
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations provide for a change in the Scottish Police Federation's constitution and proceedings.

The Regulations make provision in relation to—

- (a) the Federation's membership (regulation 4) and its constitution, including the establishment of a joint central committee (consisting of three central committees, sitting together as a joint committee), area committees and a joint central conference (regulation 5);
- (b) the joint central committee's power to make rules concerning specific matters relating to the Federation's constitution and proceedings (regulation 6);
- (c) the joint central committee's and the central committees' membership (regulation 7) and proceedings (regulation 8), as well as provision concerning the joint central committee's expenses (regulation 9), the election of its chairperson, deputy chairperson, secretary and deputy secretary, and the contributions to be made in respect of those officers' pay, pensions and allowances (regulation 10);
- (d) the area committees, including their total number and membership (regulation 11), their proceedings (regulation 12), and the establishment of area sub-committees (regulation 13);
- (e) the joint central conference's membership (regulation 14) and proceedings (regulation 15);
- (f) the Federation's use of accommodation in premises which the Scottish Police Authority provides for police purposes (regulation 16);
- (g) the raising of Federation funds by voluntary subscriptions and the restrictions on the use of those funds (regulation 17); and
- (h) the joint central committee's duty to keep proper accounts (and related records) and to prepare an annual statement of accounts for independent audit (regulation 18).

The Regulations revoke the Police Federation (Scotland) Regulations 1985 (regulation 19). They make transitional provisions concerning the membership of the Federation's constituent bodies until the members of the central committees and the area committees are first elected under these Regulations, the procedure for making the first rules under these Regulations, and the continued effect of anything done before 1st April 2013 in relation to any matters which are ongoing at that date (regulation 20 and the Schedule).