STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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POLICE

Police Trainee (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003

Made - - - -	*30th September 2003*
To be laid before Parliament	
Coming into operation	*10th November 2003*

The Secretary of State, in pursuance of sections 36 and 41 of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000(**1**) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, and after consulting the Northern Ireland Policing Board and the Police Association for Northern Ireland in accordance with section 41(6) of that Act, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Police Trainee (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003.

(2) These regulations shall come into operation on 10th November 2003.

(3) In these regulations "the 2001 regulations" means the Police Trainee Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001(**2**).

Conditions for appointment as constable

2. For regulation 3 of the 2001 regulations there shall be substituted –

"**Conditions for appointment as constable**

3.—(1) A person shall not be appointed to the rank of constable in the Police Service of Northern Ireland unless –

(a) he fulfils the first set of conditions, or

(b) he is designated by the Chief Constable as an experienced police trainee, and fulfils the second set of conditions.

(**1**) 2000 c. 32
(**2**) S.R. 2001 No. 369

(2) The Chief Constable may designate as an experienced police trainee any person who has –

(a) completed any such training in policing matters as may be recognised by the Chief Constable, or

(b) obtained any such qualification in policing matters as may be so recognised.

(3) The first set of conditions is that the person –

(a) has completed a period of service as a police trainee of 145 days or such longer period as may be specified by the Chief Constable,

(b) has obtained such qualification in police studies as may be specified by the Chief Constable, and

(c) has completed, to such standard as the Chief Constable considers satisfactory, such other training for service as a police officer as may be specified by the Chief Constable.

(4) The second set of conditions is that the person –

(a) has completed such period of service as a police trainee as may be specified by the Chief Constable, and

(b) has completed, to such standard as the Chief Constable considers satisfactory, such training for service as a police officer as may be specified by the Chief Constable.

(5) In deciding whether to recognise training for the purposes of paragraph (2), the Chief Constable shall have regard, among the matters which are relevant, to –

(a) the nature, standard and duration of the training,

(b) the relevance of the training to service as a member of the Police Service of Northern Ireland, and

(c) such matters as may be specified by the Board.

(6) In deciding whether to recognise a qualification for the purposes of paragraph (2), the Chief Constable shall have regard, among the matters which are relevant, to –

(a) the nature and level of the qualification,

(b) the relevance of the qualification to service as a member of the Police Service of Northern Ireland, and

(c) such matters as may be specified by the Board."

Consequential amendments

3.—(1) In regulation 4(1) of the 2001 regulations (meaning of "training") –

(a) in sub-paragraph (a) for "3(b)" substitute "3(3)(b)"; and

(b) in sub-paragraph (c) for "3(c)" substitute "3(3)(c) or (4)(b)".

(2) In regulation 5 of the 2001 regulations (extending period of service of police trainee) –

(a) for paragraph (1) there shall be substituted –

"(1) The powers of the Chief Constable under regulation 3 may be exercised differently for different cases and circumstances"; and

(b) in paragraph (2) –

(i) for "the qualification specified under regulation 3(b)" there shall be substituted "a qualification specified under regulation 3(3)(b)";

(ii) for "3(c)" there shall be substituted "3(3)(c) or (4)(b)"; and