

## 1976 No. 92

## POLICE

**Royal Ulster Constabulary (Promotion) (Amendment) Regulations 1976**

*Made* . . . . . 11th March 1976

*Coming into operation* . . . . . 12th April 1976

*To be laid before Parliament*

The Secretary of State(a), in pursuance of section 25 of the Police Act (Northern Ireland) 1970(b), and after consulting, in accordance with section 34(2) of the said Act, the Police Authority for Northern Ireland and the Police Association for Northern Ireland hereby makes the following regulations:—

*Citation and commencement*

1. These regulations may be cited as the Royal Ulster Constabulary (Promotion) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 and shall come into operation on 12th April 1976.

*Interpretation*

2. In these regulations any reference to the principal regulations is a reference to the Royal Ulster Constabulary (Promotion) Regulations 1971(c).

*Qualification for promotion*

3. In regulation 3(1)(c) of the principal regulations for the words "21 years" there shall be substituted the words "20 years and 6 months".

*Sergeant promoted inspector after Police College special course*

4. For regulation 9(1)(b) of the principal regulations (sergeant promoted inspector after Police College special course), there shall be substituted the following provision:—

"(b) who has, to the satisfaction of the chief constable, completed a year's service in the rank of sergeant excluding any period before completing the special course,".

Northern Ireland Office  
11th March 1976

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One of Her Majesty's Principal  
Secretaries of State

(a) Formerly the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland: see S.I. 1973/2163  
(b) 1970 c. 9 (N.I.)  
(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1971, No. 171 (p. 790)

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)*

These regulations amend the Royal Ulster Constabulary (Promotion) Regulations 1971.

Regulation 3 reduces the minimum qualifying age for promotion to sergeant from 21 years to 20 years and 6 months.

The 1971 Regulations provide that a sergeant who has passed the Police College special course shall be promoted to the rank of inspector, on completing, to the satisfaction of the chief constable, a year's service in the rank of sergeant (otherwise than on temporary promotion during the course). Regulation 4 of the present regulations provides that, for this purpose, no account shall be taken of a sergeant's service before completing the special course.