
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2003 No. 527

The Police Regulations 2003

PART 1

COMMENCEMENT AND INTERPRETATION

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Police Regulations 2003 and shall come into force on 1st April 2003.

(2) These Regulations extend to England and Wales.

References to transfers

2.—(1) A reference in these Regulations to a member of a police force voluntarily transferring from one force to another shall be construed as a reference to such a member leaving a force for the purpose of joining another force and joining that other force, where he left the force first mentioned in this regulation on or after 1st January 1963 for that purpose with, in the case of the chief officer, the consent of the police authority.

(2) Except where the context otherwise requires, a reference in these Regulations to a member of a police force being statutorily transferred from one force to another shall be construed as a reference to such a member being transferred—

(a) by or under the Local Government Act 1933(1), the Police Act 1946(2), the Local Government Act 1958(3), the London Government Act 1963(4), the Police Act 1964(5) (including that Act as amended by the Police and Magistrates' Courts Act 1994(6)), the Local Government Act 1972(7), the Local Government Act 1992(8) or the Police Act 1996;

(b) in the case of a person who was a member of the River Tyne police force, under the Harbours Act 1964(9).

(3) A reference in these Regulations to a member of a police force transferring from one force to another shall be construed as a reference to his either voluntarily so transferring or being statutorily so transferred.

(1) 1933 c. 51.

(2) 1946 c. 46.

(3) 1958 c. 55.

(4) 1963 c. 33.

(5) 1964 c. 48.

(6) 1994 c. 29. The relevant amendment is made by section 14 of the 1994 Act.

(7) 1972 c. 70.

(8) 1992 c. 19.

(9) 1964 c. 40.

Interpretation

3.—(1) In these Regulations—

“Act” means the Police Act 1996;

“British Transport Police Force” means the force of constables appointed under section 53 of the British Transport Commission Act 1949⁽¹⁰⁾;

“central police officer” has the same meaning as in the Police Pensions Regulations;

“chief officer” means chief officer of police;

“Conduct Regulations” means the regulations relating to conduct from time to time in force under section 50 of the Act;

“maternity leave” means leave taken in accordance with a determination under regulation 33(7);

“member of a police force” includes such a member who is suspended under the Conduct Regulations;

“pensionable service” has the same meaning as in the Police Pensions Regulations;

“Police Pensions Regulations” means the regulations from time to time in force under the Police Pensions Act 1976⁽¹¹⁾;

“Promotion Regulations” means the regulations relating to qualification and selection for promotion from time to time in force under section 50 of the Act;

“public holiday” means Christmas Day, the 26th December (if it falls on a Saturday or a Sunday), the 1st January (if it so falls), Good Friday or a bank holiday;

“the representative bodies” means the Police Federation for England and Wales and all bodies for the time being recognised by the Secretary of State for the purposes of section 64 of the Act;

“reversionary member of a home police force” has the same meaning as in the Police Pensions Regulations;

“university scholar” means a member of a police force on a course of university study nominated by the Secretary of State or by the police authority maintaining the police force of which he is a member following arrangements approved by the Secretary of State.

(2) In these Regulations, a reference to a police force shall include a reference to the Police Service of Northern Ireland and a police force maintained under the Police (Scotland) Act 1967⁽¹²⁾, so, however, that nothing in these Regulations shall be construed as relating to the government, administration or conditions of service of the Police Service of Northern Ireland or such a force.

(3) In these Regulations a reference to an aerodrome constabulary is a reference to such a constabulary within the meaning of the Aviation Security Act 1982⁽¹³⁾, and a reference to a rank in such a constabulary corresponding to a rank in a police force is a reference to a rank in that constabulary designated for the purposes hereof by the Secretary of State as the rank corresponding to the rank in question.

(4) Nothing in these Regulations shall be construed as authorising pay or allowances payable to any person to be reduced retrospectively.

⁽¹⁰⁾ 1949 c. xxiv.

⁽¹¹⁾ 1976 c. 35.

⁽¹²⁾ 1967 c. 77.

⁽¹³⁾ 1982 c. 36.