(2B) It shall be the duty of the chief constable to inform the accused by notice in writing where he has any interest, otherwise than as chief constable, in the case, or where he is a material witness, and any such notice shall draw the attention of the accused to the provisions of this Regulation."

Dated this 13th day of December, 1956.

James Stuart,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh, 1.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the Police (Discipline) (Scotland) Regulations, 1952, by making specific provision for the hearing when the chief constable of the force is interested in a discipline charge otherwise than as the chief constable or is a material witness.

1956 No. 1532

The Police (Promotion) Regulations, 1956

Made - - - - 27th September, 1956
Coming into operation in accordance with Regulation 7

I, the Right Honourable Gwilym Lloyd-George, 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:—

Qualification for promotion

1.—(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 obtained a pass in 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 police authority is satisfied that he possesses special qualifications for the performance of the particular duties on which he is to be employed after promotion.

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

(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 obtained a pass in 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.

Selection for promotion

2. Subject to Regulation 3 of these Regulations, promotion from constable to sergeant and from sergeant to inspector shall be by selection.

Promotion in the metropolitan police force

3.—(1) 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 lay down the number of times a candidate may sit for the competitive examination.

(2) A constable in the metropolitan police force who has passed the competitive examination shall be deemed to have obtained a pass in the appropriate qualifying examinations.

Transitional provisions

4. A member of a police force who—

(*a*) has passed a qualifying examination for promotion from constable to sergeant or from sergeant to inspector for the purposes of the Police (Promotion) Regulations, 1952(**a**), or

(*b*) would, if these Regulations had not been made, be deemed to have passed such an examination for the purposes of the said Regulations of 1952,

shall be deemed to have obtained a pass in the corresponding qualifying examination for promotion from constable to sergeant or, as the case may be, from sergeant to inspector for the purposes of these Regulations.

Interpretation

5.—(1) In these Regulations, except where the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say:—

"appropriate qualifying examinations" means the examinations held under arrangements made by the examinations board and the examination agency in accordance with the provisions of the Schedule hereto for promotion from constable to sergeant or, as the case may be, from sergeant to inspector;

"borough police force" includes a combined police force constituted by a borough scheme under the Police Act, 1946(**b**), and the Tyne River police force;

"constable" includes acting sergeant;

"examinations board" means the board appointed by the Secretary of State for the purposes of these Regulations;

"examination agency" means the Civil Service Commissioners or such

(**a**) S.I. 1952/1707 (1952 II, p. 2533). (**b**) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 46.

other body or persons as may be appointed by the Secretary of State for the purposes of these Regulations;

"ordinary outside police duty" includes outside detective duty;

"sergeant" includes second class sergeant (Criminal Investigation Department); and

"service" includes service as an auxiliary within the meaning of paragraph (2) of Regulation 56 of the Police Regulations, 1952(a), 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 said Regulations.

(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.

Revocations

6. The Police (Promotion) Regulations, 1952, and the Police (Promotion) Regulations, 1953(c), are hereby revoked.

Operation and citation

7. These Regulations may be cited as the Police (Promotion) Regulations, 1956, and shall come into operation on the first day of January, 1958:

Provided that for the purpose of making appointments, preparing syllabuses, giving notices and of all other matters preliminary or relating to the holding of examinations on or after the said day, these Regulations shall come into operation forthwith.

G. Lloyd-George,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Home Office,
Whitehall.
27th September, 1956.

SCHEDULE

1.—(1) There shall be held at least once in each year, under arrangements approved by the examinations board, the following qualifying examinations on syllabuses prepared by the examinations board in consultation with the examination agency:—

(*a*) for promotion from constable to sergeant or from sergeant to inspector, an examination in the following subjects, that is to say, in arithmetic, English, geography and general knowledge (hereinafter referred to as the examination in educational subjects);

(*b*) for promotion from constable to sergeant, an examination in police subjects (hereinafter referred to as the constables examination in police subjects);

(*c*) for promotion from sergeant to inspector, an examination in police subjects (hereinafter referred to as the sergeants examination in police subjects).

(2) In this paragraph the expression "police subjects" means the following subjects:—

(*a*) criminal law;

(*b*) evidence and procedure in criminal courts;

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

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

(*e*) police powers and duties and procedure in relation thereto.

(a) S.I. 1952/1704 (1952 II, p. 2480). (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.
(c) S.I. 1953/702 (1953 II, p. 1586).

