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FIRE SERVICES

Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1989

Made	*22nd June 1989*
Coming into operation . .	*1st August 1989*

The Department of the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 9(5) and 52(1) of the Fire Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1984(**a**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1989 and shall come into operation on 1st August 1989.

Regulations amended

2. The Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979(**b**) shall be amended as follows—

(1) In regulation 4 (appointment of chief officer)—

(*a*) For paragraph (1) substitute—

"(1) A person shall not be appointed to be chief officer of the Authority 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 Fire Authority for Northern Ireland, 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

(*b*) on 1st August 1989 he is serving, other than in a temporary or acting capacity, as the chief officer of a fire brigade maintained by—

(i) a fire authority mentioned in sub-paragraph (*a*)(i),

(ii) the States of Guernsey Island Police Committee,

(**a**) S.I. 1984/1821 (N.I. 11)
(**b**) S.R. 1979 No. 167 as amended by S.R. 1981 No. 291 and S.R. 1985 No. 323

(iii) the States of Jersey Defence Committee, or

(iv) the Isle of Man Department of Home Affairs.''.

(*b*) After paragraph (2) insert—

''(3) In this regulation ''the 1947 Act'' means the Fire Services Act 1947(**a**).''.

(2) In regulation 5(1)(*c*) after the words ''Regulation 6(1)(*c*), (*d*), (*e*)'' insert ''(*ee*)''.

(3) In regulation 6(1) in paragraph (*b*) the words from ''or, in the case of a person'' to the end of the paragraph shall be omitted, and for paragraphs (*c*) to (*e*) substitute—

''(*c*) subject to paragraph (3), shall be in height—

(i) not less than 1.68 metres, and

(ii) not more than 1.93 metres;

(*d*) shall have satisfied a duly qualified medical practitioner selected by the Authority that—

(i) his lung function, assessed by the measurement of the forced expiratory volume in one second (FEV 1.0) and the forced vital capacity (FVC), and

(ii) his general level of fitness, including his aerobic capacity (vo_2 max), as measured by a step-test,

are such as to enable him to undertake fire-fighting duties; and that he has not any physical abnormality and is not suffering from any disease which, in either case, would be likely to incapacitate him temporarily or permanently for the performance of the said duties;

(*e*) shall have satisfied a duly qualified ophthalmologist selected by the Authority that—

(i) he has an uncorrected distance visual acuity, measured by the method known as the Snellen test, of 6/6, 6/6, and

(ii) his unaided visual function, including his colour vision, is such as to enable him to undertake fire-fighting duties,

and that he does not have any abnormality or suffer from any disease which, in either case, would be likely to affect such visual function, temporarily or permanently, so as to incapacitate him for the performance of the said duties;

(*ee*) shall have taken, under the supervision of the Authority, a test of the isometric muscle strength of his hand-grip and the combined lifting strength of his back and legs, and achieved a measurement of not less than—

(i) in relation to the dominant hand, 35 kg;

(ii) in relation to the subordinate hand, 33 kg; and

(iii) in relation to the back and legs, as measured by the method known as the leg/back pull test, 117 kg; and''.''.

(**a**) 1947 c. 41 as amended by the Fire Services Act 1959 c. 44