



# Police Pensions Act 1976

## 1976 CHAPTER 35

### 11 Interpretation

- (1) This Act shall have effect as if any reference (however expressed) to membership of a police force or to service or employment in a police force included a reference to—
  - (a) service as an officer to whom the Overseas Service Act 1958 applies, being service in respect of which the provisions of section 5 of that Act have effect;
  - (b) service as an inspector or assistant inspector of constabulary appointed on or after 1st August 1964 ; and
  - (c) central service in respect of which the provisions of section 43 of the Police Act 1964 or (as the case may be) of section 38 of the Police (Scotland) Act 1967 have effect.
- (2) In this Act " police authority " means any police authority within the meaning of the Police Act 1964 or the Police (Scotland) Act 1967, except that—
  - (a) in relation to any regulations made under the Police (Overseas Service) Act 1945 and any service such as is mentioned in subsection (1)(a) above, it means the Secretary of State or the Minister of Overseas Development; and
  - (b) in relation to any service such as is mentioned in subsection (1)(b) or (c) above, it means the Secretary of State.
- (3) In this Act, except so far as the context otherwise requires, " police force " means any police force within the meaning of the Police Act 1964 or the Police (Scotland) Act 1967, and, in respect of—
  - (a) any person such as is mentioned in section 1(1) of the Police (Overseas Service) Act 1945 ; and
  - (b) any person engaged or employed in any service such as is mentioned in subsection (1)(a), (b) or (c) above ;any body in which that person is serving.
- (4) This Act shall have effect—
  - (a) as if commissioners and assistant commissioners of the metropolitan police force and commissioners of the City of London police force were members of those forces respectively; and

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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- (b) in relation to any person who on 5th July 1948 was or had been the surgeon of the City of London police force or a clerk or other person employed in or in connection with that force, as if such surgeons, clerks or other persons employed in or in connection with that force were members of that force ;  
and references in this Act to membership of a police force shall be construed accordingly.
- (5) Except so far as the context otherwise requires, in this Act—
- " central service " has the meaning given in section 43(5) of the Police Act 1964 or section 38(5) of the Police (Scotland) Act 1967 (as the case may require);
  - " injury " includes disease ;
  - " pension ", in relation to a person, means a pension, whether contributory or not, of any kind whatsoever payable to or in respect of him, and includes a lump sum or a gratuity so payable and a return of contributions; and
  - " pension rights " includes, in relation to any person, all forms of right to, or eligibility for, the present or future payment of a pension to or in respect of that person.