



Police Act 1996

1996 CHAPTER 16

PART I **E+W+S**

ORGANISATION OF POLICE FORCES

[^{F1}The metropolitan police and forces outside London]

12 Assistant chief constables. **E+W**

- (1) The ranks that may be held in a police force maintained under section 2 shall include that of assistant chief constable; and in every such police force there shall be at least one person holding that rank.
- (2) Appointments and promotions to the rank of assistant chief constable shall be made, in accordance with regulations under section 50, by the police authority after consultation with the chief constable and subject to the approval of the Secretary of State.
- (3) Subsections (2) [^{F1} to] (4) of section 11 shall apply to an assistant chief constable as they apply to a chief constable [^{F2}but with the omission in subsection (3A) —
 - (a) of paragraph (b);
 - (b) in paragraph (c), of the words from “or been sent” to “exercise that power”;
 - and
 - (c) of the words after paragraph (c).]

^{F3}(4)

^{F4}(5)

^{F5}(6)

Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in s. 12(3) substituted (1.6.2004) by [Police Reform Act 2002 \(c. 30\), ss. 32\(5\)\(a\), 108\(2\)](#); [S.I. 2004/1319, art. 2\(c\)](#)

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| F2 | Words in s. 12(3) inserted (1.6.2004) by Police Reform Act 2002 (c. 30), ss. 32(5)(b) , 108(2); S.I. 2004/1319, art. 2(c) |
| F3 | S. 12(4)-(6) repealed (1.1.2002) by 2001 c. 16, ss. 124(1), 137, Sch. 7 Pt. IV ; S.I. 2001/3736, art. 3(a)(c) |
| F4 | S. 12(4)-(6) repealed (1.1.2002) by 2001 c. 16, ss. 124(1), 137, Sch. 7 Pt. IV ; S.I. 2001/3736, art. 3(a)(c) |
| F5 | S. 12(4)-(6) repealed (1.1.2002) by 2001 c. 16, ss. 124(1), 137, Sch. 7 Pt. IV ; S.I. 2001/3736, art. 3(a)(c) |

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