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DRAFT STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2024 No.**

**The Lay Magistrates (Eligibility) Order (Northern Ireland) 2024**

**Eligibility of persons for reappointment as Lay Magistrates**

2. A person may be reappointed as a lay magistrate if—
- (a) he or she ceased to hold the office of lay magistrate before 10th March 2022 by virtue of section 4(11) of the Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2015;
  - (b) he or she has not attained the age of 75;
  - (c) he or she continues to meet the criteria for appointment as a lay magistrate that are contained in the Lay Magistrates (Eligibility) (Northern Ireland) Order 2004(1);
  - (d) he or she was not removed as a lay magistrate as a result of disciplinary proceedings and no disciplinary proceedings were pending at the start of his or her retirement; and
  - (e) he or she is prepared to undertake any training or continuing professional development which is identified as being necessary or desirable.