

1979 No. 264

JUDICATURE, NORTHERN IRELAND**JURIES****Juries (Divisional Jurors Lists) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979***Made* 23rd July 1979*Coming into operation* 17th August 1979*To be laid before Parliament*

The Secretary of State, in pursuance of Articles 2(2), 4(1), (2), (3), (5) and (6) and 7 of the Juries (Northern Ireland) Order 1974(a), hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Juries (Divisional Jurors Lists) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979 and shall come into operation on 17th August 1979.

Revocation

2. The Juries (Area Jurors Lists) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975(b) are hereby revoked.

Interpretation

3. In these regulations—

(a) “the Order” means the Juries (Northern Ireland) Order 1974;

“local government district” means one of the districts into which Northern Ireland is divided for the purposes of local government by virtue of the Local Government (Boundaries) Order (Northern Ireland) 1972(c).

(b) a reference to an Article by number is to that Article as numbered in the Order;

(c) a reference to a Form by number is to that Form as numbered in the Schedule.

Days for selection of jurors

4. A day prescribed for the purposes of Article 4(1) (selection of jurors by computer) is any day within the period of 14 days immediately preceding 1st March in the year 1980 and in each subsequent year.

Form of notice and of return

5. For the purposes of Article 4(2) the notice shall be in Form 1 and the form of return shall be in Form 2.

(a) S.I. 1974/2143 (N.I. 6)

(b) S.R. 1975 No. 22 (I, p. 112)

(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1972 No. 131 (p. 455)

Inspection of the Divisional Jurors List

6. For the purposes of Article 4(5) (notice of Divisional Jurors List) a day prescribed is any day within the period of 14 days immediately preceding 1st September in the year 1979 and in each subsequent year.

Form of Divisional Jurors List and division into Parts

7.—(1) Another particular to be contained in a Divisional Jurors List (in addition to the full name and address of each juror as required by Article 4(6)) shall be the occupation of each juror.

(2) The names of jurors contained in the Divisional Jurors List shall be arranged and numbered as in the list sent to the Juries Officer in accordance with Article 4(2).

(3) The Divisional Jurors List for the division of Fermanagh and Tyrone shall be divided into two Parts one of which shall contain the particulars of jurors who reside in the local government district of Fermanagh and the other of which shall contain the particulars of jurors who reside elsewhere in that division.

Northern Ireland Office
23rd July 1979

Humphrey Atkins
One of Her Majesty's Principal
Secretaries of State

SCHEDULE

Regulation 5

FORM 1

NOTICE TO PERSON ON LIST SENT TO THE JURIES OFFICER

You are hereby notified that, in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Juries (Northern Ireland) Order 1974, your name has been selected and is included in the list of persons sent to me in accordance with Article 4(2) of that Order for the year beginning 1st September next. Unless you are exempt from or disqualified for jury service your name will be included in the Jurors List from which jurors required in that year will be drawn. You might therefore be called upon during the coming year to serve as a juror. In this event you will be notified by Jury Summons; it will tell you the time and place at which you are to attend.

You are required to fill up the FORM OF RETURN and return it to me WITHIN 14 DAYS. Failure to do so without good reason, or the making of a false statement on the Form of Return, is an offence punishable by a fine of up to £50.

You may be EXEMPT from jury service; there is a list of those persons who are exempt on page []. If you are exempt or if you wish to claim exemption you should complete Part II of the Form of Return.

You may be DISQUALIFIED for jury service; there is a list of those persons who are disqualified on page []. You are advised to read the list carefully and decide whether you fall within any of the categories described therein. It is an OFFENCE knowingly to SERVE ON A JURY WHILE DISQUALIFIED and the penalty for so doing is a fine of up to £400. If you consider that you may be disqualified you should complete Part III of the Form of Return.

This Notice is issued to you by the Juries Officer in accordance with Article 4 of the Juries (N.I.) Order 1974.

JURIES OFFICER

[address]

FORM 2

FORM OF RETURN

THIS FORM MUST BE FILLED UP AND RETURNED TO THE JURIES OFFICER WITHIN 14 DAYS. IF YOU FAIL TO DO SO OR MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT YOU MAY BE LIABLE TO A FINE OF UP TO £50.

PART I. TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL PERSONS

(a) Will you be 70 years of age or over on 1st September next?
(Answer YES or NO)

NOTE—Persons over 70 years of age are not eligible for jury service.

(b) If yes, please state date of birth

(c) If no, please state your occupation

PART II. TO BE COMPLETED BY THOSE CLAIMING EXEMPTION

(a) Persons between 65 and 70 years of age: If you will be between the ages of 65 and 70 years on 1st September next you will be eligible for jury service but you may claim exemption on the grounds of your age.

(i) Do you wish to claim exemption from jury service on the grounds that you will be between the ages of 65 and 70 years on 1st September next?

(Answer Yes or No)

(ii) If yes, please state date of birth

(b) All other persons claiming exemption (see page [] for persons who are exempt):

(i) Do you claim exemption on the grounds of occupation?

(Answer Yes or No)

If yes, please state which occupation applies

(ii) Do you claim exemption on any other grounds?

(Answer Yes or No)

If yes, please give details

NOTE—No acknowledgment will be sent if your claim for exemption is accepted but if you do not fall within the categories of exemption listed on page [] your name must remain on the Divisional Jurors List and you will be so notified. Applications to be EXCUSED from jury service cannot be considered at this stage and should only be made after receipt of a Jury Summons. This form is NOT a Jury Summons.

PART III. TO BE COMPLETED BY THOSE WHO ARE DISQUALIFIED

If you would be disqualified for jury service (see page [] for persons who are disqualified) at any time during the year commencing 1st September next please give the following details:

- (a) Name and place of court of conviction
- (b) Date sentence was imposed
- (c) Length and type of sentence imposed

This information will be treated in the strictest confidence. If you write CONFIDENTIAL on the return envelope it will be opened personally by the Juries Officer.

PART IV. TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL PERSONS

DECLARATION

Before returning this form to the Juries Officer you must sign the declaration opposite.

<p>I declare that the particulars given and the statements made on this form are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.</p> <p>Signed</p> <p>Date</p>

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These regulations revoke the Juries (Area Jurors Lists) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975 and prescribe, with modifications consequential upon the Judicature (Northern Ireland) Act 1978, the form and division of the Divisional Jurors Lists (formerly Area Jurors Lists) and the notice and form of return to be served on persons selected from the register of electors. They also prescribe, without change, the day on which the Chief Electoral Officer shall arrange for the selection of jurors from the register of electors and the day on which the Juries Officers shall give public notice that copies of the Divisional Jurors Lists are available.