STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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FIRE SERVICES

The Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) Regulations 1965

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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:—

Appointment of chief officer

1. A fire authority, before appointing any person to be the chief officer of the brigade, shall obtain the approval of the Secretary of State to the appointment of that person.

Appointment in the rank of junior fireman

2.—(1) The qualifications for appointment in the rank of junior fireman in a brigade, in the case of a male person, shall be as follows, that is to say, the person concerned at the time of his appointment—

(*a*) shall be a British subject or a citizen of the Republic of Ireland;

(*b*) shall be of good character;

(*c*) shall have attained the age of 16 years and, subject to paragraph (2), shall not have attained the age of 17 years;

(*d*) shall have satisfied the chief officer of the brigade that he is likely, on attaining the age of 18 years, to be able to satisfy the qualifications for promotion to the rank of fireman mentioned in Regulation 3(1)(*d*), (*e*), (*f*) and (*g*).

(2) A person who has attained the age of 17 years but has not attained the age of 17 years 3 months may be appointed in the rank of junior fireman in a brigade if, after considering the circumstances of his case, the fire authority decide that this paragraph shall have effect in his case.

Promotion to, or appointment in, the rank of fireman

3.—(1) The qualifications for promotion to, or, subject to paragraph (2), appointment in the rank of fireman in a brigade, in the case of a male person who is to serve therein as a whole-time member thereof on terms under which he is or may be required to engage in fire-fighting, shall be as follows, that is to say, such person at the time of his promotion or appointment—

(*a*) shall be a British subject or a citizen of the Republic of Ireland;

(*b*) shall be of good character;

(*c*) shall have attained the age of 18 years and shall not have attained

(a) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 41.
(b) 7 & 8 Eliz. 2. c. 44.

the age of 31 years, or, in the case of a person who, having undertaken a fixed period of voluntary service in the regular armed forces of the Crown or of any part of the Commonwealth or of the Republic of Ireland, has completed that period of service, 35 years;

(*d*) shall be not less than 5 feet 7 inches in height and have a chest measurement of not less than 36 inches when unexpanded with an expansion of not less than 2 inches;

(*e*) shall have satisfied a duly qualified medical practitioner selected by the fire authority maintaining the brigade that he is fit to undertake fire-fighting duties and that he has not any physical abnormality, and is not suffering from any disease, which in either case would be likely to incapacitate him temporarily or permanently for the performance of the said duties;

(*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 man weighing between 10 and 12 stone a distance of 100 yards in a time not exceeding 60 seconds; and

(*g*) shall have passed such examination in educational subjects as the fire authority may require, being such an examination as necessitates a reasonable standard of proficiency in reading, writing and arithmetic and such other subjects, if any, as the said authority may require, or be, to the satisfaction of the said authority, of such educational standard that it is unnecessary for him to take any such examination.

(2) Nothing in this Regulation shall apply in relation to—

(*a*) the appointment of a person to a brigade who, at the time when it is decided to appoint him to the brigade, is serving as a whole-time member of another brigade or of a fire brigade maintained by a fire authority in Scotland under the provisions of the Fire Services Act 1947 in a rank higher than that of junior fireman, or as a person employed whole-time by the Northern Ireland Fire Authority as a fire officer or fireman and is so serving on terms under which he is or may be required to engage in fire-fighting and whose engagement as such a member or person is not expressed to be temporary only; or

(*b*) the appointment of a person to a brigade who has previously served as a whole-time member of the same or another brigade or of a fire brigade maintained by a fire authority in Scotland under the provisions of the Fire Services Act 1947 in a rank higher than that of junior fireman, or as a person employed whole-time by the Northern Ireland Fire Authority as a fire officer or fireman and was, immediately before he ceased so to serve, serving on terms under which he was or might be required to engage in fire-fighting and whose engagement as such a member or person was not expressed to be temporary only.

