
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1991 No. 1397

Act of Sederunt (Messengers-at-Arms and Sheriff Officers Rules) 1991

PART II

QUALIFICATIONS, TRAINING AND EXAMINATIONS

Qualification as officer of court

- 3.—**(1) Subject to paragraph (3) below, a person may not be an officer of court unless—
- (a) he has attained the age of 20 years;
 - (b) he is not over the age of 70 years;
 - (c) subject to rule 5(2) below, he has undergone a period of training for three years with a person who is in practice as an officer of court;
 - (d) the officer of court with whom he has undergone a period of training has issued a certificate stating that the period of training has been completed satisfactorily;
 - (e) within five years before applying for a commission as a sheriff officer, he has passed all such examinations as may be required by the committee of examiners; and
 - (f) he has attained the educational standard determined by the committee of examiners.
- (2) An officer of court shall retire from practice as an officer of court on attaining the age of 70 years.
- (3) Paragraph (1) of this rule shall not apply to a person who was in practice as an officer of court on 30th November 1988.
- (4) Paragraph (2) of this rule shall not apply to a person who was—
- (a) in practice as an officer of court, and
 - (b) aged 70 years or over,
- on 30th November 1988.