

## 1985 No. 323

## FIRE SERVICES

Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) (Amendment) Regulations  
(Northern Ireland) 1985

Made . . . . . 18th November 1985

Coming into operation . . . . . 1st August 1986

The Department of the Environment in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 9(5) and 52(1) of the Fire Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1984(a) makes the following regulations:—

*Citation and commencement*

1. These regulations may be cited as the Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1985 and shall come into operation on 1st August 1986.

*Interpretation*

2. In these regulations “the regulations of 1979” means the Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979(b).

*Amendment of the regulations of 1979*

3. The regulations of 1979 shall be amended as specified in the Schedule.

*Transitional provisions*

4.—(1) Where before 1st August 1986 a member of the fire brigade has passed the examination specified in Part 1 of Schedule 1 or 2 to the regulations of 1979 but has not taken or has failed the examination specified in Part II of that Schedule, then he shall be eligible to enter for the examination specified in Part II of Schedule 1 or as the case may be Schedule 2, as substituted by the Schedule to these regulations, notwithstanding that he has not passed the examination specified in Part I of that Schedule as so substituted and if he passes that examination he shall be deemed to have passed also the examination specified in the said Part I as so substituted.

(2) Where before 1st August 1986 a member of the fire brigade has entered and has failed to gain an overall pass in the examination specified in Schedule 3 to the regulations of 1979, but has failed in one paper only, then if, before 1st August 1986, he had been given permission to re-sit that paper, and if, before 1st June 1988 he satisfies the Fire Services Examinations Board of his competence in the subjects covered by that paper, he shall be deemed to have passed the examination referred to in Schedule 3 as substituted by the Schedule to these regulations, but this paragraph shall cease to apply to a member when he has on two occasions unsuccessfully attempted so to satisfy the Board.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment on 18th November 1985.

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(a) S.I. 1984/1821 (N.I. 11)

(b) S.R. 1979 No. 167 as amended by S.R. 1981 No. 291

## SCHEDULE

Regulations 3 and 4

## AMENDMENT OF THE FIRE SERVICES (APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTION) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1979

## 1. Regulation 2(1) shall be amended as follows:—

- (i) in the definition of “certificate in first aid” after the words “the British Red Cross Society” there shall be inserted the words “the St. Andrew’s Ambulance Association” and for the words “Fire Services Central Examinations Board” there shall be substituted the words “Fire Services Examinations Board”;
- (ii) for the definition of “Fire Services Central Examinations Board” there shall be substituted the following definition:—

“Fire Services Examinations Board” means the Board of that name established under Regulation 3(1) of the Fire Services (Examinations) Regulations 1985(a);”.

## 2. Regulation 7 shall be amended as follows:—

- (i) in paragraph (3)(a) for the words “Schedule 1” there shall be substituted the words “Schedules 1 and 2” and sub-paragraphs (b) and (c) shall be omitted;
- (ii) in paragraph (4)(a) for the words “the examination specified in Schedule 3” there shall be substituted the words “the examinations specified in Schedules 1, 2 and 3”;
- (iii) for paragraph (4)(b) there shall be substituted the following provision—
  - “(b) have passed the examinations specified in Schedules 1 and 2 and, since the end of the year 1961, either the graduateship examination or the examination for membership (or, before 1974, for associate membership), of the Institution of Fire Engineers, having been eligible to enter for the examination specified in Schedule 3 immediately before he took the examination in question of the said Institution.”;
- (iv) in paragraph (7)(c) the words “, or is exempted from having to pass”, shall be omitted; and
- (v) in paragraph (8) for the words from “, or” on the second line to the end of the paragraph there shall be substituted the words “the examinations specified in Parts I and II of Schedule 2.”.

3. In regulation 9 for the words “Fire Services Central Examinations Board” wherever they occur there shall be substituted the words “Fire Services Examinations Board”.

4. In regulation 10 paragraphs (2), (3) and (4) shall be omitted.

5. For Schedule 1 there shall be substituted the following Schedule:—

## “SCHEDULE 1

Regulations 7 and 9

## EXAMINATIONS FOR PROMOTION TO THE RANK OF LEADING FIREMAN

## PART I

## Written examination

A written examination in the following subjects, namely:—

- (a) (i) Firefighting appliances and equipment;
- (ii) Practical firemanship; and
- (iii) Calculation and measurement.
- (b) (i) Building construction; and
- (ii) Fire protection.

PART II

**Practical examination**

- (a) A practical test of potential ability to conduct and supervise standard drills;
- (b) A practical test to demonstrate knowledge of items of Fire Service equipment and their operational use together with an ability to communicate this effectively; and
- (c) An oral and practical test of first-aid.”.

6. For Schedule 2 there shall be substituted the following Schedule:—

“SCHEDULE 2 Regulations 7 and 9

**EXAMINATIONS FOR PROMOTION TO THE RANK OF SUB-OFFICER”**

PART I

**Written examination**

A written examination in the following subjects, namely:—

- (a) Firefighting appliances and equipment;
- (b) Written communication; and
- (c) Practical firemanship.

PART II

**Practical examination**

- (a) A practical test to demonstrate ability to give detailed instruction to and monitor the performance of, a crew undertaking a standard drill;
- (b) A test in fireground procedure and control; and
- (c) A practical test to demonstrate knowledge of items of fire service equipment including their design, use, disadvantages and limitations, together with an ability to instruct others in the knowledge of these items.”.

7. For Schedule 3 there shall be substituted the following Schedule:—

“SCHEDULE 3 Regulations 7 and 9

**EXAMINATIONS FOR PROMOTION TO THE RANK OF STATION OFFICER**

A written examination in the following subjects, namely:—

- (a) Fire prevention (including relevant legislation);
- (b) Science — hydraulics and water supplies; elements of combustion and extinction; electricity;
- (c) Station management, administration and legislation; and
- (d) Practical firemanship and communications.”.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These regulations amend the Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979.

They transfer the responsibility conferred upon the Fire Services Central Examinations Board by the 1979 regulations for the conduct of examinations for firemen in Northern Ireland to a new Board, the Fire Services Examinations Board, established in Great Britain under the Fire Services (Examinations) Regulations 1985 (paragraph 1(ii) of the Schedule).

Changes are made in the examinations which qualify for promotion to the ranks of leading fireman, sub-officer and station officer (paragraphs 2, 4 and 5 of the Schedule). The most significant of these changes involves the exclusion of a written communication paper from the station officer's examination and its inclusion in the sub-officer's examination.

Regulation 4 contains transitional provisions.