Promotion to a rank higher than that of fireman

4.—(1) The qualifications for promotion to a rank higher than that of fireman in a brigade, in the case of a male person who is neither an auxiliary fireman nor a part-time member of the brigade nor is serving in the brigade on terms under which he is solely engaged on control room duties, shall be as hereafter in this Regulation provided:

Provided that a person may with approval of the Secretary of State be promoted to such a rank to perform in that rank particular duties for which special qualifications are required if he possesses those qualifications notwithstanding that he does not possess the qualifications required under this Regulation for promotion to that rank.

(2) For promotion to the rank of leading fireman the qualifications of a member of a brigade shall be as follows, that is to say, he shall—

(*a*) have passed the educational examination specified in Part I of Schedule 1 to these Regulations, or be, to the satisfaction of the fire authority maintaining the brigade, of an educational standard at least as high as that required to pass the said examination; and

(*b*) after having had 2 years' operational service, have passed the test of technical attainments specified in Part II of the said Schedule 1.

(3) For promotion to the rank of sub-officer the qualifications of a member of a brigade shall be as follows, that is to say, he shall have had not less than 4 years' operational service, and shall—

(*a*) unless he is already a leading fireman, have passed a test of technical attainments specified in Part II of Schedule 1 to these Regulations;

(*b*) unless he is or has been a graduate of the Institution of Fire Engineers having passed the graduateship examination of the said Institution before the end of the year 1962, have passed the written examination specified in Part I of Schedule 2 to these Regulations; and

(*c*) have passed, to the satisfaction of the fire authority maintaining the brigade, the practical examination specified in Part II of the said Schedule 2.

(4) For promotion to the rank of station officer the qualifications of a member of a brigade shall be as follows, that is to say, he shall have had not less than 5 years' operational service and—

(*a*) have passed a written technical examination on a syllabus of study prepared by the Fire Services Central Examinations Board; or

(*b*) have passed, since the end of the year 1961, the graduateship examination, or the examination 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.

(5) For promotion to a rank higher than that of station officer the qualifications of a member of a brigade shall be that he is of a rank not lower than that of station officer.

(6) A member of a brigade shall be deemed to have passed so much of the test specified in Part II of Schedule 1 to these Regulations as relates to knowledge of first aid if at the time he takes the remainder of the test he is the holder of any of the following certificates in first aid issued in the immediately preceding period of three years, that is to say—

the Standard (Adult) Certificate or any higher first aid certificate issued by the St. John Ambulance Association;
the Initial Certificate or any higher first aid certificate issued by the British Red Cross Society;
the Elementary First Aid Certificate issued by the London County Council.

(7) A member of a brigade shall not be eligible—

(*a*) to enter for the examination specified in Part I of Schedule 2 to these Regulations unless he has passed, or is exempted from having to pass, the educational examination and the test of technical attainments specified in Part I and Part II of Schedule 1 to these Regulations;

(*b*) to enter for the examination specified in Part II of the said Schedule 2 unless he has passed, or is exempted from having to pass, the examination specified in Part I of the said Schedule 2.

(8) A member of a brigade shall not be eligible to enter for the written technical examination referred to in paragraph (4)(*a*) unless he has passed, or is exempted from having to pass, the examinations specified in Part I and Part II of Schedule 2 to these Regulations.

Appointment in a rank higher than that of fireman

5.—(1) The qualifications for appointment in a rank higher than that of fireman in a brigade, in the case of a male person who is to serve therein as a whole-time member thereof on terms under which he will not be solely engaged on control room duties, shall be as follows, that is to say, such person at the time when it is decided to appoint him—

(*a*) shall be serving or have previously served as mentioned in sub-paragraph (*a*) or, as the case may be, in sub-paragraph (*b*) of Regulation 3(2), and

(*b*) shall be qualified for the rank in question as mentioned in paragraph (2):

Provided that a person may with the approval of the Secretary of State be appointed in a rank higher than that of fireman in a brigade to perform in that rank particular duties for which special qualifications are required if he possesses those qualifications notwithstanding that he does not possess the qualification specified in this Regulation for appointment in that rank.

