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ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY

Royal Ulster Constabulary Regulations 1973

REGULATIONS, DATED 31ST JANUARY 1973, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION 25 OF THE POLICE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1970.

The Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland on behalf of the Secretary of State and in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 25 of the Police Act (Northern Ireland) 1970(a) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf and after consulting the Police Authority, the Police Association and, in accordance with the Police Act 1969(b), the Police Council for the United Kingdom, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

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PART I

CITATION, OPERATION, REVOCATION AND INTERPRETATION

Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Royal Ulster Constabulary Regulations 1973.

Commencement

2.—(1) These Regulations shall come into operation on 31st January 1973 and, subject to paragraph (2), shall have effect from that date.

(2) (*a*) Regulation 23 shall have effect from 1st November 1972.

(*b*) Regulation 28 in so far as it relates to the ranks hereinafter specified, shall have effect—

(i) in the case of the ranks mentioned in Table A of Part I of Schedule 4, from 1st July 1972.

(ii) in the case of the ranks to which Tables B, C and D of Part I, Tables A, B and C of Part II and Table B of Part III of the said Schedule refer, from 1st September 1972.

Provided that—

(*a*) Table A of the said Part III shall have effect in respect of the period from 1st September 1971 to 31st August 1972;

(*b*) Regulation 28(8) shall have effect from 1st September 1972.

(*c*) Regulations 30, 48(1) and (2) and 49 shall have effect from 1st September 1972.

Revocation

3. The following Regulations are hereby revoked:—

Royal Ulster Constabulary (Ranks) Regulations 1970(**c**), except regulation 1, 4, 5, and 6.

Royal Ulster Constabulary (Appointment and Service) Regulations 1971(**d**).

Royal Ulster Constabulary Pay (No. 2) Regulations 1971(**e**).

Royal Ulster Constabulary Allowances Regulations 1971(**f**).

Royal Ulster Constabulary (Duty, Overtime and Leave) Regulations 1972(**g**).

Royal Ulster Constabulary (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 1971(**h**).

Royal Ulster Constabulary (Miscellaneous Provisions) (No. 3) Regulations 1972(**i**).

Definitions

4.—(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them:—

"auxiliary policeman" has the meaning assigned to it in the Police Regulations 1971(**j**);

(**c**) S. R. & O. (N.I.) 1970, No. 111.
(**d**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1971, No. 244.
(**e**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1971, No. 154.
(**f**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1971, No. 142.
(**g**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1972, No. 70.
(**h**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1971, No. 247
(**i**) S. R. & O. (N.I.) 1972, No. 266.
(**j**) S.I. 1971/156.

"Discipline Regulations" means the regulations relating to discipline for the time being in force;

"the force" means the Royal Ulster Constabulary;

"member" means a member of the force;

"inspector" includes chief inspector;

"Minister" means the Minister of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland;

"Ministry" means the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland;

"police force in Great Britain" has the meaning assigned to a police force in the Police Act 1964(**k**);

"Promotion Regulations" means the regulations relating to qualifications and selection for promotion for the time being in force;

"reversionary member of a home police force" has the meaning assigned to it in the Police Pensions Regulations 1971(**l**);

"superintendent" includes chief superintendent;

"public holiday" means St. Patrick's Day, Spring Holiday, 12th July, Late Summer Holiday, Christmas Day and 26th December;

"university scholar" and, in relation to such a scholar, "course" and "study" have the meaning respectively assigned to them in paragraph 1 of Schedule 3.

Scope of regulations

(2) Nothing in these regulations shall be construed as making provision contrary to any provision in the Northern Ireland (Temporary Provisions) Act 1972(**m**) and, accordingly, so long as section 1 of that Act has effect any reference to the Minister shall be construed as a reference to the Secretary of State.

PART II

ORGANISATION

Ranks

5.—(1) The Royal Ulster Constabulary shall consist of members of the following ranks, that is to say:—

Chief Constable
Deputy Chief Constable
Assistant Chief Constable
Chief Superintendent
Superintendent
Chief Inspector
Inspector
Sergeant
Constable

(2) A member who on the 31st August 1972 was holding a rank specified in the first column of the following table shall be deemed to be appointed in a rank set out in the second column of the table opposite the rank first mentioned.

(**k**) 1964. c. 48.
(**l**) S.I. 1971/232.
(**m**) 1972. c. 22.