STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1963 No. 1146 (S. 48)

FIRE SERVICES

The Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 1963

Made - - - -	*24th June* 1963
Laid before Parliament	*1st July* 1963
Coming into Operation	*2nd July* 1963

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 18(1) of the Fire Services Act 1947(a) as amended by section 6 of the Fire Services Act 1959(b), and after consultation with the Scottish Central Fire Brigades Advisory Council, I hereby make the following regulations :—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 1963 and shall come into operation on 2nd July 1963.

2. For Regulation 5(2) of the Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) (Scotland) Regulations 1958(c) there shall be substituted the following paragraph : —

" (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 have had not less than two years' operational service, shall be qualified in first aid to the injured and shall have passed the three examinations specified in Schedule 1 to these regulations, provided that

(*a*) he may be exempted by his fire authority from the educational examination specified in Part I, on the grounds that he is of an educational standard at least as high as that required to pass the said examination ;

(*b*) he may not take the practical examination specified in Part III unless he has had at least one year's operational service ;

(*c*) he may not sit the technical examination specified in Part II unless he has had at least two years' operational service and has also passed the practical examination specified in Part III."

3. In Schedule 4 to the said regulations for paragraphs 6, 15, 16 and 17 there shall be substituted respectively the following paragraphs :

" 6. A candidate shall not be entitled to sit the written examination in the subjects specified in Part II of Schedule 1 unless he has completed or is due to complete two years' operational service by the date of the commencement of the examination and a candidate shall not be entitled to take the practical examination in the subjects specified in Part III of Schedule 1 unless he has completed or is due to complete one year's operational service by the date of commencement of the examination ; and on the first occasion of such a candidate giving notification of his intention to sit either of these examinations the firemaster of his brigade shall provide a certificate to that effect to the Board.

15. Practical examinations on the subjects specified in Part III of Schedule 1 and Part II of Schedule 2 shall be held between the months of April or May and December in each year as the Board shall decide. The practical examinations on the subjects specified in Part III of Schedule 1

(a) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 41. (b) 7 & 8 Eliz. 2. c. 44. (c) S.I. 1958/953 (1958 I, p. 1137).

shall be conducted by fire authorities under the direction of the Board. The practical examinations on the subjects specified in Part II of Schedule 2 shall be held by the Board at such centre or centres as the Board may determine. Except with the express approval of the Board, no candidate may present himself for a practical examination more than once in any examination period.

16. For the purpose of conducting the practical examinations specified in Part II of Schedule 2 the Board may appoint annually an examining panel or panels of fire brigade officers, the senior member of which shall be a firemaster, an assistant firemaster or a deputy firemaster of not less rank than divisional officer (Grade II).

17. The fire authority, in the case of examinations specified in Part III of Schedule 1, and the examining panel, in the case of examinations specified in Part II of Schedule 2, shall supply to the Board within seven days after each practical examination a written report on each candidate presenting himself for the examination, stating whether he has passed or failed and, where the candidate has failed, the reasons or reason why he has failed."

Michael Noble,
One of Her Majesty's
Principal Secretaries of State.

St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh, 1.
24th June 1963.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations amend the Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) (Scotland) Regulations 1958.

Regulation 2 provides that a fireman must have one year's operational service before he can take the practical examination for promotion to the rank of leading fireman.

Regulation 3 amends Schedule 4 (being the Scheme for the Conduct of Qualifying Examinations) to the said regulations by :—

(*a*) providing that a candidate for the practical examination for promotion to leading fireman must have completed or be due to complete one year's operational service by the date of the commencement of the examination and that the firemaster of his brigade must provide the Board with a certificate to that effect on the first occasion of the candidate's notifying his intention to sit ;

(*b*) making it the duty of the fire authority, instead of the Board, to carry out the practical examinations for promotion to the rank of leading fireman ;

(*c*) reducing the minimum rank of a fire brigade officer who may be appointed as senior member of an examining panel to a deputy firemaster with the rank of divisional officer (Grade II) instead of divisional officer (Grade I) ; and

(*d*) providing that the fire authority conducting practical examinations for promotion to leading fireman should notify the results to the Board within seven days.