FIRE SERVICES

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The Fire Services (Conditions of Service) Regulations, 1957

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In pursuance of the powers conferred on me by subsection (1) of section seventeen of the Fire Services Act, 1947(a), I hereby make the following Regulations :—

1.—(1) In sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 2 of the Second Schedule to the Fire Services (Conditions of Service) Regulations, 1954(b) (which relates to leave for public holidays), after the words " the following public holidays, namely," there shall be inserted the words " Good Friday, Easter Monday, Whit Monday ".

(2) In sub-paragraph (2) of the said paragraph 2 for the words " three months " there shall be inserted the words " twelve months ".

2. In paragraph 5 of the Fourth Schedule to the said Regulations of 1954 as set out in the Second Appendix to the Fire Services (Conditions of Service) (No. 3) Regulations, 1955(c) (which relates to increased pay for members of fire brigades stationed in London), for the words " paragraph 2 or 4 " there shall be substituted the words " paragraph 2, 3 or 4 ".

3. In paragraph 7 of the said Fourth Schedule (which relates to the counting by firemen and firewomen of certain previous service) for the words " paragraph 2 or 4 " there shall be substituted the words " paragraph 3 or 4 ".

4.—(1) After sub-paragraph (3) of paragraph 19 of the said Fourth Schedule (which relates to the removal expenses allowance) there shall be inserted the following sub-paragraph :—

" (3A) Where the expenses incidental to such a removal as is referred to in sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph include expenses arising from the sale or purchase of a dwelling-house for an estate in fee simple or a term of years, the fire authority shall pay a grant equal to eighty-five per cent. of such of the following expenses as are actually and properly incurred, that is to say :—

(i) in respect of the said sale, legal expenses, estate agent's fees and auctioneer's fees ;

(ii) in respect of the said purchase, legal expenses, mortgagee's fees, estate agent's fees and one survey fee :

Provided that no grant shall be paid—

(*a*) in respect of such a sale, if the sale is not solely attributable to the removal ;

(*b*) in respect of such a purchase, if the fire authority are willing to provide suitable residential accommodation ;

(*c*) in excess of £85 in respect of the sale and £85 in respect of the purchase.".

(a) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 41. (b) S.I. 1954/1158 (1954 I, p. 843).
(c) S.I. 1955/1826 (1955 I, p. 879).

(2) At the end of sub-paragraph (4) of the said paragraph 19 there shall be added the words " or any expenses specified in sub-paragraph (3A) of this paragraph ".

5.—(1) In paragraph 23 of the said Fourth Schedule (which relates to overtime allowance)—

(*a*) in sub-paragraph (1) (*a*) the words " with the addition of 3s. for any period of thirty minutes or more but less than one hour " shall be omitted ; and

(*b*) in sub-paragraph (1) (*b*) the words " with the addition of 2s. 6d. for any period of thirty minutes or more but less than one hour " shall be omitted.

(2) At the end of the said paragraph 23 the following sub-paragraph shall be added:—

" (3) Where the total amount of overtime duty performed in any month includes a fractional part of an hour, that fractional part shall, for the purposes of this paragraph, be disregarded if it amounts to less than half an hour or treated as an hour if it amounts to or exceeds half an hour.".

6. For sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 26 of the said Fourth Schedule (which relates to the allowance for performing the duties of a higher rank) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph :—

" (1) A member of a brigade who has performed the duties of another member of the brigade of higher rank for a continuous period of twenty-eight days or for an aggregate period of twenty-eight days comprising continuous periods exceeding three days shall be entitled to an allowance in respect of any period thereafter during which he performs such duties.".

7. These Regulations may be cited as the Fire Services (Conditions of Service) Regulations, 1957, and shall come into operation on the nineteenth day of March, 1957.

R. A. Butler,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Home Office,
Whitehall.
8th March, 1957.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the Fire Services (Conditions of Service) Regulations, 1954. Regulation 1 increases from three to six the number of public holidays on which a member of a fire brigade is entitled to leave and from three months to twelve months the period in which he is to be given a day's leave in lieu if he is required to work on a public holiday. Regulations 2 and 3 correct certain paragraph references. Regulation 4 includes in the removal expenses allowance to which certain members of fire brigades are entitled legal and other expenses involved in the buying or selling of a house. Regulation 5 makes fresh provision as to payment of the overtime allowance for a fraction of an hour. Regulation 6 reduces the period which has to be spent in performing the duties of a higher rank before an allowance in respect thereof is payable.