(2) A person shall be qualified for a rank for the purposes of paragraph (1) (*b*)—

(*a*) where he is serving or has previously served in a brigade, if he is, or immediately before he ceased so to serve was, qualified for promotion to that rank as provided in Regulation 4;

(*b*) where he is serving or has previously served as a member of a fire brigade maintained in Scotland under the Fire Services Act 1947, if he is, or immediately before he ceased so to serve was, qualified for promotion to that rank as provided in the regulations made under section 18(1) of the said Act applicable to a fire brigade in Scotland and in force at the time it is decided to appoint him;

(*c*) where he is or has previously served as a person employed by the Northern Ireland Fire Authority as a fire officer or fireman, if he is, or immediately before he ceased so to serve was, qualified for promotion to the Northern Ireland rank set opposite to that rank in the following Table as provided in the provisions in that behalf in force at the time it is decided to appoint him.

TABLE

1.—Northern Ireland Ranks	2.—English Ranks
Leading Fireman	Leading Fireman
Section Leader	Sub-Officer
Company Officer	Station Officer or any higher rank

Conduct of examinations

6.—(1) Every fire authority maintaining a brigade shall—

(*a*) either itself conduct each examination and test specified in Schedules 1 and 2 to these Regulations or secure that there are in force arrangements made between that authority and one or more other such

authorities for the joint conduct of that examination or test for and on behalf of each of the authorities participating in the arrangements; and

(*b*) secure that each such said examination and test is conducted as aforesaid for members of the brigade maintained by it desiring and eligible to enter therefor at least once in every year unless no such member has made application to enter by such time before the examination or test would otherwise be held as may be determined by the authority or under such arrangements as aforesaid.

(2) The written technical examination referred to in Regulation 4(4) (*a*) shall be conducted at least once in each year by the Fire Services Central Examinations Board and every fire authority maintaining a brigade shall, in the manner and subject to the conditions specified by the said board, make arrangements for members of the brigade desiring and eligible to take the examination so to do.

(3) After the papers of each member of a brigade taking such a written technical examination have been marked by the Fire Services Central Examinations Board the fire authority maintaining the brigade of which he is a member shall be notified whether or not he has passed the examination to the satisfaction of the said board.

Powers and duties of Fire Services Central Examinations Board

7.—(1) The Fire Services Central Examinations Board shall as soon as practicable in each year submit to the Secretary of State—

(*a*) a report containing such particulars as he may require concerning the written technical examinations referred to in Regulation 4(4)(*a*) of these Regulations which were held during the year;

(*b*) an estimated account of the expenses incurred or to be incurred during the year by the board; and

(*c*) a final account of the expenses incurred during the previous year by the board.

(2) The Fire Services Central Examinations Board shall arrange with the Local Government Examinations Board for the latter board to carry out on their behalf and subject to their general supervision any of their functions under Regulation 6(2) and (3) which the former board may delegate to the latter board with their consent.

Interpretation

8.—(1) In these Regulations—

(*a*) the expression "auxiliary fireman" means a member of a fire brigade who is enrolled for service therein which is restricted except in a war emergency to such duties as are desirable for training;

(*b*) the expression "brigade" means a fire brigade maintained in England or Wales under the Fire Services Act 1947;

(*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 20 other members appointed as follows, namely:—

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

(ii) 3 members appointed by the Association of Municipal Corporations,

(iii) a member appointed by the Greater London Council, and

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

(*d*) the expression "control room duties" means duties in connection with the reception, transmission and recording of calls for the assistance of a brigade, and with the transmission of instructions regarding the provision of such assistance by a brigade as may be required in any case;

(*e*) the expression "the Institution of Fire Engineers" means the limited company incorporated by that name on 25th July 1924, and the expression "graduate of the Institution of Fire Engineers" means a person who, under the Articles of Association of the said company and the byelaws set out in the Schedule to those Articles, has been duly elected a graduate thereof;

