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FIRE SERVICES

Fire Services (Conditions of Service) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973

REGULATIONS, DATED 29TH JUNE 1973, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION 16(3) OF THE FIRE SERVICES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1969.

The Ministry of Home Affairs, on behalf of the Secretary of State in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 16(3) of the Fire Services Act (Northern Ireland) 1969(a) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Fire Services (Conditions of Service) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973 and shall come into operation on 10th July 1973.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

(*a*) "Regular fireman" means a member of the force employed in a whole time capacity;

(*b*) "the Authority" means the Northern Ireland Fire Authority.

Age of compulsory retirement

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), retirement shall be compulsory for a regular fireman—

(*a*) in the case of a regular fireman of the rank of assistant divisional officer or any higher rank, on attaining the age of 60 years; and

(*b*) in the case of a regular fireman of the rank of company officer or any lower rank, on attaining the age of 55 years,

except that in special cases the Authority may extend any such regular fireman's service for a further period on being satisfied that such extension would be in the interests of efficiency.

(2) Without prejudice to the extension under paragraph (1) in the case of a regular fireman of the rank of company officer or any lower rank, if the fireman so elects by notice in writing to the Authority, the Authority may extend his service by such period, if any, not exceeding 6 months from his attaining the age of 55 years as is requested to enable him to reckon—

(*a*) an additional completed year of pensionable service, in the case of a regular fireman who will be entitled to reckon less than 20 years' pensionable service on attaining that age, or

(*b*) an additional completed half-year of pensionable service, in any other case.

(a) 1969. c. 13 (N.I.).

(3) Retirement shall also be compulsory for a regular fireman who has attained the age of 50 years and completed 25 years' pensionable service if he is required to retire by the Authority on the grounds that his retention would not be in the interests of its efficiency.

(4) A regular fireman may be required to retire on the date the Authority determine he ought to retire on the ground that he is incapacitated for the performance of his duty by infirmity of mind or body and that the incapacity is likely to be permanent:

Provided that a retirement in accordance with this paragraph shall be void if after the said date, on an appeal against the medical opinion on which the Authority acted in determining that he ought to retire, the medical referee decides the appellant is not incapacitated as aforesaid.

Revocation

4. Regulation 2 of the Fire Services (Conditions of Service) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1950(**b**) is hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs this 29th day of June 1973.

(L.S.)

W. G. Robinson,
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations provide for certain changes in the retiring age of firemen; and allow for the exercise of discretion on the part of the Authority to extend service, within prescribed limits, to augment pensionable service.

(**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1950, No. 170.

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The Medicines (Hexachlorophane Prohibition) Order 1973

This Order has been made by the Secretaries of State respectively concerned with health in England and in Wales, the Secretary of State concerned with health and with agriculture in Scotland, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 62(1) of the Medicines Act 1968.

In pursuance of paragraph 11 of Schedule 4 of that Act this Order has been registered as a Northern Ireland statutory rule under the Statutory Rules Act (Northern Ireland) 1958. It is printed in full in the volume of United Kingdom Statutory Instruments for 1973 and has been numbered 1120 in that series.