
SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Police Federation (Scotland) Regulations 2013

PART 3

The joint central committee and the central committees

Membership

7.—(1) The joint central committee is to consist of three central committees, sitting together as a joint committee, and every member elected to a central committee is accordingly a member of the joint central committee.

(2) The central committees are—

- (a) the inspectors' central committee;
- (b) the sergeants' central committee; and
- (c) the constables' central committee.

(3) Each central committee's members must be elected from the number of representatives specified in paragraph (4) and in accordance with any rules made under regulation 6.

(4) The representatives are—

- (a) in the case of the inspectors' central committee, those who are elected to the area committees to represent the rank of inspector;
- (b) in the case of the sergeants' central committee, those who are elected to the area committees to represent the rank of sergeant; and
- (c) in the case of the constables' central committee, those who are elected to the area committees to represent the rank of constable.

(5) Each central committee must consist of an equal number of representatives from each area committee and the total number of members elected to each central committee must be the same.

(6) The Federation—

- (a) must, with the Scottish Ministers' approval, determine the total number of members of the joint central committee (including the total number of members to be elected to each central committee);
- (b) must ensure that the joint central committee's members have equal voting rights (where applicable) during its proceedings; and
- (c) may, with the Scottish Ministers' approval, appoint such additional members to the joint central committee as it considers appropriate for the purpose of carrying out its functions.

Proceedings

8.—(1) The joint central committee—

- (a) may hold four ordinary meetings each calendar year, each meeting lasting not more than two days;

- (b) may, with the Scottish Ministers' consent, hold such additional meetings as it considers necessary;
 - (c) may (in addition to any other meetings) hold one meeting each calendar year, lasting not more than two days, with the joint central committee of the Police Federation for England and Wales and the central committee of the Police Federation for Northern Ireland for the purpose of discussing matters of common interest; and
 - (d) must meet, at the Scottish Ministers' request, for the purpose of considering any matter which they refer to it.
- (2) For the purpose of paragraph (1)(b), such consent may be given if the Scottish Ministers are satisfied that the business proposed to be discussed at the meeting is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred until the joint central committee's next ordinary meeting.
- (3) In addition to the meetings mentioned in paragraph (1), a central committee may hold a separate meeting for the purpose of discussing matters of specific interest to constables holding the rank which its members represent.
- (4) A meeting mentioned in paragraph (3) may be held only—
- (a) if it takes place during the time allowed for an ordinary meeting of the joint central committee; or
 - (b) with the chief constable's consent.
- (5) The joint central committee and the central committees must act in accordance with any rules made under regulation 6 which regulate, or relate to, their respective functions and proceedings.
- (6) The joint central committee may, in relation to matters in which the Federation represents its members, make oral or written representations to any of the following:—
- (a) the Scottish Ministers;
 - (b) the Scottish Police Authority;
 - (c) the chief constable;
 - (d) a local commander of the Police Service (a constable designated under section 44(2) of the 2012 Act);
 - (e) a local authority;
 - (f) the Police Investigations and Review Commissioner (the Commissioner established by section 33 of the Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2006⁽¹⁾ and renamed by section 61 of the 2012 Act).

Expenses

9. The Scottish Ministers may pay to the joint central committee such expenses as they may determine.

Officers

10.—(1) Members of the joint central committee must elect from their number the following officers in accordance with any rules made under regulation 6—

- (a) a chairperson;
- (b) a deputy chairperson;
- (c) a secretary; and
- (d) a deputy secretary.

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- (2) During each officer's tenure of office, the officer is to continue to be a member of—
 - (a) the central committee to which the officer was elected under regulation 7(3);
 - (b) the area committee to which the officer was elected under regulation 11(2)(a) (and from which the officer was elected to the central committee mentioned in sub-paragraph (a)); and
 - (c) the joint central conference.
- (3) The Federation must make such contribution in respect of each officer's pay, pension and allowances as the Scottish Ministers determine.
- (4) If any officer is below the rank of inspector, the Regulations mentioned in paragraph (5) are to apply to the officer as if that officer held the rank of inspector.
- (5) The Regulations are those for the time being in force under—
 - (a) section 48 of the 2012 Act, in so far as they relate to leave, pay and allowances; and
 - (b) the Police Pensions Act 1976(2), except in so far as they relate to compulsory retirement on account of age.