



Police Act 1964

1964 CHAPTER 48

PART III

POLICE REPRESENTATIVE INSTITUTIONS

47 Membership of trade unions

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, a member of a police force shall not be a member of any trade union, or of any association having for its objects, or one of its objects, to control or influence the pay, pensions or conditions of service of any police force:

Provided that where a person was a member of a trade union before becoming a member of a police force, he may, with the consent of the chief officer of police, continue to be a member of that union during the time of his service in the police force.

- (2) If any question arises whether any body is a trade union or an association to which this section applies, the question shall be determined by the chief registrar of friendly societies.
- (3) This section applies to police cadets as it applies to members of a police force, and references to a police force or to service in a police force shall be construed accordingly.
- (4) Nothing in this section applies to membership of the Police Federations, or of any body recognised by the Secretary of State for the purposes of this section as representing members of police forces who are not members of those Federations.