1976 No. 136

POLICE

Royal Ulster Constabulary (Amendment) Regulations 1976

Made . . . . . 15*th April* 1976

Coming into operation . . . 1*st June* 1976

To be laid before Parliament

The Secretary of State(a), in pursuance of section 25 of the Police Act (Northern Ireland) 1970(b), read with section 18 of the Administrative and Financial Provisions Act (Northern Ireland) 1962(c), and after consulting, in accordance with section 34(2) of the said Act of 1970, the Police Authority for Northern Ireland and the Police Association for Northern Ireland and, in accordance with section 4(4) of the Police Act 1969(d), the Police Council for the United Kingdom, hereby, with the concurrence of the Minister for the Civil Service(e), makes the following regulations:

PART I

CITATION, COMMENCEMENT AND INTERPRETATION

Citation

1. These regulations may be cited as the Royal Ulster Constabulary (Amendment) Regulations 1976.

Commencement and operation

2. These regulations shall come into operation on 1st June 1976 and shall have effect:—

(*a*) for the purposes of Part II as from 1st April 1974;

(*b*) for the purposes of Part III as from (subject to regulation 5(2)) 1st April 1975;

(*c*) for the purposes of Part IV as from 1st September 1975;

(*d*) for the purposes of Part V as from 1st June 1976,

Interpretation

3. In these regulations any reference to the principal regulations is a reference to the Royal Ulster Constabulary Regulations 1973(f).

(a) Formerly the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland: *see* S.I. 1973/2163
(b) 1970 c. 9 (N.I.)
(c) 1962 c. 7 (N.I.)
(d) 1969 c. 63
(e) Formerly the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland: *see* S.I. 1973/2163
(f) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 31 (I, p. 108) as amended by S.R. 1975 Nos. 182 and 320

PART II

PROVISION HAVING EFFECT FROM 1ST APRIL 1974

Rent allowance

4. Regulation 38 of the principal regulations (rent allowance) shall have effect in respect of the period beginning with 1st April 1974 and ending immediately before 1st April 1975 as if the reference in paragraph (3)(*a*) thereof to the amount paid in rates by a member were a reference to the aggregate of the amount so paid and the amount of any rate rebate granted to him under the rate rebate scheme within the meaning of Article 28A of the Rates (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(**g**) which is set out in section 3 of the Financial Provisions Measure (Northern Ireland) 1974(**h**).

PART III

PROVISIONS HAVING EFFECT FROM 1ST APRIL 1975

Rent allowance

5.—(1) For regulation 38 of the principal regulations (rent allowance) there shall be substituted the regulation set out in the Appendix.

(2) Where the rent allowance payable to a member in respect of a period ending before 1st June 1976 would, but for this paragraph, be reduced or cease to be payable in consequence of the amendment made by paragraph (1) then, in respect of that period, the said regulation 38 shall have effect in the case of that member and his spouse as if—

(*a*) the said amendment had not been made, and

(*b*) in regulation 4 for the date "1st April 1975" there were substituted the date "1st June 1976".

Supplementary rent allowance

6. In regulation 39(1)(*a*) of the principal regulations (supplementary rent allowance)—

(*a*) the words "other than a woman member" shall be omitted;

(*b*) after the words "a widower" there shall be inserted the words "or widow";

(*c*) for the words "a married man" there shall be substituted the words "is married".

University scholars

7. In paragraph 4(2)(*d*) of Schedule 3 to the principal regulations (university scholars) for the words "where he is a widower with a child or children or a married man" there shall be substituted the words "where the scholar is a widower or widow with a child or children or is married".

PART IV

PROVISIONS HAVING EFFECT FROM 1ST SEPTEMBER 1975

University scholars

8. In paragraph 4(2)(*d*) of the said Schedule 3 (as amended by regulation 7, above) for the rate "£3.35 a week", in both places where it occurs, there shall be substituted the rate "£3.87 a week".

(g) S.I. 1972/1633 (N.I. 16) (h) 1974 c. 2 (N.I.)

PART V

PROVISIONS HAVING EFFECT FROM 1ST JUNE 1976

Qualifications for appointment to the force

9. For regulation 9(1)(*b*) of the principal regulations (qualifications for appointment to the force) there shall be substituted the following provision:—

"(*b*) must have attained the age of 18 years and, unless he has previous service as a member or as a member of a police force in Great Britain or by reason of other experience or his personal qualities is specially suitable for appointment, must not have attained the age of 30 years or, if he has previous whole-time service in the armed forces or previous service as a seaman, 40 years;".

Meetings of Superintendents Association treated as police duty

10. In regulation 19(*b*)(i) of the principal regulations (meetings of Superintendents Association treated as police duty) for the word "Four" there shall be substituted the word "Six".

Merlyn Rees
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State

Northern Ireland Office
31st March 1976

The concurrence of the Minister for the Civil Service is given under his Official Seal on 15th April 1976.

(L.S.)

W. E. Wightman
Authorised by the Minister for the Civil Service