STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2003 No. 207

FIRE SERVICES

Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003

Made - - - -	*1st April 2003*
Coming into operation	*25th April 2003*

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety(**1**), in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 9(5) and 52(1) of the Fire Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1984(**2**), and now vested in it(**3**), and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 and shall come into operation on 25th April 2003.

Amendment of the Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979

2.—(1) Regulation 4 of the Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979(**4**) shall be amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) For paragraph (1) there shall be substituted the following paragraph –

"(1) A person shall not be appointed to be chief fire officer unless –

(a) he has –

(i) served in the rank of Divisional Officer (Grade 1), or in a higher rank, as a member of a fire brigade maintained by a fire authority in Great Britain under the 1947 Act or by the Authority, and

(ii) completed the Senior Officers' Course, the Senior Command Course or the Brigade Command Course at a training institution established and maintained by the Secretary of State under section 23(1)(a) of the 1947 Act; or

(**1**) *See* Article 3(6) of S.I.1999/283 (N.I. 1)
(**2**) S.I. 1984/1821 (N.I. 11); as amended by S.I. 1998/1549 (N.I. 11)
(**3**) *See* Article 6(c) of, and Part III of Schedule 4 to, S.R. 1999 No. 481
(**4**) S.R. 1979 No. 167; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 1981 No. 291 and S.R. 1989 No. 233