



# Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000

## 2000 CHAPTER 32

### PART IX

#### MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY

##### *Supplementary*

#### 77 Interpretation.

(1) In this Act—

“the 1998 Act” means the <sup>M1</sup>Police (Northern Ireland) Act 1998;

“the Board” means the Northern Ireland Policing Board;

“building” includes any structure;

“the Chief Constable” means the Chief Constable of the Police Service of Northern Ireland;

“civil service” means the civil service of Northern Ireland or the civil service of the United Kingdom;

“equipment” includes vehicles, apparatus, furniture, fittings, accoutrements and clothing;

“financial year” means the period of 12 months ending with 31st March;

“functions” includes powers and duties;

[<sup>F1</sup>“the Minister of Justice” means the Minister in charge of the Department of Justice;]

“the Ombudsman” means the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland;

[<sup>F2</sup>“pension purposes” means the purposes of the pension scheme established by regulations under section 25 of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 1998;]

“the police” means—

(a) the Police Service of Northern Ireland; and

(b) the Police Service of Northern Ireland Reserve;

“Police Association” means the Police Association for Northern Ireland;

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“the Police Acts” means this Act and the 1998 Act;

“police officer” means a person who is—

- (a) a member of the Police Service of Northern Ireland; or
- (b) a member of the Police Service of Northern Ireland Reserve;

“police purposes” means the purposes of the police, the police support staff, police trainees, police reserve trainees, police cadets and traffic wardens;

“Police Service of Northern Ireland” means the body of constables mentioned in section 1(1);

“Police Service of Northern Ireland Reserve” means the body of constables mentioned in section 1(3);

“police reserve trainee” has the meaning given by section 37(3);

“police trainee” has the meaning given by section 36(3);

“police support staff” has the meaning given by section 4(6);

“the policing plan” has the meaning given by section 26(1);

“provide” and “maintain” have the same meaning as, by virtue of section 147 of the <sup>M2</sup>Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972, they have for the purposes of that Act;

“senior officer”, in relation to the Police Service of Northern Ireland, means an officer above the rank of superintendent;

[<sup>F3</sup>“special purposes committee” means a committee constituted by the Board under paragraph 24(1) or (1A) of Schedule 1 for the purposes mentioned in paragraph 24(1B) of that Schedule;]

“statutory authority” means—

- (a) a body constituted under a statutory provision; or
- (b) a person holding office under a statutory provision;

“statutory provision” has the meaning given by section 1(f) of the <sup>M3</sup>Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954.

- (2) Subsections (2) to (4) of section 39 of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 apply for the purpose of calculating a period of time laid down by or under this Act.

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 77(1) inserted (12.4.2010) by [The Northern Ireland Act 1998 \(Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/976\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 3 para. 85** (with arts. 28-31)
- F2** Words in s. 77(1) inserted (with effect in accordance with s. 6(12) of the amending Act) by [Police \(Northern Ireland\) Act 2003 \(c. 6\)](#), s. **6(11)**
- F3** Words in s. 77(1) inserted (8.4.2003) by [Police \(Northern Ireland\) Act 2003 \(c. 6\)](#), s. **28(4)**

#### Marginal Citations

- M1** 1998 c. 32.
- M2** 1972 c. 9 (N.I.).
- M3** 1954 c. 33 (N.I.).

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