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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2005 No. 326**

**SUPREME COURT  
COUNTY COURTS  
MAGISTRATES' COURTS**

**Court Security Officers (Designation and  
Employment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005**

*Made - - - - 3rd July 2005*

*To be laid before Parliament*

*Coming into operation 25th July 2005*

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by paragraph 1(4) of Schedule 3 to the Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2004<sup>(1)</sup> hereby makes the following Regulations:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Court Security Officers (Designation and Employment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005 and shall come into operation on 25th July 2005.

**Training requirements for court security officers**

2.—(1) Before a person may be designated or employed as a court security officer, he must provide the Lord Chancellor with documentary evidence that he has completed one or more training courses which include instruction in the following—

- (a) the duties and powers of a court security officer;
- (b) risk assessment;
- (c) safe working practices;
- (d) managing stress when dealing with threatening situations;
- (e) techniques for restraining a person and removing them from a building.

(2) Where the Lord Chancellor has designated or employed a person as a court security officer, he may subsequently require that person to undergo—

- (a) further training in any of the matters mentioned in paragraph (1); or

(b) training in any other matter which the Lord Chancellor determines, and the Lord Chancellor may make different determinations in respect of different officers, courts, court buildings and areas.

**Proof of identity and other requirements**

3. Before a person may be designated or employed as a court security officer, the Lord Chancellor shall:

- (a) obtain proof of the person's identity;
- (b) obtain a declaration from that person as to whether he has any unspent criminal convictions within the meaning of the Rehabilitation of Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1978(2); and
- (c) make a criminal records check.

Signed by the authority of the Lord Chancellor

Dated 3rd July 2005

*Bridget Prentice*  
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State,  
Department for Constitutional Affairs

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Schedule 3 to the Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2004 (c. 4) makes provision about court security officers. These Regulations prescribe—

- (a) training which must be completed; and
- (b) conditions that must be satisfied,

before a person may be designated or employed as a court security officer.

Regulation 2 sets out the content of the required training. Regulation 3 sets out requirements about proof of identity, criminal record declarations and criminal record checks.