STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1967 No. 1515 (S.125)

FIRE SERVICES

The Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) (Scotland) Regulations 1967

Made - - - -	*7th October* 1967
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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) 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) Regulations 1967 and shall come into operation on 1st December 1967.

2.—(1) In paragraph (1) of regulation 5 of the Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) (Scotland) Regulations 1965(c) (which relates to qualifications for promotion to, or appointment in, the rank of fireman) for sub-paragraph (*d*) (which relates to height and chest measurements) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph:—

"(*d*) subject to paragraph (4) of this regulation must, save for special reasons approved by the fire authority, be at least 5 feet 6 inches in height with a chest measurement expanded of at least 37 inches".

(2) at the end of the said regulation 5 there shall be added the following paragraph:—

"(4) A junior fireman may be promoted to the rank of fireman in a brigade notwithstanding that he does not possess some or all of the qualifications mentioned in paragraph (1)(*d*) and (*f*) of this regulation if, after considering the circumstances of his case, the fire authority—

(*a*) decide that this paragraph shall have effect in his case, and

(*b*) draw the attention of the medical practitioner selected for the purpose of paragraph (1)(*e*) to the fact that he does not possess some or all of the said qualifications."

3.—(1) At the end of paragraph (1) of regulation 6 (which relates to promotion to a rank higher than that of fireman) there shall be inserted the following proviso:

"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 these qualifications notwithstanding that he does not possess the qualifications required under this regulation for promotion to that rank."

(a) 1947 c. 41. (b) 1959 c. 44. (c) 1965/1742 (1965 III, p. 4921).

(2) At the end of the said regulation 6 there shall be inserted a new regulation numbered 6A as follows:—

"*Temporary promotion*

6A. A member of a brigade who is required to perform the duties of a higher rank may be promoted temporarily to that rank."

4. In Schedule 4 of the said regulations (which relates to the Scheme for the Conduct of Qualifying Examinations for the Ranks of Leading Fireman, Sub-Officer and Station Officer)

(*a*) for paragraph 2 there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

"2. The Board shall consist of 18 members, of whom 2 each shall be appointed by the Association of County Councils in Scotland; the Convention of Royal Burghs; the Association of Counties of Cities; the Chief Fire Officers' Association; the National Association of Fire Officers; the Fire Brigades Union; the Institution of Fire Engineers; and 4 by the Secretary of State.

The Chairman of the Board shall be appointed by the Board from among its own members."

and

(*b*) for paragraph 7 there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

"7. A candidate desirous of sitting the practical examination in the subjects specified in Part III of Schedule 1 shall have passed satisfactorily within the previous 2 years a written examination in the subjects specified in Parts I and II of Schedule 1, and a candidate desirous of sitting the practical examination in the subjects specified in Part II of Schedule 2 shall have passed satisfactorily within the previous 2 years a written examination in the subjects specified in Part I of Schedule 2.

William Ross,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh, 1.

7th October 1967.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Regulations*)

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

Regulation 2 relaxes the physical requirements for appointment in or promotion to the rank of fireman (other than the requirement that the man must satisfy the fire authority's doctor that he is fit to undertake fire-fighting duties). The minimum height requirement is reduced from 5 feet 7 inches to 5 feet 6 inches. If, after considering the circumstances of a particular case, the fire authority concerned so decide, a junior fireman may be promoted notwithstanding that he cannot satisfy the requirements as to height, chest measurements or physical strength.

Regulation 3 provides for the promotion to specialist posts of men with specialist qualifications but without the qualifications specified by regulation for promotion to that rank. The regulation also provides for the temporary promotion of a member of a brigade to higher rank when he is required to perform the duties of that higher rank.

Regulation 4 redefines the composition of the Board and has the effect of doubling the representation from each of the constituent bodies with the quorum remaining at five. It also reverses the order in which promotion examinations should be taken, providing for written examinations to be taken before the practical examinations.