
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2000 No. 320

**Royal Ulster Constabulary (Conduct)
(Senior Officer) Regulations 2000**

Part I

General

Citation and commencement

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

Revocation and transitional provisions

2.—(1) Subject to the following provisions of this regulation the Royal Ulster Constabulary (Discipline and Disciplinary Appeals) Regulations 1988, Part III and Schedule 3(1) (hereinafter referred to as the Regulations of 1988) are hereby revoked.

(2) Where a report, complaint or allegation has been or is received in respect of conduct by a senior officer which occurred or commenced before 6th November 2000 the 1988 Regulations shall continue to have effect.

(3) Where in the case of a report, complaint or allegation which relates to conduct of a senior officer which occurred or commenced on or after 6th November 2000 these regulations shall apply.

Regulations applicable only to senior officers

3. These Regulations shall only apply in relation to conduct by a senior officer, that is to say, by the Chief Constable, deputy chief constable or an assistant chief constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

Interpretation and application

4.—(1) In these regulations, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say:—

“appropriate standard” means the standard set out in the Code of Conduct;

“Chief Constable” shall be construed as including a reference to a person discharging the functions of the Chief Constable;

“Code of Conduct” means the code of conduct contained in schedule 4 of the Royal Ulster Constabulary(Conduct)Regulations 2000; except that in relation to conduct occurring before 6th November 2000 it means the discipline code contained in Schedule 1 to the Regulations of 1988;

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

“investigating officer” includes an officer appointed under Section 57(1) of the Act of 1998 or under regulation 7(4) to investigate a complaint or other matter relating to the conduct of a senior officer;

“member” means a member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary; or a member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary Reserve appointed on a full-time basis in accordance with regulations made under Section 26 of the Act of 1998;

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

“police force in the United Kingdom” has the meaning assigned to a police force in the Police Act 1996⁽²⁾ or a police force in the Police (Scotland) Act 1967⁽³⁾ as the case may be;

“police fund” means the funds of the Police Authority;

“Police Regulations” means the regulations from time to time in operation under Section 25 and Section 26 of the Act of 1998 other than these regulations;

“referred matter” means a matter referred to the Ombudsman under Section 55 of the Act of 1998 and investigated by the Ombudsman under Section 56 of the Act of 1998;

“representative” means in relation to a senior officer, counsel, a solicitor, a member of the police force or a member of a police force selected by him in pursuance of regulation 15(4);

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

“the force” means the Royal Ulster Constabulary and the Royal Ulster Constabulary Reserve;

“tribunal” means such a tribunal as is mentioned in regulation 14.

(2) 1996 c. 16
(3) 1967 c. 77