



Police Act 1996

1996 CHAPTER 16

PART I

ORGANISATION OF POLICE FORCES

[^{F1} Police ranks]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 9H cross-heading inserted (16.1.2012) by [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 \(c. 13\)](#), s. 157(1), [Sch. 16 para. 14](#); S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, Sch. 1

[^{F2}9H Other members of the metropolitan police force.

- (1) The ranks that may be held in the metropolitan police force shall be such as may be prescribed by regulations under section 50.
- (2) The ranks so prescribed in the case of the metropolitan police force shall include, in addition to the ranks of—
 - (a) Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis,
 - (b) Deputy Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis,
 - (c) Assistant Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, and
 - ^{F3}(ca) [Deputy Assistant Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, and]
 - (d) Commander,those of [^{F4}chief superintendent,]superintendent, chief inspector, inspector, sergeant and constable.
- (3) In the metropolitan police force, appointments and promotions to any rank below that of Commander shall be made in accordance with regulations under section 50 by the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis.]

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Textual Amendments

- F2** S. 9H inserted (3.7.2000) by 1999 c. 29, s. 322 (with Sch. 12 para. 9(1)); S.I. 2000/1648, art. 2, **Sch.**
- F3** S. 9H(2)(ca) substituted (1.1.2002) for word "and" by 2001 c. 16, s. 122(2); S.I. 2001/3736, **art. 3(a)**
- F4** Words in s. 9H(2) inserted (1.1.2002) by 2001 c. 16, s. 125(1); S.I. 2001/3736, **art. 3(a)**

F5 10 General functions of chief constables.

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Textual Amendments

- F5** Ss. 10-12A omitted (22.11.2012) by virtue of [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011](#) (c. 13), s. 157(1), **Sch. 16 para. 15**; S.I. 2012/2892, art. 2(i)

F5 11 Appointment and removal of chief constables.

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Textual Amendments

- F5** Ss. 10-12A omitted (22.11.2012) by virtue of [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011](#) (c. 13), s. 157(1), **Sch. 16 para. 15**; S.I. 2012/2892, art. 2(i)

F5 11A Appointment and removal of deputy chief constables

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Textual Amendments

- F5** Ss. 10-12A omitted (22.11.2012) by virtue of [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011](#) (c. 13), s. 157(1), **Sch. 16 para. 15**; S.I. 2012/2892, art. 2(i)

F5 12 Assistant chief constables.

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Textual Amendments

- F5** Ss. 10-12A omitted (22.11.2012) by virtue of [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011](#) (c. 13), s. 157(1), **Sch. 16 para. 15**; S.I. 2012/2892, art. 2(i)

F5 12A Power of deputy to exercise functions of chief constable

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13 Other members of police forces.

(1) The ranks that may be held in a police force maintained under section 2 shall be such as may be prescribed by regulations under section 50 and the ranks so prescribed shall include, in addition to chief constable [^{F6}, deputy chief constable] and assistant chief constable, the ranks of [^{F7}chief superintendent]superintendent, chief inspector, inspector, sergeant and constable.

(2)

(3) Appointments and promotions to any rank below that of assistant chief constable in any police force maintained under section 2 shall be made, in accordance with regulations under section 50, by the chief constable.

Textual Amendments

F6 Words in s. 13(1) inserted (1.1.2002) by [2001 c. 16, s. 123\(2\)\(a\)](#); S.I. 2001/3736, [art. 3\(a\)](#)

F7 Words in s. 13(1) inserted (1.1.2002) by [2001 c. 16, s. 125\(2\)](#); S.I. 2001/3736, [art. 3\(a\)](#)

^{F8}14 Police fund.

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Textual Amendments

F8 Ss. 14-17 omitted (16.1.2012) by virtue of [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011](#) (c. 13), s. 157(1), [Sch. 16 para. 16](#); S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, Sch. 1 (with Sch. 2 para. 8)

^{F8}15 Civilian employees.

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Textual Amendments

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^{F8}16 Appointment of [^{F9}chief executive].

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- F9** Words in s. 16 heading substituted (1.4.2007) by [Police and Justice Act 2006 \(c. 48\)](#), s. 53(1), [Sch. 2 para. 18\(3\)](#); S.I. 2007/709, art. 3(c) (with art. 6)

^{F8}17 Appointment of persons not employed by police authorities.

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Textual Amendments

- F8** Ss. 14-17 omitted (16.1.2012) by virtue of [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 \(c. 13\)](#), s. 157(1), [Sch. 16 para. 16](#); S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, Sch. 1 (with Sch. 2 para. 8)

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