
SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2013 No. 35

The Police Service of Scotland Regulations 2013

PART 2

GOVERNMENT

Probationary service in the rank of constable

8.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), a constable appointed in the rank of constable, other than a constable who has served with a police force having completed the required period of probation therein, is on probation for such period as the Scottish Ministers must determine in respect of such appointments.

(2) A determination under paragraph (1) may provide for the chief constable to have discretion to determine the required period in a particular case.

(3) For the purposes of a determination under paragraph (1), the periods to be counted or disregarded in reckoning service are such as may be determined by the Scottish Ministers.

(4) In this regulation “police force” means—

- (a) a police force maintained under section 2(1) of the Police Act 1996⁽¹⁾;
- (b) the metropolitan police force;
- (c) the City of London police force;
- (d) the Police Service of Northern Ireland;
- (e) the British Transport Police Force;
- (f) the States of Jersey Police Force;
- (g) the salaried police force of the Island of Guernsey; and
- (h) the Isle of Man Constabulary.

Commencement Information

11 [Reg. 8](#) in force at 1.4.2013, see [reg. 1](#)

(1) [1996 c.16](#); section 2 was amended by the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 ([c.13](#)), section 99 and Schedule 16, paragraph 14.

Changes to legislation:

The Police Service of Scotland Regulations 2013, Section 8 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 02 August 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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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\(1\)\(b\)](#)