
SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2013 No. 35

The Police Service of Scotland Regulations 2013

PART 2

GOVERNMENT

Qualifications for appointment to the Police Service

- 6.—(1) A candidate for appointment to the Police Service must—
- (a) produce satisfactory references as to character, and, if that candidate has served in any police force, in the armed forces, in the civil service or as a seaman, produce satisfactory proof of good conduct while so serving;
 - (b) have attained the age of 18 years;
 - (c) be certified by a registered medical practitioner approved by the Authority to be fitted both physically and mentally to perform the duties on which that candidate will be employed after appointment;
 - (d) meet the standard of eyesight determined by the Scottish Ministers;
 - (e) if the Scottish Ministers have determined a standard, meet the standard of hearing so determined;
 - (f) if a candidate for appointment in the rank of constable, satisfy the chief constable that that candidate is sufficiently educated, including being sufficiently competent in written and spoken English and sufficiently numerate, by passing an assessment to a standard approved by the chief constable and the Scottish Ministers after consultation with those persons mentioned in section 54(2)(a)(i) to (vi) of the 2012 Act;
 - (g) if a candidate for appointment in the rank of sergeant, or inspector, be qualified for promotion to such rank in accordance with the provisions of the Police Service of Scotland (Promotion) Regulations 2013(1); ^{F1}...
 - (h) give such information as may be required as to the candidate's previous history or employment or any other matter relating to the candidate's appointment to the Police Service [^{F2}; and]
 - ^{F3}(i) if not a national of [^{F4}the United Kingdom or] an EEA State, have leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom for an indefinite period.]
- (2) A candidate for appointment to the Police Service must be given a notice in terms approved by the Scottish Ministers drawing attention to the terms and conditions of service.
- (3) For the purposes of this regulation—
- (a) “armed forces” means the naval, military or air forces of the Crown including any women's service administered by the Defence Council; and
 - (b) “police force” includes the Civil Nuclear Constabulary.

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- [^{F5}(4) For the purposes of this regulation, “national of the United Kingdom” means—
- (a) a British citizen;
 - (b) a person who is a British subject by virtue of Part 4 of the British Nationality Act 1981 and who has the right of abode in the United Kingdom; or
 - (c) a person who is a British overseas territories citizen by virtue of a connection with Gibraltar.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in reg. 6(1)(g) omitted (13.5.2013) by virtue of [The Police Service of Scotland \(Amendment\) Regulations 2013 \(S.S.I. 2013/122\)](#), regs. 1, **2(3)(a)**
- F2** Word in reg. 6(1)(h) inserted (13.5.2013) by [The Police Service of Scotland \(Amendment\) Regulations 2013 \(S.S.I. 2013/122\)](#), regs. 1, **2(3)(b)**
- F3** Reg. 6(1)(i) inserted (13.5.2013) by [The Police Service of Scotland \(Amendment\) Regulations 2013 \(S.S.I. 2013/122\)](#), regs. 1, **2(3)(c)**
- F4** Words in reg. 6(1)(i) inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Immigration, Nationality and Asylum \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/745\)](#), regs. 1(2), **35(a)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F5** Reg. 6(4) inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Immigration, Nationality and Asylum \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/745\)](#), regs. 1(2), **35(b)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Commencement Information

- I1** [Reg. 6](#) in force at 1.4.2013, see [reg. 1](#)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Instrument associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Instrument (including any effects on those provisions):

- reg. 18(4) inserted by [S.S.I. 2024/179 reg. 6\(b\)](#)
- reg. 25(6A) inserted by [S.S.I. 2024/179 reg. 7\(a\)](#)
- reg. 31(1)(ba) inserted by [S.S.I. 2024/179 reg. 8\(1\)\(b\)](#)