
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2003 No. 68

Police Service of Northern Ireland (Conduct) Regulations 2003

PART I
GENERAL

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Police Service of Northern Ireland (Conduct) Regulations 2003 and shall come into operation on 14th March 2003.

Code of Ethics

2.—(1) The Code of Conduct contained in Schedule 4 of the Royal Ulster Constabulary (Conduct) Regulations 2000 is hereby replaced by the Code of Ethics contained in the Schedule to these regulations.

(2) The Code of Ethics may be revised from time to time by the Northern Ireland Policing Board after consultation in accordance with the provisions of Section 52(5) of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000.

Application of Code of Ethics to earlier regulations

3.—(1) The Royal Ulster Constabulary (Conduct) Regulations 2000(1) shall be amended as follows:

- (a) in Regulation 4 under “appropriate standard”, remove the text, “Code of Conduct (Schedule 4)” and replace with the words “Code of Ethics (see the Schedule to the Police Service of Northern Ireland (Conduct) Regulations 2003)”;
- (b) in Regulation 4 remove the words “Code of Conduct” and replace with, “Code of Ethics”, and add the following text to the end of the definition, “except that in relation to conduct occurring or commenced before 14th March 2003, it means the Code of Conduct contained in Schedule 4 to the Royal Ulster Constabulary (Conduct) Regulations 2000, or in relation to conduct occurring or commenced before the 6th November 2000, it means the Discipline Code contained in Schedule 1 to the Regulations of 1988;
- (c) in Regulations 9(c), 9(d), 13(2) and 17(1)(a) remove reference to Code of Conduct and replace with Code of Ethics;
- (d) in Schedule 2, sub-paragraph 2(d) and paragraph 3 remove all references to Code of Conduct and replace with Code of Ethics;
- (e) in Schedule 3, Part II, paragraph 2 remove reference to Code of Conduct and replace with Code of Ethics; and

- (f) in the Explanatory Note at the end of the first sentence add the words, “or in respect of conduct that occurred on or after 14th March 2003, the Code of Ethics in the Schedule to these regulations”.
- (2) The Royal Ulster Constabulary (Conduct) (Senior Officer) Regulations 2000(2) shall be amended as follows:
- (a) in Regulation 4 under “appropriate standard”, remove the text, “Code of Conduct” and replace with the words, “Code of Ethics”;
 - (b) in regulation 4 remove “Code of Conduct” and replace with, “Code of Ethics”, and add the following text to the end of the definition, “except in relation to conduct occurring or commenced before 14th March 2003 it means the Code of Conduct contained in Schedule 4 to the Royal Ulster Constabulary (Conduct) Regulations 2000, or in relation to conduct occurring or commenced before 6th November 2000 it means the Discipline Code contained in Schedule 1 to the Regulations of 1988;
 - (c) in regulations 8(d), 8(e), 9(3)(b), 9(3)(c) and 11(2)(b) remove reference to Code of Conduct and replace with Code of Ethics;
 - (d) in Schedule 1, sub-paragraph 2(d) and paragraph 3 remove all references to the Code of Conduct and replace with Code of Ethics;
 - (e) in Schedule 2, Part II, sub-paragraph 2(b)(ii) remove reference to Code of Conduct and replace with Code of Ethics;
 - (f) in paragraph 2 of the Explanatory Note remove reference to the Code of Conduct and replace with the Code of Ethics.