
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1996 No. 1685

The Police (Promotion) Regulations 1996

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

“member of a police force” includes such a member who is suspended from membership of his force and the office of constable under regulations made by virtue of section 33(2)(f) of the Police Act 1964;

“probationary service”, in relation to a constable who completed the required period of probation following a previous appointment, does not include any period of probation following his latest appointment;

“Scottish force” means a police force within the meaning of the Police (Scotland) Act 1967;(1) and

“Scottish promotion regulations” means regulations relating to qualification for promotion from time to time in force under that Act.

(2) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, any reference to a member of a police force includes a reference to a reversionary member, that is to say —

- (a) a reversionary member of a home police force, or
- (b) a central police officer,

within the meaning of the Police Pensions Regulations 1987;(2) any reference to service includes a reference to service as a reversionary member; and any reference to a constable or a sergeant includes a reference to a reversionary member entitled under section 53C(3) of the Police Act 1964(3) to revert to a police force in the rank in question.

(3) In reckoning service or a period in any rank for the purposes of these Regulations —

- (a) any period of unpaid leave shall be disregarded;
- (b) any period of study as a university scholar within the meaning of the Police Regulations 1995(4) shall be disregarded;
- (c) in the case of a female member of a police force who has taken one or more periods of maternity leave (within the meaning of regulation 36A(1) of the Police Regulations 1995) —(5)
 - (i) where that leave has been for more than fourteen weeks, the first fourteen weeks whilst on maternity leave shall be treated as if it were service in the police force;
 - (ii) where that leave has been for less than fourteen weeks, any period spent on maternity leave shall be treated as if it were service in the police force.

(4) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, a reference to a regulation or Schedule shall be construed as a reference to a regulation or Schedule in these Regulations; a

(1) 1967 c. 77.

(2) S.I.1987/257; relevant amendments were made by S.I. 1992/1278.

(3) Section 53C was inserted by section 26 of the Police and Magistrates' Courts Act 1994 (c. 29).

(4) S.I. 1995/215.

(5) Regulation 36A(1) was inserted by S.I. 1996/699.

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reference to a paragraph shall be construed as a reference to a paragraph in the same regulation or, as the case may be, same Schedule; and a reference to a sub-paragraph shall be construed as a reference to a sub-paragraph contained in the same paragraph.