STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2002 No. 385

POLICE

Police (Recruitment) (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2002

Made - - - -	*12th December 2002*
To be laid before Parliament	
Coming into operation	*17th January 2003*

The Secretary of State, in pursuance of sections 25 and 26 of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 1998(**1**) and sections 41, 43 and 44 of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000(**2**), and after consulting the Northern Ireland Policing Board, the Chief Constable, the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland and the Police Association for Northern Ireland, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Police (Recruitment) (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2002.

(2) These regulations shall come into operation on 17th January 2003.

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

Qualified candidate

2.—(1) Regulation 2(2) of the recruitment regulations (meaning of "qualified candidate") shall be amended as follows.

(2) For "an applicant for appointment to the police" substitute "an applicant for appointment as a police trainee or police reserve trainee".

(3) In sub-paragraph (b) (age limits) for "is not over 52 years if a candidate for appointment as a police trainee" substitute–

"(i) in the case of a candidate for appointment as a police trainee, has not attained the age of 52 years, or

(**1**) 1998 c. 32
(**2**) 2000 c. 32
(**3**) S.R. 2001 No. 140

(ii) in the case of a candidate for appointment as a police reserve trainee, has not attained the age of 61 years;".

(4) In sub-paragraph (c) (health and fitness) for "the duties of a police officer" substitute

"(as the case may be)–

(i) the duties of a member of the Police Service of Northern Ireland, or

(ii) the duties of a member of the Police Service of Northern Ireland Reserve;".

(5) In sub-paragraph (f) (tests and assessments) for "the skill and competencies required to carry out the duties of a police officer" substitute

"(as the case may be)–

(i) the skills and competencies required to carry out the duties of a member of the Police Service of Northern Ireland, or

(ii) the skills and competencies required to carry out the duties of a member of the Police Service of Northern Ireland Reserve;".

(6) For sub-paragraph (g) (panel decides whether candidate is suitable) substitute–

"(g) who is not, as determined in accordance with Part III, unsuitable for appointment as a police trainee or police reserve trainee; and".

(7) For sub-paragraph (h) (appointment to the rank of sergeant or inspector) substitute–

"(h) who, if a candidate for appointment as a police reserve trainee with a view to service in the Police Service of Northern Ireland Reserve in a particular area in Northern Ireland, is resident in that area.".

Appointment of qualified candidate

3. After regulation 3 of the recruitment regulations there shall be inserted–

"**Appointment of police reserve trainees**

3A.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the Chief Constable shall not appoint a person as a police reserve trainee unless that person is a qualified candidate.

(2) Where a candidate for appointment as a police reserve trainee with a view to service in the Police Service of Northern Ireland Reserve in a particular area in Northern Ireland satisfies the requirements of regulation 2(2)(a) to (g) (meaning of qualified candidate) but does not satisfy the requirement specified in regulation 2(2)(h) (residence), the Chief Constable may appoint that person as a police reserve trainee if he is satisfied that that person has a connection to that area.

(3) The Chief Constable may specify the matters which he may take into account in determining whether a person has a connection to an area for the purposes of paragraph (2).".

Police recruitment agent

4. In regulation 5 of the recruitment regulations (police recruitment agent) in paragraph (4) (Chief Constable to determine terms and conditions, with the approval of the Board) the words "with the approval of the Policing Board" shall be omitted.

Advertising of vacancies

5.—(1) Regulation 6 of the recruitment regulations (advertising of vacancies) shall be amended as follows.