(*f*) the expression "operational service", in relation to any person, means whole-time service as a member of a brigade or of a fire brigade maintained by a fire authority in Scotland under the Fire Services Act 1947 holding a rank higher than that of junior fireman, during any period in which that person in the course of his duty as a member of a brigade or of such said fire brigade was under an obligation to attend at fires;

(*g*) the expression "promotion" does not include promotion which is expressed to be temporary only;

(*h*) the expression "rank" does not include the rank of chief officer.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(**a**) shall apply for the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(3) Except where the context otherwise requires, any reference in these Regulations to a Regulation is a reference to a Regulation contained in these Regulations and any reference in a Regulation to a paragraph is a reference to a paragraph of that Regulation.

Revocations

9.—(1) The Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) Regulations 1961(**b**), the Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) Regulations 1962(**c**) and the Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) Regulations 1964(**d**) are hereby revoked.

(2) Section 38 of the Interpretation Act 1889 shall apply in relation to the Regulations revoked by paragraph (1) as if this Regulation were an Act of Parliament and as if the said Regulations were Acts of Parliament repealed by an Act of Parliament.

(3) Without prejudice to the provisions of paragraph (2)—

(*a*) a member of a brigade who has passed, or is deemed to have passed, any examination or test under or by virtue of any Regulations revoked by paragraph (1) shall be deemed to have passed the corresponding examination or test for the purposes of these Regulations;

(*b*) in so far as any approval given under any Regulations revoked by paragraph (1) could have been given under a corresponding provision of these Regulations, it shall not be invalidated by the revocation, but shall have effect as if given under that corresponding provision.

10. These Regulations may be cited as the Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) Regulations 1965 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1965.

Frank Soskice,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Home Office,
Whitehall.
22nd March 1965.

(**a**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.
(**b**) S.I. 1961/814 (1961 I, p. 1615).
(**c**) S.I. 1962/1816 (1962 II, p. 2166).
(**d**) S.I. 1964/1462 (1964 III, p. 3388).

SCHEDULE 1

Regulations 4 and 6

EXAMINATIONS FOR PROMOTION TO LEADING FIREMAN

PART I

Educational examination

A written examination in the following subjects, that is to say:—

(*a*) arithmetic, comprising the first four rules, simple and compound, Imperial weights and measures and simple fractions;

(*b*) English, comprising dictation and a short essay designed to test handwriting, spelling, punctuation and understanding of, and ability to use, English; and

(*c*) general knowledge.

PART II

Tests of technical attainments

An oral and practical test of knowledge of—

(*a*) standard appliances and equipment;

(*b*) watch room work;

(*c*) standard drills;

(*d*) first aid; and

(*e*) the topography of the fire ground area of the station where the candidate is stationed.

SCHEDULE 2

Regulations 4 and 6

EXAMINATIONS FOR PROMOTION TO SUB-OFFICER

PART I

Written examination

A written examination in the following subjects, that is to say:—

(*a*) general technical knowledge of appliances and equipment;

(*b*) fire ground procedure;

(*c*) elementary fire prevention; and

(*d*) elementary hydraulics.

PART II

Practical examination

1. A practical test of ability to conduct the following drills, that is to say:—

(*a*) pump drill;

(*b*) ladder drill;

(*c*) knots and lines;

(*d*) standard tests;

(*e*) pump operation; and

(*f*) breathing apparatus.

2. An oral test of knowledge of—

(*a*) the topography of the fire ground area of the station where the candidate is stationed; and

(*b*) station administration and management.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations consolidate, with amendments, the Regulations set out in Regulation 9(1), namely, the Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) Regulations 1961 and the Regulations amending those Regulations.

The principal changes, described below, are consequential on the introduction of the rank of junior fireman.

Regulation 2 relates to the qualifications for appointment in the rank of junior fireman.

Regulation 3 relates to the qualifications not only for appointment in the rank of fireman but also for promotion to that rank (i.e. from the rank of junior fireman).