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POLICE

Royal Ulster Constabulary (Promotion) (Amendment) Regulations 1980

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To be laid before Parliament	

The Secretary of State, in pursuance of section 25 of the Police Act (Northern Ireland) 1970(**a**), and after consulting, in accordance with section 34(2) of the said Act, the Police Authority for Northern Ireland and the Police Association for Northern Ireland hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Royal Ulster Constabulary (Promotion) (Amendment) Regulations 1980 and shall come into operation on 21st April 1980.

Qualification for promotion

2.—(1) For regulation 3(2) of the Royal Ulster Constabulary (Promotion) Regulations 1971(**b**) (hereinafter referred to as "the regulations of 1971") there shall be substituted the following provision:—

"(2) A constable serving in the fingerprint branch of the force shall, on completion of 5 years' service in that branch, be deemed to be qualified for promotion to sergeant in that branch if—

(*a*) he has obtained a pass in a constable's technical examination, based on fingerprint technology and associated subjects, approved by the chief constable; and

(*b*) in the chief constable's opinion he has given satisfactory service and is competent to carry out all the specialist duties of the fingerprint branch in the rank of sergeant.".

(2) In regulation 3(3) of the regulations of 1971, there shall be inserted at the beginning the words "Save for the provisions of paragraph (3A),", and after regulation 3(3) there shall be added the following provision:—

"(3A) A sergeant serving in the fingerprint branch of the force shall, on completion of 3 years' service in that rank in that branch, be deemed to be qualified for promotion to the rank of inspector in that branch if—

(*a*) he has obtained a pass in a sergeant's technical examination, based on fingerprint technology and associated subjects, approved by the chief constable; and

(*b*) in the chief constable's opinion he has given satisfactory service and is competent to carry out all the specialist duties of the fingerprint branch in the rank of inspector.".

(**a**) 1970 c. 9 (N.I.) as modified by S.I. 1973/2163 (1973 III, p. 7541)
(**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1971 No. 171 (p. 790)

(3) In regulation 3 of the regulations of 1971, there shall be added at the end the following paragraph:—

"(5) A member of the fingerprint branch holding the rank of sergeant or inspector by virtue of the provisions of paragraphs (2) or (3A) respectively, shall, upon being transferred to serve outside the branch, revert to the rank of constable or sergeant respectively: Provided that, if he holds the rank of inspector by virtue of paragraph (3A) and previously held the rank of sergeant by virtue of paragraph (2), he shall revert to the rank of constable.".

Humphrey Atkins
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State

Northern Ireland Office
13th March 1980

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations amend the Royal Ulster Constabulary (Promotion) Regulations 1971. They introduce revised conditions for qualification for promotion in the Royal Ulster Constabulary's fingerprint branch and abolish the special promotion procedure in the force's photography branch.