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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These Regulations further amend the Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979 by removing the ineligibility to sit a written promotion examination of a person who has failed that examination on the two previous occasions on which it was held, and who has failed, on each occasion, to score more than 25% of the marks available. The Regulations also ensure that a person cannot enter Part II of the examination for promotion to leading firefighter or sub-officer unless he has passed Part I of the examination in question on one of the three most recent occasions on which it was held.

The Regulations remove spent transitional provisions and make a further transitional provision.

The Regulations also substitute for the references to the Fire Services Drill Book, in the provisions relating to the conduct and organisation of drills as part of the practical examinations for promotion, references to the Fire Services Training Manual (which is replacing the Fire Services Drill Book).