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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2020 No. 4**

**POLICE, ENGLAND AND WALES**

**The Police (Conduct) Regulations 2020**

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**THE POLICE (CONDUCT) REGULATIONS 2020**

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PART 3

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14. Severity assessment
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#### PART 4

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26. Delegation of functions
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56. Documents to be supplied
57. Attendance of officer concerned at accelerated misconduct hearing
58. Participation of Director General and investigator at accelerated misconduct hearing

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59. Reporting restrictions and participation at accelerated misconduct hearing
60. Notice to complainant and interested persons of accelerated misconduct hearing
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#### PART 6

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66. General
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72. Amendment of the Special Constables Regulations 1965
73. Amendment of the Police Barred List and Police Advisory List Regulations 2017  
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#### SCHEDULE 1 — Modifications to these Regulations in their application to former officers

1. Modification to regulation 2 (interpretation and delegation)
2. Modification: insertion of Part 1A
3. Modification to regulation 7 (police friend)
4. Modification to regulation 8 (legal and other representation)
5. Modification to regulation 9 (provision of notices or documents)
6. Modification: omission of regulation 11 (suspension)
7. Modification to regulation 12 (record of disciplinary proceedings)
8. Modification to regulation 14 (severity assessment)
9. Modification to regulation 15 (appointment of investigator)
10. Modification to regulation 16 (investigation)
11. Modification to regulation 17 (written notices)
12. Modification to regulation 20 (interviews during investigation)
13. Modification: insertion of regulation 20A
14. Modification to regulation 21 (report of investigation)
15. Modification to regulation 22 (general)
16. Modification to regulation 23 (referral of case to misconduct proceedings)
17. Modification to regulation 25 (joint misconduct proceedings)
18. Modification to regulation 26 (delegation of functions)
19. Modification to regulation 27 (withdrawal of misconduct proceedings)
20. Modification to regulation 28 (persons conducting misconduct proceedings)
21. Modification to regulation 30 (notice of referral to misconduct proceedings)

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22. Modification to regulation 31 (procedure on receipt of notice)
23. Modification to regulation 32 (witnesses and documents to be supplied)
24. Modification: omission of regulation 34 (timing of misconduct meeting)
25. Modification to regulation 35 (notice of misconduct proceedings and panel)
26. Modification to regulation 36 (public notification of misconduct hearings)
27. Modification to regulation 37 (attendance of officer concerned at misconduct proceedings)
28. Modification to regulation 38 (participation of the Director General and investigator at misconduct proceedings)
29. Modification to regulation 39 (reporting restrictions, participation and exclusions from proceedings)
30. Modification to regulation 40 (attendance of complainant, interested persons and others at misconduct proceedings)
31. Modification to regulation 41 (procedure at misconduct proceedings)
32. Modification to regulation 42 (outcome of misconduct proceedings)
33. Modification to regulation 43 (notification of outcome)
34. Modification to regulation 44 (record of misconduct proceedings)
35. Modification: omission of regulations 45 to 47 (appeals)
36. Modification to regulation 49 (referral of case to accelerated misconduct hearing)
- 36A. Modification to regulation 51 (notice of referral to accelerated misconduct hearing)
37. Modification to regulation 55 (persons conducting accelerated misconduct hearing)
38. Modification to regulation 61 (procedure at accelerated misconduct hearing)
39. Modification to regulation 62 (outcome of accelerated misconduct hearing)
40. Modification to regulation 63 (notification of outcome)
41. Modification: omission of Part 6 (reflective practice review process)

## SCHEDULE 2 — Standards of professional behaviour

Honesty and Integrity  
Authority, Respect and Courtesy  
Police officers do not abuse their powers or authority and...  
Equality and Diversity  
Use of Force  
Orders and Instructions  
Police officers abide by police regulations, force policies and lawful...  
Duties and Responsibilities  
Police officers have a responsibility to give appropriate cooperation during...  
Confidentiality  
Fitness for Duty  
Discreditable Conduct  
Police officers report any action taken against them for a...  
Challenging and Reporting Improper Conduct

Explanatory Note

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