# 1952 No. 1707

## The Police (Promotion) Regulations, 1952

*Made* - - - - 17*th September*, 1952
*Coming into Operation* 1*st October*, 1952

I, the Right Honourable Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, in pursuance of the powers conferred on me by section four of the Police Act, 1919(a), hereby make the following Regulations :—

**1.** Promotion from constable to sergeant and from sergeant to inspector shall be by selection from amongst those qualified to be promoted.

**2.**—(1) A constable to be qualified for promotion to the rank of sergeant must—

(*a*) not have had any punishment, other than a reprimand or caution, imposed on him for an offence against discipline during the two years immediately prior to his promotion ;

(*b*) have passed the appropriate qualifying examinations ;

(*c*) save for special reasons approved by the Secretary of State have completed two years' service in the performance of ordinary outside police duty ; and

(*d*) have completed five years' service unless the chief officer of police or, in the case of a borough police force, the watch committee is satisfied that he possesses special qualifications for the performance of the particular duties on which he is to be employed after promotion.

(2) A sergeant to be qualified for promotion to the rank of inspector must—

(*a*) not have had any punishment, other than a reprimand or caution, imposed on him for an offence against discipline during the two years immediately prior to his promotion ;

(*b*) have passed the appropriate qualifying examinations ;

(*c*) save for special reasons approved by the Secretary of State have completed one year's service in the rank of sergeant in the performance of ordinary outside police duty ; and

(*d*) have completed two years' service in the rank of sergeant.

(3) In this Regulation—

the expression " appropriate qualifying examinations " means the examinations held in accordance with the provisions of the Schedule hereto and in the subjects specified therein for promotion from constable to sergeant or from sergeant to inspector, as the case may be ;

the expression " borough police force " means the police force of a borough having a separate police force (other than the City of London police force), a combined police force constituted by a borough scheme under the Police Act, 1946(b), or the River Tyne police force ;

the expression " ordinary outside police duty " includes outside detective duty ;

(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 5. c. 46. (b) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 46.

the expression "service" includes service as an auxiliary, but does not include service before a constable attains the age of twenty years nor any period of unpaid maternity leave within the meaning of the Police Regulations, 1952(a);

the expression "service as an auxiliary" has the same meaning as it has for the purposes of the Police Regulations, 1952;

the expression "watch committee" means the police authority of a borough police force.

**3.**—(1) A member of a police force who before the date on which these Regulations came into force has passed the examination in educational subjects or the examination in police duties for promotion from constable to sergeant or from sergeant to inspector shall be deemed to have passed the corresponding qualifying examination in educational subjects or in police subjects for the purposes of these Regulations.

(2) A member of a police force in whose case the chief officer of police has, before the date on which these Regulations came into force, dispensed with the examination in educational subjects for promotion from constable to sergeant or from sergeant to inspector shall be deemed to have passed the corresponding qualifying examination in educational subjects for the purposes of these Regulations.

**4.** Notwithstanding Regulation 1 and paragraph 3 of the Schedule hereto promotion from constable to sergeant and from sergeant to station sergeant in the metropolitan police force may be by competitive examination in accordance with provisions approved by the Secretary of State and published in the general orders of the force, and those provisions may also lay down the number of times a candidate may sit for the competitive examination.

**5.**—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Police (Promotion) Regulations, 1952, and shall come into operation on the first day of October, 1952.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(b), shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

*David Maxwell Fyfe,*
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Home Office,
Whitehall.
17th September, 1952.

SCHEDULE

1. The qualifying examinations shall consist of—

(*a*) an examination in the following educational subjects, namely:—

(i) writing, including handwriting, spelling, punctuation and the writing and composition of reports;

(ii) arithmetic—

for promotion to sergeant, the first four rules, simple and compound, including imperial weights and measures, and simple fractions;

for promotion to inspector, the first four rules, simple and compound, including imperial weights and measures, reduction, vulgar fractions and decimals (excluding recurring decimals), ratio and proportion, averages and percentages;

(iii) geography, especially the geography of the British Isles;

(iv) general knowledge and intelligence;

(a) S.I. 1952/1704, p. 2480 above. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

(v) any special subject or subjects which may be required in the circumstances of the particular police force;

(*b*) an examination in the following police subjects, namely:—

(i) criminal law;

(ii) evidence and procedure in criminal courts;

(iii) public general statutes and statutory rules, orders and instruments;

(iv) the structure of local and central government in relation to the administration of police forces;

(v) police powers and duties, and procedure in relation thereto:

Provided that in the case of members of the metropolitan police force wholly or mainly engaged on specialised duties of a technical character the examinations in police subjects may, subject to the approval of the Secretary of State, be replaced by examinations in technical subjects, and any such member who, in the determination of the commissioner of police of the metropolis, passes any such examination shall be deemed to have passed the corresponding examination in police subjects.

