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FIRE SERVICES

The Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993

Made . . . . . *13th August 1993*

Coming into operation . . *13th September 1993*

The Department of the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 9(5) of the Fire Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1984(**a**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993 and shall come into operation on 13th September 1993.

Regulations amended

2. Regulation 7 of the Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979(**b**), shall be amended as follows—

(*a*) for paragraph (6) substitute—

"(6) A person shall not be eligible to enter for an examination specified in Schedule 1, 2 or 3, as the case may be, if—

(*a*) (i) in the immediately preceding year, he entered for the examination in question but attended no part of that examination, and

(ii) he has not satisfied the Fire Services Examinations Board that he had a reasonable excuse for such non-attendance, or

(*b*) where the examination in question is a written examination specified in Part I of Schedule 1 or 2, or in Schedule 3, he has, in the two successive immediately preceding years, failed that examination and has, on each occasion, obtained less than 25% of the marks available in that examination.";

(*b*) in paragraph (6A) for the words "date of the sitting of the final paper in" substitute the words "end of"; and

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(a) S.I. 1984/1821 (N.I. 11); *see* Art. 2(2) for definition of "the Department"

(b) S.R. 1979 No. 167; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 1985 No. 323, S.R. 1991 No. 219 and S.R. 1992 No. 237

(*c*) for paragraph (6B) substitute—

"(6B) Paragraph (6) shall not apply in respect of—

(*a*) non-attendance at a practical examination, as specified in Part II of Schedule 1 or 2, before 13th September 1993, or

(*b*) failure to achieve 25% or more of the total marks available in an examination before 1st July 1991.".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment on 13th August 1993.

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Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations further amend the Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979 ("the 1979 Regulations") (as amended by the Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991 and the Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992) relating to ineligibility to enter for certain examinations.

The main effect of the amendments made by these regulations is to ensure that a person will not be eligible to enter for a practical examination specified in Part II of Schedule 1 or 2 to the 1979 Regulations if, in the immediately preceding year (but after 13th September 1993), he entered for the examination in question but attended no part of that examination.