him so, however, that, where he ceased so to serve before 1st October 1973, this sub-paragraph shall have effect subject to such modifications as are necessary to take account of the changes as respects the nomenclature of Northern Ireland ranks made after he ceased to serve.".

7.—(1) For paragraph (1) (*c*) of Regulation 8 (interpretation) there shall be substituted the following provision:—

"(*c*) the expression " Fire Services Central Examinations Board" means a body of persons appointed for the purposes specified in these Regulations in connection with the written technical examination referred to in Regulation 4(4)(*a*) and consisting of a chairman appointed by the Secretary of State and 19 other members appointed as follows, namely:—

(i) 3 members appointed by the Association of County Councils,

(ii) 3 members appointed by the Association of Metropolitan Authorities,

(iii) 13 members appointed by the Secretary of State, including 7 appointed to represent the interests of members of fire brigades;".

(2) After paragraph (1) of the said Regulation 8 there shall be inserted the following provisions:—

"(1A) Any reference in these Regulations to the Fire Authority for Northern Ireland shall, in relation to a period before 1st October 1973, be construed as a reference to the Northern Ireland Fire Authority.

(1B) In their application in the case of a woman these Regulations shall have effect as if 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.".

Merlyn Rees,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Home Office,
Whitehall.
26th November 1976.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) Regulations 1965.

The qualifications for appointment and promotion contained in the Regulations of 1965 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 (Regulations 3, 4(1), 5(1), 6(1) and 7(2)).

The present Regulations also make amendments which re-state certain measurements in metric terms (Regulation 4(2) and (3)) and which take account of the reorganisation of the fire services in Northern Ireland (Regulations 4(4), 6(2) and 7(2)), of changes in the Institution of Fire Engineers' system of examinations and membership (Regulation 5(2)) and of the establishment of new local authority associations following local government reorganisation (Regulation 7(1)).

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