
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2012 No. 1960

The Police (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2012

Amendment of the Police Regulations 2003

4. After regulation 10 (qualifications for appointment to a police force) insert—

“Taking of fingerprints and samples prior to appointment to a police force

10A.—(1) Where a candidate for appointment to a police force is to be offered an appointment, the offer shall (unless the candidate is applying to transfer to the force from another police force or is a special constable for that or another police area) be subject to the following conditions—

- (a) the candidate is required to have fingerprints and a sample taken;
- (b) the candidate must consent to the fingerprints and sample taken being the subject of a speculative search; and
- (c) the chief officer must be satisfied that the candidate is suitable for appointment following the results of the speculative search.

(2) In a case to which paragraph (1) applies, the candidate shall notify the chief officer in writing whether the candidate consents—

- (a) to the taking of fingerprints and a sample; and
- (b) to such fingerprints and sample being the subject of a speculative search.

(3) Where a candidate is appointed as a member of a police force, upon appointment—

- (a) any fingerprints taken under paragraph (1) shall be treated as if they had been taken under regulation 18(1); and
- (b) any sample and any information derived from a sample taken under paragraph (1) shall be treated as if the sample had been taken under regulation 19(1).

(4) In this regulation—

“sample” has the same meaning as in regulation 19(4);

“speculative search” has the same meaning as in Part V of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984(1).”.

(1) 1984 c. 60. Section 63 was amended by section 55 of, and paragraph 58 of Schedule 10 to, the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 (c. 33), sections 1 and 2 of the Criminal Evidence (Amendment) Act 1997 (c. 17), paragraph 5 of Schedule 15 to the Terrorism Act 2000 (c. 11), section 80 of the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 (c. 16), paragraph 9 of Schedule 7 to the Police Reform Act 2002 (c. 30), section 169 of the Extradition Act 2003 (c. 41), section 10 of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 (c. 44), section 10 of the Counter-Terrorism Act 2008 (c. 28), section 112 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009 (c. 26), sections 2, 3 and 4 of the Crime and Security Act 2010 (c. 17) and paragraph 3 of Schedule 9 to the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 (c. 9).