2.—(1) The examination in educational subjects, other than any special subject or subjects required, shall be conducted by such competent examining body as the police authority may select.

(2) The examination in police subjects and, where required, in the educational special subject or subjects shall be conducted by the chief officer of police or such other chief officer of police as he may select:

Provided that the duty imposed by this sub-paragraph on a chief officer of police may be delegated by him to a board of police officers.

3.—(1) Any constable who has given due notice to the chief officer of police shall be entitled to sit for the examination in educational subjects for promotion from constable to sergeant and any constable or sergeant who has given due notice to the chief officer of police shall be entitled to sit for the examination in educational subjects for promotion from sergeant to inspector.

(2) Any constable who has completed four years' service before the date on which the examination is held and who has given due notice to the chief officer of police shall be entitled to sit for the examination in police subjects for promotion from constable to sergeant.

(3) Any sergeant who has given due notice to the chief officer of police shall be entitled to sit for the examination in police subjects for promotion from sergeant to inspector.

(4) Notwithstanding the foregoing sub-paragraphs of this paragraph, a chief officer of police may permit a constable who has given him notice before the first day of January, 1953, of his desire to sit for an examination in police subjects for promotion from sergeant to inspector to be held before the first day of October, 1953, and who before the date on which the examination will be held will have completed four years' service, to sit for that examination.

(5) (*a*) For the purposes of this paragraph any reference to a constable or sergeant shall include a reference to a reversionary member of a home police force who on exercising his right of reversion to the police force will hold such a rank.

(*b*) The expression "reversionary member of a home police force" has the same meaning as it has for the purposes of the Police Pensions Regulations, 1949(a).

4. The qualifying examinations shall be held at least once in every year.

5.—(1) After every examination there shall be published to the police force a list giving the names of the candidates who have passed that examination.

(2) After every examination a candidate who failed to pass that examination shall be informed of the subject or subjects in which he failed to pass.

(3) A candidate shall not be deemed to have passed an examination unless he has passed in all subjects of that examination.

(a) S.I. 1949/1241; 1949 I, p. 3331.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations reproduce with minor amendments the existing provisions as to promotion examinations contained in the Police (Consolidation) Regulations, 1948.

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# 1952 No. 2162

# The Police Pensions Regulations, 1952

*Made* - - - - 10*th December*, 1952
*Coming into Operation* 15*th December*, 1952

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by sections one and three of the Police Pensions Act, 1948(**a**), and section two of the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1952(**b**), I hereby, with the consent of the Treasury and after consultation with the Police Council, make the following Regulations:—

## PART I

### AMENDMENTS OF THE POLICE PENSIONS REGULATIONS, 1949(**c**)

**1.** In paragraph (3) of Regulation 10 of the Police Pensions Regulations, 1949, for the word "January" there shall be substituted the word "October".

**2.** For paragraphs (4), (5) and (6) of Regulation 11 of the said Regulations there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

"(4) A pension increased or granted under this Regulation, including such a pension increased or granted before the first day of October, 1952, shall be payable at a rate increased by, or at the rate of, forty-two shillings and sixpence a week for the first thirteen weeks that the pension is payable and thereafter during the periods and in the conditions set out in Part II of the Second Schedule to these Regulations thirty-two shillings and sixpence a week:

Provided that where a pension calculated in accordance with Scheme II of Part I of the Second Schedule to these Regulations is increased, the increased pension shall not be at a higher rate than it would have been if it had been calculated in accordance with Scheme I of the said Part I and increased in accordance with the provisions of this Regulation.".

**3.** In paragraph (2) of Regulation 12 of the said Regulations, for the word "January" there shall be substituted the word "October".

**4.**—(1) In paragraph (1) of Regulation 13 of the said Regulations after the words "in their discretion" there shall be inserted the words "from time to time".

(2) In paragraph (3) of the said Regulation after the words "Regulation 66" there shall be inserted the words "and paragraph (1) of Regulation 66A", for the words "thirty-six shillings" there shall be substituted the words "forty-two shillings and sixpence" and for the words "twenty-six shillings" there shall be substituted the words "thirty-two shillings and sixpence".

(3) Paragraph (4) of the said Regulation shall be omitted.

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(**a**) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 24. (**b**) 15 & 16 Geo. 6 & 1 Eliz. 2. c. 45.
(**c**) S.I. 1949/1241; 1949 I, p. 3331: and *see* S.I. 1950/778; 1951/2192: 1950 II, p. 338 1951 II, p. 208.