
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2000 No. 315

The Royal Ulster Constabulary (Conduct) Regulations 2000

Part I

General

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Royal Ulster Constabulary (Conduct) Regulations 2000 and shall come into operation on 6th November 2000.

Revocations and transitional provisions

2.—(1) Subject to the provisions of paragraphs (3) and (4), the regulations mentioned in Schedule 1 are hereby revoked to the extent specified in column 3 of the Table therein.

(2) In this regulation—

- (a) “the 1988 Regulations” means the Royal Ulster Constabulary (Discipline and Disciplinary Appeals) Regulations 1988(1);
- (b) “the 1988 Part-time Regulations” means the Royal Ulster Constabulary Reserve (Part-time) (Discipline and Disciplinary Appeals) Regulations 1988(2); and
- (c) “the former regulations” means either of the Regulations mentioned in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b).

(3) Where a report, complaint or allegation has been or is received in respect of conduct by a member of the police force which occurred or commenced before 6th November 2000 the 1988 Regulations or the 1988 Part-time Regulations, as the case may be, shall continue to have effect.

(4) In the case of a report, complaint or allegation which relates to conduct by a member of the police force which occurred or commenced after 6th November 2000, these regulations shall apply.

Regulations not to apply in the case of senior officers

3. These Regulations shall not apply in relation to the conduct of the Chief Constable, a deputy chief constable or an assistant chief constable.

Interpretation

4. In these Regulations, the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them—
“appropriate officer” means an assistant chief constable;

(1) S.R. 1988 No. 10; relevant amendments were made by S.R. 1989 No. 471, S.R. 1994 No. 48, S.R. 1994 No. 291, S.R. 1996 No. 253, S.R. 1996 No. 343 and S.R. 1997 No. 42
(2) S.R. 1988 No. 8 as amended by S.R. 1989 No. 472, S.R. 1994 No. 49, S.R. 1994 No. 292, S.R. 1996 No. 254, S.R. 1996 No. 344 and S.R. 1997 No. 43

“authorised officer” means an officer of the Ombudsman authorised for the purpose of attending hearings;

“the Act of 1998” means the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 1998;

“an interested party” means a witness or any person involved in the conduct which is the subject of the case or who otherwise has a direct interest in the case;

“the Appeals Regulations” means the Royal Ulster Constabulary (Appeals) Regulations 2000(3);

“appropriate standard” means the standard set out in the Code of Conduct (Schedule 4);

“Code of Conduct” means that which is contained in Schedule 4 of these regulations;

“commander” means a Commander of the Metropolitan Police;

“complaint” means a complaint to which section 50 of the Act of 1998 applies;

“Ombudsman” means the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland established by section 51 of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 1998;

“inspector”, “superintendent” and “assistant chief constable” include officers holding those ranks in a police force or police forces in Great Britain;

“investigating officer” includes a police officer to which section 57 of the Act of 1998 applies or an officer of the Ombudsman to which section 56 of the Act of 1998 applies;

“member” means a member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary; or a member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary Reserve appointed on either a full-time or a part-time basis;

“member concerned” means the member in relation to whose conduct there has been a report, complaint or allegation;

“police force in Great Britain” has the meaning assigned to a police force in the Police Act 1996(4) or a police force in the Police (Scotland) Act 1967(5) as the case may be;

“police officer” means a member or a member of a police force in Great Britain;

“senior officer” means a police officer holding the rank of chief constable, deputy chief constable or assistant chief constable.

(3) To be introduced concurrently with these regulations

(4) 1996 c. 16

(5) 1967 c. 77