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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2006 No. 2278**

**POLICE, ENGLAND AND WALES**

**The Police (Minimum Age for Appointment) Regulations 2006**

*Made* - - - - - *22nd August 2006*

*Laid before Parliament* *29th August 2006*

*Coming into force* - - *19th September 2006*

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 50 and 51 of the Police Act 1996(1).

In accordance with section 63(3)(2) of that Act he has supplied a draft of regulations 1 and 3 to the Police Advisory Board for England and Wales and has taken into consideration their representations.

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Police (Minimum Age for Appointment) Regulations 2006 and shall come into force on 19th September 2006.

**Amendment of the Special Constables Regulations 1965**

2. In regulation 1(c) of the Special Constables Regulations 1965(3) (qualifications for appointment) for “18 ½ years” substitute “18 years”.

**Amendment of the Police Regulations 2003**

3. In regulation 10(1)(c) of the Police Regulations 2003 (4) (qualifications for appointment to a police force) for “18 years 6 months” substitute “18 years”.

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(1) [1996 c.16](#); there are amendments to sections 50 and 51 which are not relevant to these Regulations.  
(2) There are amendments to section 63 which are not relevant to these Regulations.  
(3) [S.I. 1965/536](#). Following consolidation of section 34 of the Police Act 1964 ([c. 48](#)), those Regulations have effect as if made under section 51 of the Police Act 1996. Regulation 1 of those Regulations was substituted by regulation 2(2) of the Special Constables (Amendment) Regulations 2002 ([S.I. 2002/3180](#)).  
(4) [S.I. 2003/527](#); regulation 10(1) was amended by [S.I. 2005/2834](#).

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Signatory text

Home Office  
22nd August 2006

*Tony McNulty*  
Minister of State

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

These Regulations amend the Special Constables Regulations 1965 and the Police Regulations 2003 to lower from 18 years and 6 months to 18 years the age that a candidate for appointment as a special or regular constable must have attained.