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POLICE

Police Association for Northern Ireland (Amendment) Regulations 1988

Made . . . . . 15th October 1988

Coming into operation . . 1st December 1988

To be laid before Parliament

The Secretary of State, in pursuance of section 17 of the Police Act (Northern Ireland) 1970(**a**), and after consulting, in accordance with section 17(4) of the said Act of 1970, the Police Association for Northern Ireland, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation and operation

1. These regulations may be cited as the Police Association for Northern Ireland (Amendment) Regulations 1988 and shall come into operation on 1st December 1988.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations any reference to the principal regulations is a reference to the Police Association for Northern Ireland Regulations 1971(**b**).

Amendment of principal regulations

3.—(1) For Schedule I to the principal regulations there shall be substituted the Schedule set out in Schedule 1.

(2) For Schedule II to the principal regulations there shall be substituted the Schedule set out in Schedule 2.

(3) For Schedule III to the principal regulations there shall be substituted the Schedule set out in Schedule 3.

(4) For Schedule IV to the principal regulations there shall be substituted the Schedule set out in Schedule 4.

(5) For Schedule V to the principal regulations there shall be substituted the Schedule set out in Schedule 5.

Tom King
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State

Northern Ireland Office
15th October 1988.

(a) 1970 c. 9 (N.I.) as modified by S.I. 1973/2163 and amended by S.I. 1987/938 (N.I. 10) Art. 24
(b) S.R & O. 1971 No. 232 as amended by S.R. & O. 1985 No. 351

SCHEDULE 1 Regulation 3(1)

SCHEDULE SUBSTITUTED FOR SCHEDULE I TO PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS

"SCHEDULE I Regulation 9

Regions

For the purposes of Part III of these regulations there shall be the following regions:—

Region	Divisions or departments in the region
1	A and E
2	B and D
3	G and H
4	J and P
5	N and O
6	K and L
7	(a) Belfast Divisional Mobile Support Units; (b) Force Training Personnel (full time members), all members attached to Training Centre and recruits in training; (c) Traffic Branch; and (d) all staff based at Headquarters excepting those in (a) (b) and (c)."

SCHEDULE 2 Regulation 3(2)

SCHEDULE SUBSTITUTED FOR SCHEDULE II TO PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS

"SCHEDULE II Regulation 10

Regional Boards

The composition of each board shall be as specified in the following Table:—

Region	Constables	Sergeants	Inspectors
1	14	7	2
2	14	7	2
3	12	6	2
4	12	6	2
5	12	6	2
6	12	6	2
7	4	4	4

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SCHEDULE 3 Regulation 3(3)

SCHEDULE SUBSTITUTED FOR SCHEDULE III TO PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS

"SCHEDULE III Regulation 11

Elections to the membership of boards

1. The next elections to the membership of boards shall be held in the month of January 1989 and thereafter in the month of January triennially. The chief constable shall cause to be displayed in each police establishment the proposed date of the elections at least one month in advance.

2.—(1) For each region for membership of each board there shall be elected by—

(*a*) constables stationed in each of regions 1 and 2; fourteen of their number (two from each of the 7 sub-divisions in each region);

(*b*) constables stationed in each of regions 3 to 6; twelve of their number (two from each of the 6 sub-divisions in each region);

(*c*) constables based in each of the departments specified for region 7; one of their number;

(*d*) sergeants stationed in each of regions 1 and 2; seven of their number (one from each of the 7 sub-divisions in each region);

(*e*) sergeants stationed in each of regions 3 to 6; six of their number (one from each of the 6 sub-divisions in each region);

(*f*) sergeants based in each of the departments specified for region 7; one of their number;

(*g*) inspectors stationed in each of regions 1 to 6; two of their number (one from each division);

(*h*) inspectors based in each of the departments specified for region 7; one of their number.

(2) A constable or sergeant stationed in region 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 shall vote only for a candidate stationed in the same sub-division as that member.

(3) An inspector stationed in region 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 shall vote only for a candidate stationed in the same division as that member.

(4) A member based in each of the departments specified for region 7 shall vote only for a candidate based in the same department as that member.

(5) Subject to sub-paragraph (6), where the number of police cadets is fifty or more, they shall elect one of their number to be a member of the board for the region in which their training establishment is situated and, where their number is less than fifty, they shall nominate a candidate on the board for the region in which their training establishment is situated to represent their interests.

(6) Where the training establishment for police cadets is outside Northern Ireland cadets shall nominate a constable in region 7 to represent their interests.

3. For the purpose of elections to boards the chief constable shall nominate a divisional commander for either of the divisions in each of the regions, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 (in this Schedule referred to as "the appropriate divisional commander") to perform such functions as are conferred on him by this Schedule.

4. The appropriate divisional commander for region 7 shall for that purpose be the assistant chief constable (personnel and training).

5.—(1) Each candidate for election shall be nominated and seconded by members of the same rank who shall sign the printed nomination form, having ascertained that the nominee is willing to accept the nomination.

(2) Outgoing members shall be eligible for nomination.

(3) Nominations from a sub-division, division or department, as the case may be, shall be lodged with the appropriate divisional commander at least fourteen days before the date of the election.

(4) The appropriate divisional commander on receiving the nominations shall—

(*a*) prepare a list for each rank showing the rank, surname, christian names, registered number, station, sub-division and division, or department as the case may be, of each candidate and the names of the proposer and seconder; and

(*b*) cause such lists to be exhibited at each police establishment in the region including the sub-division, division or department, as the case may be, in which men of similar rank are stationed, not less than seven days before the date of the election.

(5) No person shall control, direct, improperly influence or in any other way interfere with or cause to be controlled, directed, improperly influenced or interfered with, the nomination of a candidate.

(6) In the event that the number of nominations received does not exceed the number of members to be elected, those nominated in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph shall be declared elected by the appropriate divisional commander.

6.—(1) Each member of the rank represented on the board—

(*a*) may, on the day of the election, between the hours of 8.00 a.m. and 8.30 p.m., vote in accordance with paragraph 2(2), (3) and (4) for the candidate or candidates of his own rank and choice within the region on the voting paper supplied;

(*b*) having voted, shall place the voting paper in an envelope, write his name, rank and the sub-division, division or department, as the case may be, in which he is stationed and the region for which he is voting on the back and lodge the sealed envelope with the person in charge of the establishment.

(2) As soon as possible after the close of the poll, but not later than the following day, the person in charge of the establishment shall forward the envelopes containing the votes in a sealed packet to the appropriate divisional commander.

7.—(1) The appropriate divisional commander shall as soon as possible after the date of the election, in the presence of the scrutineers appointed from his divisional headquarters station, one for each rank represented on the board, check each envelope against the voting roll for the region.

(2) The scrutineers shall extract the voting paper and destroy the envelope.

(3) The appropriate divisional commander shall in the presence of the scrutineers count the votes recorded.

(4) The appropriate divisional commander and the scrutineers shall jointly decide whether a voting paper is spoiled.

(5) Subject to a recount under paragraph 13, a spoiled vote shall not be valid.

8.—(1) On the completion of the counting of the votes, the appropriate divisional commander shall —

(*a*) in the presence of the scrutineers, add the number of votes recorded for each candidate; and