



# Police Act 1997

## 1997 CHAPTER 50

### PART II

#### THE NATIONAL CRIME SQUAD

##### *Director General and other members*

#### **55 Members of the National Crime Squad.**

- (1) The National Crime Squad shall consist of—
- (a) the Director General appointed under section 52,
  - (b) persons appointed by the NCS Service Authority under this paragraph as police members of the National Crime Squad, and
  - (c) other persons appointed by the NCS Service Authority under this paragraph to be members of the National Crime Squad as employees of the Authority.
- (2) A person shall be appointed as a police member of the National Crime Squad only if—
- (a) he is appointed to the rank of assistant chief constable in the National Crime Squad and he met the requirements of subsection (3) immediately prior to his being appointed, or
  - (b) he is engaged with the National Crime Squad on a period of temporary service to which section 97 of the <sup>M1</sup>Police Act 1996 applies.
- (3) A person meets the requirements of this subsection if—
- (a) he holds the rank of assistant chief constable or a higher rank in a police force in Great Britain or in the Royal Ulster Constabulary,
  - (b) he holds the rank of commander or a higher rank in the metropolitan police force or in the City of London police force, or
  - (c) he is, in accordance with regulations under section 50 of the <sup>M2</sup>Police Act 1996, section 26 of the <sup>M3</sup>Police (Scotland) Act 1967 or section 25 of the <sup>M4</sup>Police Act (Northern Ireland) 1970, a constable eligible for appointment to the rank of assistant chief constable or commander in any of the police forces, or in the Constabulary, mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b).

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- (4) Subsections (5), (6) and (8) of section 52 apply to a police member to whom subsection (2)(a) above applies as they apply to the Director General of the National Crime Squad.
- (5) A person appointed under subsection (1)(b) or (c) shall be appointed on such terms and conditions as the NCS Service Authority considers appropriate.
- (6) Before making an appointment under subsection (1)(b) or (c), or determining the terms and conditions on which such an appointment is to be made, the NCS Service Authority shall consult the Director General of the National Crime Squad.
- (7) A police member to whom subsection (2)(b) applies shall cease to be a member of the National Crime Squad at the end of his period of temporary service (unless re-appointed under this section).
- (8) The NCS Service Authority shall exercise its powers under section 101 (and section 107) of the <sup>M5</sup>Local Government Act 1972 so as to secure that, subject to subsection (9) below, the Director General of the National Crime Squad appoints persons under subsection (1)(b) or (c) to be members of the National Crime Squad.
- (9) Subsection (8) shall not apply to—
  - (a) the appointment of any person to whom subsection (2)(a) applies as a police member, or
  - (b) the appointment of such other persons as may be agreed between the Director General and the Authority or, in the absence of agreement, as may be determined by the Secretary of State.
- (10) Section 53 applies to a member appointed under this section, other than a member appointed by the Director General by virtue of subsection (8), as it applies to the Director General.

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 55(1)(b) restricted (1.9.1997) by 1996 c. 16, s. 62(1A) (as inserted (1.9.1997) by 1997 c. 50, s. 134(1), Sch. 9 para. 82(2)); S.I. 1997/1930, art. 3
- C2** S. 55(1)(c) extended (18.3.1998) by S.I. 1998/354, art. 3(6)

#### Commencement Information

- I1** S. 55 wholly in force at 31.10.1997; s. 55 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 135; s. 55 in force at 31.10.1997 by S.I. 1997/2390, art. 2 (with arts. 3-7 (of which arts. 4-7 were revoked (1.4.1998) by S.I. 1998/354, art. 7))

#### Marginal Citations

- M1** 1996 c. 16.
- M2** 1996 c. 16.
- M3** 1967 c. 77.
- M4** 1970 c. 9 (N.I.).
- M5** 1972 c. 70.

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