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FIRE SERVICES

Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981

Made	*2nd September 1981*
Coming into operation . . .	*12th October 1981*

The Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland in exercise of the powers conferred by Sections 16(2) and 40(1)(*a*) of the Fire Services Act (Northern Ireland) 1969(**a**) and now vested in it(**b**) 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) 1981 and shall come into operation on 12th October 1981.

Amendment of regulations

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

(i) In the definition of "Fire Services Central Examination Board" in regulation 2(1) for "2(*c*)" there shall be substituted "2(1)(*c*)".

(ii) For regulation 4 there shall be substituted the following:—

"*Appointment of chief officer*

4.—(1) A person shall not be appointed to be chief officer of the authority unless he has served in a rank higher than that of station officer as a member of a fire brigade maintained by a fire authority in Great Britain under the Fire Services Act 1947 or by the Fire Authority for Northern Ireland.

(2) The method of appointment of the chief officer of the authority shall be as follows—

(*a*) the authority shall advertise the appointment so that persons with qualifying service in the United Kingdom may have, a reasonable time before the date on which it is proposed that applications for the appointment are to be considered, an opportunity of knowing that the appointment is to be made and the said date;

(*b*) the authority shall consider all applications for the appointment received by them before the said date; and

(*c*) the authority shall interview such of the applicants as they consider suitably qualified.".

(iii) In regulation 5(1)(*c*) for "5(1)(*c*), (*d*), (*e*) and (*f*)" there shall be substituted "6(1)(*c*), (*d*), (*e*) and (*f*)".

(iv) In regulation 8(1)(*a*) for "paragraph (1)" there shall be substituted "sub-paragraph (*a*)".

(a) 1969 c. 13 (N.I.) as amended by S.I. 1973/601 (N.I. 9)
(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 504 Art. 5(*b*) Sch. 2 Part II
(c) S.R. 1979 No. 167