PROBATION OF OFFENDERS

1960 No. 1443

The Probation Rules, 1960

Made - - - - 6*th August*, 1960
Coming into Operation 15*th August*, 1960

In pursuance of the power conferred on me by the Fifth Schedule to the Criminal Justice Act, 1948(**a**), I hereby make the following Rules :—

1. For Rule 44 of the Probation Rules, 1949(**b**), (which relates to the age of appointment of whole time probation officers) there shall be substituted the following Rule :—

"44.—(1) A person who is under the age of twenty-two years shall not be appointed to be a whole time probation officer.

(2) A person who has attained the age of forty years shall not be appointed to be a whole time probation officer unless at the time of his appointment—

(*a*) he is serving as a whole time probation officer or as a whole time salaried probation officer in Scotland ; or

(*b*) he has been nominated, by the authority desiring to appoint him, for a course of training in the duties of probation officers under the direction of a body approved by the Secretary of State and that body has declared him suitable for admission to such a course ; or

(*c*) if he has not been so nominated, he has completed such a course to the satisfaction of the Secretary of State.".

2. For Rule 45 of the said Rules (which relates to the age of retirement of probation officers) there shall be substituted the following Rule :—

"45. The appointment of a probation officer shall terminate upon his attaining the age of sixty-five years :

Provided that in the metropolitan stipendiary court area the Secretary of State, and elsewhere the probation committee, may, with the probation officer's consent, extend his service for one year, or any less period, and so from time to time as the Secretary of State or the committee, as the case may be, deems expedient.".

3. After Rule 78 of the said Rules there shall be inserted the following Rule :—

"78A. *Contributions to association of probation committees.*

A probation committee may, with the approval of the Secretary of State, make contributions to a national association of probation committees to defray its expenses.".

(**a**) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 58. (**b**) S.I. 1949/1328 (1949 I, p. 3508).

4. These Rules may be cited as the Probation Rules, 1960, and shall come into operation on the fifteenth day of August, 1960.

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

Home Office,
Whitehall.
6th August, 1960.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Rules amend the Probation Rules, 1949. Rule 1 lowers the minimum age of appointment from twenty-three to twenty-two and enables a person who has attained the age of forty to be appointed a whole time probation officer if a body approved by the Secretary of State has on the application of the appointing authority declared him suitable for admission to a course of training in the duties of probation officers. Rule 2 enables the service of any probation officer to be extended beyond the age of sixty-five years (which is the age of compulsory retirement) by agreement between the probation officer and the employing authority. Rule 3 enables a probation committee with the approval of the Secretary of State to contribute to the expenses of a national association of probation committees.