STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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POLICE

ENGLAND AND WALES

The Police (Amendment) Regulations 1967

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In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 33 of the Police Act 1964(a), and after consulting the Police Council for Great Britain and the Police Advisory Board for England and Wales in accordance with sections 45(4) and 46(3) of that Act, I hereby make the following Regulations :—

1.—(1) For sub-paragraphs (*a*) and (*b*) of Regulation 7 of the principal Regulations (which, as amended by Regulation 2 of the Police (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1966(b), relates to qualifications for appointment to a police force) there shall be substituted the following provisions :—

" (*a*) must produce satisfactory references as to character, and, if he has served in any police force, in the armed forces, in the civil service or as a seaman, produce satisfactory proof of his good conduct while so serving ;

(*b*) must have attained 19 years of age and not have attained, in the case of a man, 30 years of age or, in the case of a woman, 35 years of age :

Provided that a man or a woman who has attained 30 or 35 years of age, as the case may be, may be appointed—

(i) if he or she has had previous service in a police force otherwise than as an auxiliary policeman, or is otherwise entitled to reckon previous service as pensionable service ;

(ii) if he or she has not attained 40 years of age and since attaining the age of 30 or 35 years of age, as the case may be, has performed whole-time service in the armed forces or served as a seaman, or

(iii) in other special circumstances approved by the Secretary of State upon the recommendation of the appointing authority, that is to say, the chief officer of police or the police authority, as the case may be ; ".

(2) At the end of the said Regulation 7 there shall be added the following paragraph :—

' (2) For the purposes of this Regulation—

(*a*) the expression " armed forces " means the naval, military or air forces of the Crown including any women's service administered by the Defence Council, and

(*b*) the expression " seaman " has the same meaning as in the Merchant Shipping Act 1894(c).'.

(a) 1964 c. 48. (b) S.I. 1966/635 (1966 II, p. 1412). (c) 1894 c. 60.

2. For Regulation 9 of the principal Regulations (which relates to probationary service in the rank of constable) there shall be substituted the following Regulation :—

" *Probationary service in the rank of constable*

9.—(1) This Regulation shall apply to a member of a police force appointed in the rank of constable other than such a member who transferred to the force from another police force, having completed the required period of probation therein.

(2) A member of a police force to whom this Regulation applies shall, unless paragraph (3) applies in his case, be on probation for the first 2 years of his service as a constable in that police force following his last appointment thereto.

(3) A member of a police force to whom this Regulation applies who has served on probation for a period of not less than a year following a previous appointment to that or any other police force shall be on probation for the first year of his service as a constable in the police force first mentioned in this paragraph following his last appointment thereto:

Provided that the chief officer of police may at his discretion—

(*a*) reduce the period of probation, so however that the reduced period, when aggregated with the previous period of probation, shall not be less than 2 years, or

(*b*) dispense with the period of probation, if the member, following his previous appointment, completed the required period of probation in the force in question.

(4) Notwithstanding anything in paragraph (2) or (3), in the case of a member of a police force who has served as an auxiliary policeman for a period of not less than 2 years, the chief officer of police may dispense with the period of probation.

(5) For the purposes of this Regulation—

(*a*) in reckoning service, any period of unpaid maternity leave shall be disregarded, and

(*b*) in the case of a member who has been statutorily transferred from one force to some other force, his service in those two forces shall be treated as if it were service in the same police force.".

3.—(1) For paragraph 2A of Part I of Schedule 3 to the principal Regulations (which, as set out in Regulation 6 of the Police (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1966, in the case of men, provides for the payment of supplementary pay of £50 a year to members of the City of London or metropolitan police force below the rank of superintendent) there shall be substituted the following paragraph :—

" 2A. Without prejudice to paragraph 2(2), in the case of members of the City of London or the metropolitan police force the scales of pay set out in paragraphs 1 and 2(1) shall have effect as if they provided for supplementary pay of £50 a year.".

(2) For paragraph 2A of Part II of the said Schedule 3 (which, as set out as aforesaid, makes similar provision in the case of women) there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

" 2A. Without prejudice to paragraph 2(2), in the case of members of the City of London or the metropolitan police force the scales of pay set out in paragraphs 1 and 2(1) shall have effect as if they provided for supplementary pay of £50 a year.".

4. In these Regulations a reference to the principal Regulations is a reference to the Police Regulations 1965(a), as amended(b).

5.—(1) These Regulations shall come into operation on 12th April 1967 and shall have effect—

(*a*) for the purposes of Regulations 1 and 2 thereof, as from that date, and

(*b*) for the purposes of Regulation 3 thereof, as from 1st July 1966.

(2) These Regulations may be cited as the Police (Amendment) Regulations 1967.

Roy Jenkins,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Home Office,
Whitehall.
22nd March 1967.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the Police Regulations 1965.

Regulation 1 provides that a person may be appointed to a police force notwithstanding that he has attained the age of 30 years (or, in the case of a woman, 35 years) if he or she has not attained the age of 40 years and has been serving in the armed forces or as a merchant seaman.

Regulation 2 makes changes in the provisions relating to probationary service in the rank of constable. A member of a police force who, after completing his period of probation, transfers to another force may no longer be required to serve a further period of probation. A member of a police force who, after completing at least a year of his period of probation, transfers to another police force or after a break in service rejoins his force or joins another police force may not be required to serve for more than a further year on probation.

Regulation 3 provides that the present pay supplement of £50 a year payable to members of the City of London and metropolitan police forces under the rank of superintendent shall also be payable to such members of the rank of superintendent. By virtue of Regulation 5(1)(*b*), this increase in superintendents' pay takes effect from 1st July 1966.

(a) S.I. 1965/538 (1965 I, p. 1555).
(b) The relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1966/635 (1966 II, p. 1412).