2. The examinations board shall determine in consultation with the examination agency—

(*a*) the standard to be achieved by a candidate in order to obtain a pass in any examination or in any particular paper comprised in that examination, different standards being determined, in the case of the examination in educational subjects, for the purposes of promotion from constable to sergeant and for the purposes of promotion from sergeant to inspector; and

(*b*) the circumstances in which a candidate may obtain a pass in any examination, notwithstanding that he has not obtained a pass in some paper comprised in that examination, by obtaining a pass in that paper in a subsequent examination.

3. The examination papers shall be set and marked, in accordance with arrangements made by the examination agency, by examiners appointed by them with the approval, in the case of the examiners in police subjects, of the examinations board.

4. The examinations board shall secure that each chief officer of police is duly notified—

(*a*) of the dates on and places at which examinations are proposed to be held and the general arrangements for such examinations;

(*b*) of the closing dates for the submission to them of the names of candidates for those examinations;

(*c*) of the results of the examinations in so far as they affect members of the police force of which he is the chief officer.

5.—(1) Any constable or sergeant shall be eligible to take the examination in educational subjects.

(2) Any constable who has completed not less than four years' service on the date the examination is held shall be eligible to take the constables examination in police subjects.

(3) Any sergeant shall be eligible to take the sergeants examination in police subjects.

6. Notwithstanding that a candidate is eligible to take a qualifying examination, the examinations board may exclude him from that examination or, in an appropriate case, may deem him to have withdrawn from that examination, if—

(*a*) his candidature for that examination has not been submitted to the examinations board before the closing date mentioned in sub-paragraph (*b*) of paragraph 4 of this Schedule, or

(*b*) he fails to comply with the general or other arrangements made or approved by the examinations board or with the requirements of the examination agency.

7.—(1) In relation to a candidiate who is a member of the metropolitan police force, the provisions of this Schedule relating to the constables or sergeants examination in police subjects shall apply, with the necessary modifications, as if for any reference to the examinations board or the examination agency there were substituted a reference to the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis.

(2) In the case of any such candidate who is wholly or mainly engaged on specialised duties of a technical character, paragraph 1 of this Schedule shall, subject to the approval of the Secretary of State, have effect notwithstanding sub-paragraph (2) thereof as if the expression "police subjects" meant subjects of the appropriate technical character.

8. In this Schedule any reference to a member of a police force includes a reference to a reversionary member of a home police force within the meaning of Regulation 74 of the Police Pensions Regulations, 1955(**a**), and any reference to a constable or sergeant includes a reference to such a member who is, under section two of the Police (Overseas Service) Act, 1945(**b**), entitled at the end of his period of overseas service to revert to his home police force in the rank of constable or, as the case may be, of sergeant.

(**a**) S.I. 1955/480 (1955 II, p. 1903). (**b**) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 17.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations, which relate to promotion from constable to sergeant and from sergeant to inspector, reproduce, with minor amendments, the provisions of the Police (Promotion) Regulations, 1952 (which are revoked by Regulation 6) except that they provide for the holding of qualifying examinations by a central examinations board and a central examination agency instead of by individual police forces. Special provisions relating to the metropolitan police force are made by Regulation 2 and paragraph 7 of the Schedule.

Regulation 7 provides that the Regulations shall come into operation on 1st January, 1958, save that for the purpose of making preparations for the holding of examinations on or after that date they shall come into operation forthwith.

SPECIAL CONSTABLES

1956 No. 1997 (S. 93)

The Police (Special Constables) (Scotland) Regulations, 1956

Made - - - -	13*th December*, 1956
Laid before Parliament	20*th December*, 1956
Coming into Operation	1*st January*, 1957

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 8, subsection (1) of section 9 and subsection (1) of section 11 of the Police (Scotland) Act, 1956(a), and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I hereby make the following Regulations:—

RANKS

Ranks

1. The ranks which may be held by special constables shall be as follows:—

Commandant.
Divisional Commandant.
Special Inspector.
Special Sergeant.
Special Constable.

APPOINTMENT

Qualifications for Appointment

2. No person shall be appointed to the office of special constable unless he has the following qualifications, that is to say—

(*a*) he has attained the age of eighteen years;

(*b*) he is a British subject;

(*c*) he is not less in height than five feet six inches:

Provided that paragraph (*c*) of this Regulation shall not apply in the case of a female person.

(a) 4 & 5 Eliz. 2. c. 26.